

PENTECOST



St. Matthews Church

WHERE COMMUNITY GATHERS AND GROWS

October 16, 2022

Pentecost 19
Sunday, October 16, 2022
(* indicates the assembly stands)

Gathering

Prelude *“Allegretto”* F. Mendelssohn

Words of Welcome & Service Announcements

*Confession and Forgiveness (see page 4)

*Hymn 769 *“If You But Trust in God to Guide You”*

*Greeting

*Prayer of the Day

Duet *“Konzertino Op.11”* A. Huber

Word

First Reading Genesis 32:22-31

Psalm 121 (see page 5) *(sung by whole verse)*

Second Reading 2 Timothy 3:14–4:5

*Gospel Acclamation *“Alleluia. Lord, to Who Shall We Go?”* p. 171

*Gospel Reading Luke 18:1-8

Sermon

*Hymn of the Day 1005 (see page 6) *“Ask the Complicated Questions”*

*Prayers of Intercession **A: Your mercy is great.**

*Peace

Thanksgiving

*Hymn of Thanksgiving 689 v. 1, 3 *“Praise and Thanksgiving”*

*Thanksgiving for the Word

Lord’s Prayer (“Our Father, who art in heaven...”*) p. 221

Sending

General Announcements

*Blessing

*Hymn 790

“Day by Day”

*Dismissal

A: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

“Marche-Sortie”

T. Dubois

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Pray always. Do not lose heart. This is Christ’s encouragement in the gospel today. Wrestle with the word. Remember your baptism again and again. Come regularly to Christ’s table. Persistence in our every encounter with the divine will be blessed.

Fire Exits: All Sanctuary fire exits remain operational during lower-level demolition and renovations. This includes the three Narthex (Entrance) doors, the mid-tower door (half-way up the right side), and the staircase at the front left, piano side.

Church Fire Plan For everyone’s awareness, a copy of the Church Fire Plan for safe exit from the Sanctuary appears in the back of the worship books. Please take a moment to review for your own safety.

Leading Worship Today

Minister & violinist: Rev. Sebastian Meadows-Helmer

Diaconal Minister of Music: Deacon Scott Knarr

Lector: John Heil

Violinist: Lana Moses

Broadcast: Jason Smolak

Building Monitor: Steve Dickin (519-580-8407)

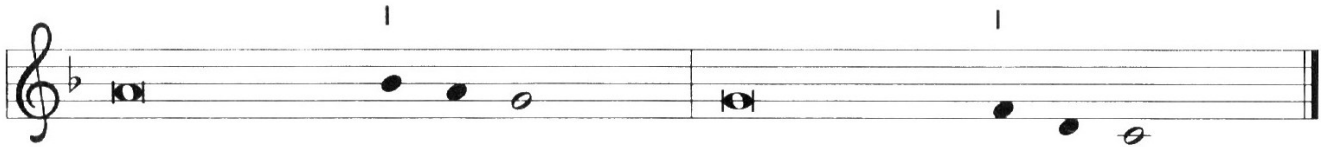
Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be ...
God of mercy and forgiveness,

**A: we confess that sin still has a hold on us.
We have harmed your good creation.
We have failed to do justice,
love kindness,
and walk humbly with you.
Turn us in a new direction.
Show us the path that leads to life.
Be our refuge and strength on the journey,
through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.
Amen.**

Psalm 121

Tone 2



1 I lift up my eyes | to the hills;
from where is my | help to come?

**2 My help comes | from the LORD,
the maker of heav- | en and earth.**

3 The LORD will not let your | foot be moved
nor will the one who watches over you | fall asleep.

**4 Behold, the keep- | er of Israel
will neither slum- | ber nor sleep;**

5 the LORD watches | over you;
the LORD is your shade at | your right hand;

**6 the sun will not strike | you by day,
nor the | moon by night.**

7 The LORD will preserve you | from all evil
and will | keep your life.

**8 The LORD will watch over your going out and your | coming in,
from this time forth for- | evermore.**

Ask the Complicated Questions

1 Ask the com - pli - cat - ed ques - tions.
 2 Seek the dis - con - cert - ing an - swers,
 3 Knock on doors of new i - de - as,
 4 For in strug - gle we dis - cov - er

Do not fear to be found out; for our God makes
 fol - low where the Spir - it blows; test com - pet - ing
 test as - sump - tions long grown stale, for Christ calls from
 truth both sim - ple and pro - found; in the knock - ing,

strong our weak - ness, forg - ing faith in fires of doubt.
 truths for wis - dom, for in ten - sion new life grows.
 shores of won - der, dar - ing us to try and fail.
 ask - ing, seek - ing, we are o - pened, an - swered, found.

Text: David Bjorlin, b. 1984

Music: RESTORATION, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; arr. hymnal version

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Worship Notes

In our prayers Bruce, John, Susan, Marie, Grace, Maureen, Frank and Bernice.

Important Information for today's worship

- **Self-Screening:** Members are reminded to continue to perform self-assessments if they have COVID symptoms.
- **Masks:** We support people's choice to wear a mask, and we strongly encourage the following of current guidelines.
- **Physical distancing:** Members are encouraged to continue physical distancing where possible indoors.
- **Offering:** Please place your offering in one of the offering plates in the Narthex (entranceway) upon entering. The offering plates will be again presented to the High Altar during the service.
- **The Peace:** We support people's choices for passing of the peace.
- **Guides to Worship:** Please place these in the recycling bins in the Narthex upon leaving, or take them home.
- **Exiting:** At the end of the service, please remain in place until the end of the postlude.
- **Coffee Hour** has resumed, organized jointly with UNA Church.
- **Pastors** will be greeting after the service outdoors (weather permitting) or indoors, maintaining physical distancing.
- **Thank you for helping to keep all of us as safe as possible during this pandemic, by following these directions!**

General Announcements

Dear Congregation Members, We thank you for your patience with the broken phone system. Quotes are coming in and once the decision is made on what company to go with, we'll have a better understanding of the timing of when the phone will be operational again. Another update will be sent out once we have that information. Thank you, Ron Roeder and Kim Schaner.

Envisioned by members at St. Matthews and funded by an Eastern Synod Mission Committee grant as well as area churches, the Feather & Cross organization provides a safe space for Lutherans to learn about Indigenous practices and ways of life. We seek to nurture relationships and deepen our knowledge through a series of intergenerational workshops which explore Indigenous and Christian teachings, respecting the distinct spirituality of each tradition.

Join us at Martin Luther University College on October 23, 2022 at 1-3 pm for a workshop which explores Indigenous ways of learning and understanding the world through the medium of watercolour or acrylic painting or pencil drawing. A music workshop with guitar is also offered. Our instructors will be youth from the Six Nations on the Grand River Territory who are leading the Music for the Spirit project which Deacon Scott facilitates. See the notice on the next page for more details. **ALL AGES ARE WELCOME!** Please see our website at www.featherandcross.org for details of this event as well as photos of past events.



COME MAKE ART
WITH US!
SUN. OCT 23, 1-3 PM

Martin Luther University College,
corner of Bricker & Albert St, Waterloo

Choose from :


Watercolor Butterfly with Ashley Cattrysse,
Acrylic landscape with Thomas Anderson,
or Tattoo Design (pencil) with Steve Johnson
Acoustic Guitar with James Wilson

Email beverlymcnabb11@gmail.com with your
choice, to register .

All ages welcome! Supplies provided.

A Collaborative project by:

Music for the Spirit, Six Nations,
Feather & Cross, ThirdSpace,
Kanata Centre @Luther, Eastern Synod, ELCIC





St. Matthews & UNA Present

FELLOWSHIP TIME

10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL



ST. MATTS KIDS

WHERE COMMUNITY GATHERS AND GROWS

<p>Intergenerational Service Thanksgiving Sunday October 9th</p>	<p>Sunday School Reformation Sunday October 30th</p>
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Space for your notes on today's service, for your personal reflection.

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