

REIGN OF CHRIST



St. Matthews Lutheran Church

WHERE COMMUNITY GATHERS AND GROWS

November 20, 2022

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*Blessing	
*Hymn 671	<i>"Shine Jesus Shine"</i>
*Dismissal	A: Thanks be to God.
Postlude	<i>"He is Exalted"</i> T. Paris arr. M. Hayes

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Jeremiah's promise of the execution of "justice and righteousness in the land" finds ironic fulfillment in the execution of Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews. It appears utterly contradictory that a king should be crucified with a criminal. This victory appears for all the world as humiliating defeat. Yet through the gate of death Jesus opens the door to paradise.

The Servant King

Graham Kendrick

Refrain

This is our God, _____ the Ser-vant King, _____ he calls us

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now to fol - low him, _____ to bring our lives as a dai - ly of - fer -

7

ing of wor - ship to _____ the Ser - vant King.

The musical notation is written on a single treble clef staff in a 3/4 time signature with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some phrases spanning across bar lines. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with blank lines indicating where the notes continue.

Leading Worship Today

Minister: Rev. Sebastian Meadows-Helmer

Diaconal Minister of Music: Deacon Scott Knarr

Lector: Sonia Groh

Guest Musician: Kurtis Wright (UNA Church)

Broadcast: Jason Smolak

Building Monitor: Don Robins (519-502-2099)

Worship Notes

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

All are welcome at the meal where Jesus is present loving you and forgiving you. The pastor will distribute communion wafers using tongs. Gluten-free wafers are also available; please indicate this request to the Pastor. You may then take a pre-poured wine cup from the larger tray or a juice cup from the smaller tray. If you would (also) like to receive a blessing, please approach the Pastor with your arms crossed over your chest. If you'd like to receive Communion in your pew, the pastor will come to you. Please let an usher or the pastor know before worship if possible.

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 presented to the High Altar during the service.
- **The Peace:** We support people's choices for passing of the peace.
- **Exiting:** At the end of the service, please remain in place until the end of the postlude.
- **Ministers** will be greeting worshippers after the postlude in the Narthex, without handshakes.
- **Thank you for helping to keep all of us as safe as possible during this pandemic, by following these directions!**

Are you new here?

We're so glad that you joined us for worship today!

-*Page numbers* in the Evangelical Lutheran Worship (red hymnal), e.g. marked "p.125", are located at the bottom of the page in the front section of the book. Hymn numbers are the large numbers at the top of the page in the second half of the book.

-*Washrooms*: use the west stair tower door (closest to the piano) and stay on that floor. Use the hallway by the office to the stairway to the floor below. The men's washroom is to your immediate left, and the women's is behind you to your left.

-*Safety*: Our building monitor patrols the building to ensure security on Sunday mornings. Their cell number is found under "Leading Worship Today".

-*Accessibility*: Accessible on-street parking is available beside the church along Church St. Our marked accessible entrance is on Church Street, with a lift up to the sanctuary level. Two spots (labeled "For Accessible Needs") are also available in our main parking lot nearest the Office Entrance. Our accessible washroom is located beside our Fellowship Hall (off the entranceway on the Church St. side). Unfortunately, to currently reach the Fellowship Hall or this washroom without using stairs, you must use the lift and then exit the building and proceed via the sidewalk down to the Fellowship Hall doors (with the alcove).

- *Fellowship Hall Coffee Hour following the service*: To get there, use the west stair tower door (closest to the piano) and stay on that floor. Use the hallway by the office to the stairway to the floor below. Turn left and then immediately right down the hallway.

General Announcements

Update: West Tower Door for Emergency Only. Due to the current demolition, when going in to the church house or washrooms, use the west stair tower door and stay on that floor. Use the hallway by the office to the stairway to the floor below. The stairs in the west tower are closed to the lower level sanctuary and should only be used in case of an emergency to exit the building.

Dear Congregation Members, We thank you for your patience with the broken phone system. We have signed on with a new phone provider and we are currently going through the on-boarding processes and we hope to have the system up and running in the next 2 - 3 weeks barring any issues along the way. We will keep the congregation updated as we go through the on-boarding and will advise if there will be any delay to the proposed timelines.

Thank you, Ron Roeder and Kim Schaner.

Offering Envelope boxes will be available to be picked up outside the office starting Sunday, November 27. They will also be available Sunday December 4, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, after which they will be available in the office starting January 3.

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.



Advent Carol Service

Sunday, November 27, 2022 at 7 pm

Our first evening Advent Carol Service since 2019 will feature the St. Matthews Sanctuary Choir and Celebration Bells. We will be joined by guests Mount Zion Lutheran Church Choir and St. John's Roman Catholic Church Choir. This special service of readings, anthems and hymns prepares our hearts for the Christmas season. "A Star from Jacob Comes Forth" is our theme: Christ the Morning Star who comes to bring hope and salvation.

Parking is also available in the Charles Street garage across from the church for free on Sundays. Freewill offering. Reception to follow the service.

Special Fellowship Time Events:

November 20 - Talk In with Pastor Henry Fischer:

Pastor Henry will give us some valuable faith tidbits to think about as we navigate our life together as a community of faith.

November 27 - John Dinner and Joseph Thomas from the Delton Glebe Centre

John and Joseph will guide our conversation to help us reflect on what have the past two years been like you? We look at our experiences - losses, gains, challenges and victories - making meaning of the process while we look to the future.



Annual Budget Meeting: Will be held in-person (only) after worship on Sunday, December 4th, in the Fellowship Hall. All voting members should attend if possible.

Also on the agenda will be the following motion: *That the Board's decision, to disburse a Property Sale Tithe portion in the amount of \$200,000 as presented, be approved.*

As part of the meeting, Pastor Sebastian will discuss the 2022 Property Sale Task Force's process, as well as a description of the 4 beneficiary organizations that have been selected. We have been richly blessed through the sale of 39 and 51 Church St, and this is a first step in giving back a portion to the community, both local and global. Come and be part of making missional history here at St. Matthews!

Calling All Bakers! Next Sunday (Nov. 27) St. Matthews will be hosting a reception following that evening's Advent Carol Service here at the church. This will mark the first time in three years that this event has been held, and we are hoping to put on a memorable soiree for our hard-working Deacon Scott and his merry band of musicians & singers! While most of the details have already been taken care of, there is still a need for baked goods that can be served at the reception. Any donations of peanut and nut-free cookies, squares, sweets etc. would be greatly appreciated, and can be brought down to the Fellowship Hall the morning of the event. Please feel free to talk to Marjorie or Scott Kuschnerreit for any further details, and thank you for your help!

Harry S. Urstadt Scholarship Fund: The recipients of the 2022 scholarships awarded by the Executive of the Sanctuary Choir are Nicole Hamilton and Jacob Steinmann. The Scholarship Fund was established in 1988, in memory of St. Matthews' former Director of Music, Mr. Harry S. Urstadt. The Fund provides financial assistance to deserving students of music who are enrolled either in music studies at a Canadi-

an post-secondary academic institution, or in a formal music competition in the Waterloo - Wellington area. Anyone wishing to make a contribution to the capital of the Scholarship Fund should contact the Church office.



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