

EASTER

JESUS IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!



St. Matthews Church

WHERE COMMUNITY GATHERS AND GROWS

April 30, 2023

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*Blessing	
*Hymn 789	"Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us"
*Dismissal	A: Thanks be to God.
Postlude	"Prelude in G Minor" Pierné

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Today is sometimes called "Good Shepherd Sunday." Jesus is called the "gate" of the sheep in today's gospel. The risen Christ opens the way to abundant life. He anoints our heads with oil and guides us beside the still waters of our baptism. Each Sunday he spreads a feast before us amid the world's violence and war. We go forth to be signs of the resurrection and extend God's tender care to all creation.

Thanksgiving for Baptism:

P.: Blessed ...

Glory to you for oceans and lakes,
for rivers and streams.

Honor to you for waters that wash us clean,
quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures.

Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism,
the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

A: Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you.

Empower our witness to your resurrection.

Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.

P: Satisfy the world's need through this living water.

...

who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.

Amen.

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: Rev. Carey Meadows-Helmer

Assisting Minister: Scott Kuschnereit

Guest Organist: Corinne Dutton

Choral Scholars: Nicole Hamilton, Laura Moolenbeek, Jacob Steinmann

Broadcast: Andrew Weber

Building Monitor: Ron Roeder (519-895-6833)

Worship Notes

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

General Announcements

John McLellan has been looking after the gardens along Benton and Church Street for quite a while. Paul Gross would assist him sometimes. John has informed me he will no longer volunteer the time to look after these gardens. He will continue to look after the flower bed at the sign.

We all need to thank John for all the time he spent keeping the gardens well kept and beautiful during the year, when you see John, please thank him for his years of hard work.

This leads to a request to find someone to look after these gardens during the year. If you enjoy gardening and would like to volunteer to look after these two gardens it would be appreciated.

If you are interested contact the church office or myself (519-895-6833 or ronder30@outlook.com). Thank you, Ron Roeder

CONVERSATIONS THAT MATTER

BODY IMAGE

with Tracey and Anjali from

THE DELTON GLEBE CENTRE

WHAT DOES BODY IMAGE HAVE TO DO WITH OUR FAITH?

A DISCUSSION ABOUT FOSTERING
A HEALTHY BODY IMAGE IN OURSELVES
AND THOSE WE CARE ABOUT

Train your
body
SIMPLE BREAKFAST FOOD WILL BE SERVED

SUNDAY, APRIL 30

WORSHIP 9:30 AM

FELLOWSHIP TIME CONVERSATION 10:45 AM



ST. MATTHEWS LUTHERAN CHURCH

West Tower Door for Emergency Only. Due to the ongoing construction planning, 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.

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.
- **Offering:** Please place your offering in one of the offering plates in the Narthex (entranceway) upon entering. The offering plates will be presented at 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.
- **Please join us for Fellowship Time** after worship in the Fellowship Hall! Use the door nearest to the piano, and follow the signs.



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