

# EASTER

JESUS IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!



## St. Matthews Church

WHERE COMMUNITY GATHERS AND GROWS

May 14, 2023

**Easter 6**  
**Sunday, May 14, 2023**  
(\* indicates the assembly stands)

**Gathering**

Prelude *"Pastorale alla Gigue"* J.S. Bach

Words of Welcome & Service Announcements

\*Hymn 449 *"We Know That Christ is Raised"*

\*Greeting

\*Prayer of the Day

Anthem *"I Carry You in My Heart"* D. Butler

Children's Message

**Word**

First Reading Acts 17:22-31

Psalm 66:8-20 (see pg. 4)

Second Reading 1 Peter 3:13-22

\*Gospel Acclamation *"Alleluia!"* p. 205

\*Gospel Reading John 14:15-21

Sermon

\*Hymn of the Day 804 *"Come Down, O Love Divine"*

**Healing**

Introduction

Prayers of Intercession **A: hear us, O God.**

Laying on of Hands

Hymns during Laying on of Hands 220, 617

\*Blessing

\*Peace

## Meal

*Offering Hymn 880 v.1	<i>“O God Beyond All Praising”</i>	
*Offering Prayer		
*Great Thanksgiving		p. 206
*Holy, Holy, Holy		p. 207
*Thanksgiving at the Table IV		p. 133
*Lord’s Prayer ( <i>“Our Father, who art in heaven...”</i> )		p. 134
Lamb of God		p. 208
Communion Hymns 613, 482		
Table Blessing		
Prayer after Communion		

## Sending

General Announcements		
*Blessing		
*Hymn 543	<i>“Go, My Children, With My Blessing”</i>	
*Dismissal		<b>A: Thanks be to God.</b>
Postlude	<i>“Prelude, Fugue and Chaconne in C”</i>	D. Buxtehude

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**Jesus does not abandon his followers.** Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus comes to abide with his disciples of every generation. As Pentecost draws near, we are reminded that the risen Christ dwells in us as the Spirit of truth. We receive this Spirit in baptism and pray that in our gathering around the Lord’s table the Spirit will transform us to be the body of the risen Christ in the world.

# Psalm 66 Refrain

Richard Proulx



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## Leading Worship Today

**Minister:** Rev. Sebastian Meadows-Helmer

**Assisting Minister:** Scott Kuschnereit

**Diaconal Minister of Music:** Deacon Scott Knarr

**Choral Scholars:** Nicole Hamilton, Laura Moolenbeek, Jacob Steinmann

**Broadcast:** Andrew Weber

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

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## Worship Notes

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

**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.

### **Rite of Healing/ Anointing/ Laying on of Hands**

During today's worship service, an option will be offered for the congregation to participate in a rite of healing and anointing. We intend to offer this option on a monthly basis for the time being.

"The order for healing is an expression in worship of the church's ministry of healing. Here all who would sense the need for God's healing in any aspect of their lives may join in prayer for others and themselves. Here each person may come to receive a word of blessing and prayer. Here each one may also receive a physical gesture of healing; the laying on of hands, which may be accompanied by anointing with oil. These signs, first given to us in baptism, tell us again that we are sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked forever with the cross of Christ, who is health and salvation for the whole world." –excerpt from Evangelical Lutheran Worship p. 276.

## **General Announcements**

**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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ST. MATTHEWS LUTHERAN CHURCH

# SPRING INTO SUMMER



*Social*

Wednesday, May 31st 1-3 pm

FELLOWSHIP HALL

FOOD, CONVERSATION AND MUSIC

(Communion available at 2:30 pm)

Friends are welcome!

Entry: Church Street or Benton Office Door



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**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.



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