

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' SUNDAY

FOOD SOVEREIGNTY



St. Matthews Lutheran Church

WHERE COMMUNITY GATHERS AND GROWS

June 25, 2023

Indigenous Peoples' Sunday: Food Sovereignty

Sunday, June 25, 2023

(* indicates the assembly stands)

Gathering

Prelude "Sonata Op. 1 #3: Andante, Allegro" G.F. Handel

Words of Welcome & Service Announcements

Land Acknowledgement

*Hymn 720 "We Are Called"

*Greeting

*Prayer of the Day

Solo "Sonata Op. 1 #3: Adagio, Allegro" G.F. Handel

Children's Message (Lana Moses)

Word

Reading Leviticus 19:9-11

Message (Dave Skeen)

Homily

*Hymn of the Day 1062 (see page 4) "Build a Longer Table"

Installation of the Board of Directors

Order of Blessing for Convention Delegates

*Prayer in the Four Directions (Allen Jorgenson)

L: Creator of, and Creator in the East/South/West/North/Center, help us to pray, heal our praying, and hear our prayers...

A: We open our hands, hearts, and minds to receive You anew.

*Peace

Meal

*Offering Hymn 686 v. 1-3 "We Give Thee but Thine Own"

*Offering Prayer

*Great Thanksgiving p. 206

*Holy, Holy, Holy p. 207

Thanksgiving at the Table V

*Lord's Prayer (*Our Father, who art in heaven...*) p. 208

Lamb of God p. 208

Communion Hymns 469, 781

Table Blessing

Prayer after Communion

Sending

General Announcements

*Blessing

*Hymn 1063 (see page 5) *"God of the Fertile Fields"*

*Dismissal **A: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude *"Prelude in a Classic Style"* G. Young

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Today we celebrate Indigenous Peoples' Sunday with a specific focus on Food Sovereignty. "Food Sovereignty is the right of peoples to healthy and culturally appropriate food produced through ecologically sound and sustainable methods, and their right to define their own food and agriculture systems." (La Via Campesina). We extend a warm welcome to our guest speaker: Indigenous Knowledge Keeper Dave Skeen.

Build a Longer Table



1 Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,
2 Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;
3 Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.
4 When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,



feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.
where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.
Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.
Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.



Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,
For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,
When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,
So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.



Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.
Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.
Christ tears down our fenc - es: all are wel - come here.
None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.

Text: David Bjorlin, b. 1984

Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol

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God of the Fertile Fields



1 God of the fer - tile fields, sha - per of
 2 We would be stew - ards true, hold - ing in
 3 As grows the hid - den seed to fruit that
 4 God of the coun - try - side, dear to the



earth that yields our dai - ly bread: forth from your
 trust from you all that you give; help us in
 serves our need, so your reign grows. Let all our
 Christ who died to make us one: we pledge our



boun - teous hand come gifts your love has planned,
 love to share, teach us like you to care
 toil be used, no gift of yours a - bused,
 lives a - new in faith - ful love to you.



that all in ev - 'ry land be clothed and fed.
 for peo - ple ev - 'ry - where, that all may live.
 no hum - ble task re - fused your love be - stows.
 Guide all we say and do. Your will be done.

Text: Georgia Harkness, 1891–1974, alt.

Music: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Giardini, 1716–1796

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Leading Worship Today

Minister and violinist: Rev. Sebastian Meadows-Helmer

Assisting Minister: Scott Kuschnerreit

Diaconal Minister of Music: Deacon Scott Knarr

Guest speaker: Indigenous Knowledge Keeper Dave Skeen

Broadcast: Andrew Weber

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

Worship Notes

In our prayers Don, Meaghan, Henry, 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.

We thank our Board of Directors for their service this upcoming year: Kim Schaner (President), Mike Laking (Vice-President), Mary-Ellen Winkler (Treasurer), John Heil (Secretary), Bob Karn, Don Robins, Ron Roeder, and Jim Treusch.

ELCIC National Convention: Lana Moses was elected to represent the Eastern Synod as a delegate to the Special Convention at Assembly 2023 of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada to be held in Calgary, Alberta June 28-July 2. We wish her all the best!

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.

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.

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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