

# PENTECOST

A TIME TO GROW



**St. Matthews Lutheran Church**

WHERE COMMUNITY GATHERS AND GROWS

July 2, 2023

**Pentecost 5**  
**Sunday, July 2, 2023**  
*(\* indicates the assembly stands)*

**Gathering**

Prelude

Words of Welcome & Service Announcements

\*Hymn 251

*"My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness"*

\*Greeting

\*Prayer of the Day

Anthem

*"Thanks be to God"*

S. Dickson

**Word**

First Reading

1 Samuel 1:19-28

Canticle of Hannah: 1 Samuel 2:1-10 (see page 4)

*(read responsively by full verse)*

Sermon

\*Hymn of the Day 419 v. 1,2,4

*"For all the Faithful Women"*

\*Prayers of Intercession

**A: hear our prayer.**

\*Peace

**Thanksgiving**

\*Hymn of Thanksgiving 512

*"Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil"*

\*Thanksgiving for the Word

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

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**Sending**

General Announcements

\*Blessing

\*Hymn 779

*"Amazing Grace"*

\*Dismissal

**A: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

**There are many women mentioned in the Bible**, and we don't often focus enough attention on Sunday mornings on them. Today, we hear about Hannah, the mother of Samuel, and her bold song of faith.

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### **Leading Worship Today**

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

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

**Lector:** Kim Schaner

**Choral Scholar:** Grace Mason Soucie

**Broadcast:** Gary Pootz

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

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## **Worship Notes**

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

**This morning's anthem was composed by "Stanley Dickson"** which is a pseudonym for Australian early 20th century composer Mary Hannah (May) Brahe. Female composers in the early 20th century were not likely to get published and so the practice of taking a man's name to submit compositions was a key strategy. Successful in her native Australia, she was encouraged to go and pursue a career in music in London, England where she taught piano, accompanied and composed songs for leading singers of the day.

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## Canticle of Hannah

1 Hannah prayed and she said,  
“My heart exults in the HOLY ONE OF OLD;  
my horn is lifted up in my God.  
My mouth [opens] wide against my enemies,  
for I will rejoice in my victory.

**2 “There is none holy like the MOST HIGH,  
none besides you;  
there is no rock like our God.**

3 Speak proudly no more, multiplying pride,  
nor let arrogance come from your mouth;  
for the AGELESS GOD is a God of knowledge,  
and by God deeds are accounted.

**4 The bows of the mighty are broken,  
yet the feeble gird on warrior-strength.**

5 Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread,  
yet those who were hungry are fat.  
She who was barren has birthed seven children,  
yet she who has many children languishes.

**6 The CREATOR OF ALL kills and gives life;  
brings down to Sheol and raises up.**

7 The GRACIOUS ONE makes poor and makes rich;  
brings low and also lifts up.

**8 God raises the poor from the dust,  
and lifts the needy from heaps of human waste,  
to seat them with nobles and inherit a seat of honor.  
For to the CREATOR belong the pillars of the earth,  
and on them God has set the world.**

9 God will guard the feet of the faithful who belong to God,  
while the wicked perish in shadow;  
for it is not by might that one prevails.

**10 The HOLY ONE OF SINAI!**

**Those who strive against God shall be shattered;**

**God thunders against them from heaven.**

**The FOUNT OF JUSTICE will judge the ends of the earth;**

**God will give strength to God's ruler,**

**and exalt the power of the anointed of God.”**

*Gafney, Wilda C.. A Women's Lectionary for the Whole Church (pp. 392-393). Church Publishing Incorporated. Kindle Edition.*

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Space for your notes on today's service, for your personal reflection.

## 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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