

# PENTECOST

A TIME TO GROW



**St. Matthews Lutheran Church**

WHERE COMMUNITY GATHERS AND GROWS

August 6, 2023

**Pentecost 10**  
**Sunday, August 6, 2023**  
(\* indicates the assembly stands)

**Gathering**

Hymn Sing

Words of Welcome & Service Announcements

\*Hymn 557

*“Awake My Soul, and With the Sun”*

\*Greeting

\*Prayer of the Day

Solo

*“Gymnopédie #1”*

E. Satie

**Word**

First Reading

Isaiah 55:1-5

Psalms 145: 8-9, 14-21 (see page 4)

*(read responsively)*

Second Reading

Romans 9:1-5

\*Gospel Acclamation

*“Alleluia!”*

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\*Gospel Reading

Matthew 14:13-21

Sermon

\*Hymn of the Day 515

*“Break Now the Bread of Life”*

\*Prayers of Intercession

**A: Your mercy is great.**

\*Peace

**Thanksgiving**

\*Hymn of Thanksgiving 840 v. 1, 2

*“Now Thank We All Our God”*

\*Thanksgiving for the Word

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

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**Sending**

General Announcements

\*Blessing

\*Hymn 674

*“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”*

\*Dismissal

A: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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**In today's first reading God invites all who are hungry or thirsty** to receive food and drink without cost. Jesus feeds the hungry multitude and reveals the abundance of God. We remember all who are hungry or poor in our world today. As we share the bread of life, we are sent forth to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry.

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**Leading Worship Today**

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

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

**Lector:** John McLellan

**Broadcast:** Jason Smolak

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

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## **Psalm 145: 8-9, 14-21**

<sup>8</sup>The Lord is gracious and full | of compassion,  
slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.

<sup>9</sup>**Lord, you are | good to all,  
and your compassion is over | all your works.**

<sup>14</sup>The Lord upholds all | those who fall  
and lifts up those who | are bowed down.

<sup>15</sup>**The eyes of all wait upon | you, O Lord,  
and you give them their food | in due season.**

<sup>16</sup>You open | wide your hand  
and satisfy the desire of every | living thing.

<sup>17</sup>**You are righteous in | all your ways  
and loving in | all your works.**

<sup>18</sup>You are near to all who | call upon you,  
to all who call up- | on you faithfully.

<sup>19</sup>**You fulfill the desire of | those who fear you;  
you hear their | cry and save them.**

<sup>20</sup>You watch over all | those who love you,  
but all the wicked you | shall destroy.

<sup>21</sup>**My mouth shall speak the praise | of the Lord;  
let all flesh bless God's holy name forev- | er and ever.**

## Worship Notes

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

### 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

- **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.

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

**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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