

PENTECOST

A TIME TO GROW



St. Matthews Lutheran Church

WHERE COMMUNITY GATHERS AND GROWS

August 27, 2023

Pentecost 13
Sunday, August 27, 2023
(* indicates the assembly stands)

Gathering

Hymn Sing

Flute Quartet "Air" J.S. Bach

Words of Welcome & Service Announcements

*Hymn 597 "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"

*Greeting

*Prayer of the Day

Flute Quartet "Pavane" G. Fauré

Word

First Reading Isaiah 51:1-6

Psalm 138 (see page 4) (read responsively by full verse)

Second Reading Romans 12:1-8

*Gospel Acclamation "Alleluia!" p. 205

*Gospel Reading Matthew 16:13-20

Sermon

*Hymn of the Day 654 "The Church's One Foundation"

*Prayers of Intercession **A: Your mercy is great.**

*Peace

Meal

*Offering Hymn 685 v.1-4 "Take My Life, That I May Be"

*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
Flute Quartet	"Sarabande"	C. Debussy
Communion Hymn 474		"Bread of Life from Heaven"
Table Blessing		
Prayer after Communion		
Sending		
General Announcements		
*Blessing		
*Hymn 576		"We All Are One in Mission"
*Dismissal		A: Thanks be to God.
Postlude	"Fugue in A minor"	J.S. Bach

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In Isaiah the people are advised to look to their spiritual ancestors as the rock from which they were hewn. Jesus declares that the church will be built on the rock of Peter's bold confession of faith. God's word of reconciliation and God's mercy are keys to the church's mission. Paul urges us to not be conformed to this world but to offer our bodies as a living sacrifice, using our individual gifts to build up the body of Christ. From the table we go forth to offer our spiritual worship through word and deed.

Leading Worship Today

Guest Minister: Rev. Monika Wiesner

Assisting Minister: Linda McLellan

Diaconal Minister of Music: Deacon Scott Knarr

Flute Quartet: Mary Congdon, Pauline Finch, Mark Irschick, Bonnie Surette

Broadcast: Jason Smolak

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Psalm 138

¹I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with ¹ my whole heart;
before the gods I will ¹ sing your praise.

²I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your
steadfast ¹ love and faithfulness;
for you have glorified your name and your word a- ¹bove all things.

³When I called, you ¹ answered me;
you increased my ¹ strength within me.

⁴All the rulers of the earth will praise ¹ you, O LORD,
when they have heard the words ¹ of your mouth.

⁵They will sing of the ways ¹ of the LORD,
that great is the glory ¹ of the LORD.

⁶The LORD is high, yet cares ¹ for the lowly,
perceiving the haughty ¹ from afar.

⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you ¹ keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right ¹ hand shall
save me.

⁸You will make good your pur- ¹pose for me;

O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works ¹ of your
hands.

Worship Notes

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

We welcome the Renaissance School of the Arts Flute Quartet to St. Matthews this morning. Thank you so much for sharing your musical gifts to enhance our worship experience today.

General Announcements

Choir begins fall rehearsals on Thursdays at 7:30 pm on September 7. If you are considering joining the choir, or know of someone who should be invited please let Deacon Scott know!

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.

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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