

PENTECOST

A TIME TO GROW



St. Matthews Lutheran Church

WHERE COMMUNITY GATHERS AND GROWS
September 3, 2023

Pentecost 14
Sunday, September 3, 2023
(* indicates the assembly stands)

Gathering

Prelude	<i>“Aria with Variations”</i>	G.F. Handel
Words of Welcome & Service Announcements		
*Hymn 802		<i>“Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus”</i>
*Greeting		
*Prayer of the Day		
Harpsichord Solo	<i>“Sarabande”</i>	G.F. Handel

Word

First Reading		Jeremiah 15:15-21
Psalms 26:1-8 (see page 4)		<i>(read responsively by full verse)</i>
Second Reading		Romans 12:9-21
*Gospel Acclamation	<i>“Alleluia!”</i>	p. 205
*Gospel Reading		Matthew 16:21-28
Sermon		
*Hymn of the Day 798		<i>“Will You Come and Follow Me”</i>
*Prayers of Intercession		A: receive our prayer.
*Peace		

Thanksgiving

*Hymn of Thanksgiving 808 v.1-2		<i>“Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song”</i>
*Thanksgiving for the Word		
*Lord’s Prayer (<i>Our Father in heaven...</i>)		p. 221

Sending

General Announcements		
*Blessing		
*Hymn 656		<i>“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”</i>

*Dismissal

A: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

“Trumpet Voluntary”

G.F. Handel

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The prophet Jeremiah speaks of the incurable wound of his suffering yet finds in God’s words the delight of his heart. When Peter doesn’t grasp Jesus’ words about suffering, Jesus tells the disciples they will find their lives in losing them. Such sacrificial love is described by Paul when he urges us to associate with the lowly and not repay evil with evil. In worship we gather as a community that we might offer ourselves for the sake of our suffering world.

Leading Worship Today

Guest Minister: Rev. Monika Wiesner

Diaconal Minister of Music: Deacon Scott Knarr

Lector: John Heil

Broadcast: Andrew Weber

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

Psalm 26:1-8

¹Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived¹ with integrity;
I have trusted in the LORD and¹ have not faltered.

²Test me, O¹ LORD, and try me;
examine my heart¹ and my mind.

³For your steadfast love is be-¹ fore my eyes;
I have walked faith-¹ fully with you.

⁴I have not sat¹ with the worthless,
nor do I consort with¹ the deceitful.

⁵I have hated the company of¹ evildoers;
I will not sit down¹ with the wicked.

⁶I will wash my hands in inno-¹ cence, O LORD,
that I may go in procession¹ round your altar,

⁷singing aloud a song¹ of thanksgiving
and recounting all your won-¹ derful deeds.

⁸LORD, I love the house in¹ which you dwell
and the place where your glo-¹ ry abides.

Worship Notes

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

Upcoming Worship Service Changes: Communion and Peace: Starting on Sept. 10 for Holy Communion services, a common cup station and a pouring chalice station will be reinstated. There will continue to be a small tray of pre-poured juice glasses. Masks will be worn by those distributing if they are sick or members of their household are sick. Tongs for wafer distribution will be discontinued. Likewise, starting Sept. 10th, ministers will again go down the aisles sharing the peace with those who want to participate.

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.



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Get the newsletter and email updates on upcoming church events, announcements, reminders and service changes.

Contact info@stmattskw.com today!

Alpha Course coming to St. Matthews!

Sharing your faith can be scary... but Alpha creates a space where you can simply invite a friend to explore their questions over some food, a video talk, and small group discussion. The rest is up to God.

Who is this for? 60+ non-regular churchgoers (e.g. attend church 0-3 times a year), people interested in what Jesus and faith is about. But if you're an active member you can attend if you bring a friend!

When: Thursdays Oct. 5 to Dec 14, 2023, 12-2 pm, & Sun. Nov. 19, 12-2 pm at 560 Queen Street South, Kitchener

Plus a **Retreat** at Crieff Hills Centre in Puslinch: Sat. Nov. 18th 10 am - 4 pm
Lunch provided. No cost.

Register/ more information: Talk to Pastor Sebastian or pastorsebastian@stmattskw.com or 519-742-0462 x2

All members are asked to prayerfully consider who they might invite to join the Alpha Course this Fall!



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.

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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