

# PENTECOST

A TIME TO GROW

**St. Matthews Lutheran Church**

WHERE COMMUNITY GATHERS AND GROWS

October 1, 2023

# Sunday for Truth and Reconciliation / Pentecost 18

Sunday, October 1, 2023

(\* indicates the assembly stands)

## Gathering

- Prelude "Third Movement from Pastorale" J.S. Bach
- Words of Welcome & Service Announcements
- Land Acknowledgement (by Scott Kuschnereit)
- \*Memorial Prayer for Children of this Land \*\*
- \*Prayer Response: God Weeps with Us (see page 4)
- \*Greeting
- \*Hymn 832 "My Lord of Light"
- \*Prayer of the Day
- Message (by Lana Moses)
- Anthem "Sometimes Our Only Song Is Weeping" arr. S. Knarr

## Word

- First Reading Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32
- Psalm 25: 1-9 (see page 5) (sung responsively)
- Second Reading Philippians 2:1-13
- \*Gospel Acclamation "Alleluia!" p. 102
- \*Gospel Reading Matthew 21:23-32
- Sermon
- \*Hymn of the Day 416 "At the Name of Jesus"
- \*Prayers of Intercession **A: receive our prayer**
- \*Peace

## Thanksgiving

- \*Hymn of Thanksgiving 510, v1,2 "Word of God, Come Down on Earth"
- \*Thanksgiving for the Word
- \*Lord's Prayer (Our Father, who art in heaven...) p. 221

## Sending

General Announcements

\*Blessing

\*Hymn 803

*"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"*

\*Dismissal

**A: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

*"Concerto No. 4 in C"*

A. Vivaldi/ arr. J.S. Bach

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**Today we mark a Sunday for Truth and Reconciliation**, a day after National "Orange Shirt Day", which remembers the atrocities carried out in the Indigenous Residential School system, and the calls to action articulated by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

Today is a day to denounce the falsehood of the Doctrine of Discovery, that stated that prior to colonialism, there was no one on these lands, or at least nobody of human value.

This lie carried over into enforced assimilation of language and culture of the Indigenous Peoples, with terrible consequences that continue to this day.

In our Reading from Philippians this morning, Paul urges us to look to Christ as a model of humility, putting the interests of others above our own.

This model of true servanthood and a posture of respect and listening offers a path toward reconciliation between settlers, their descendants and First Nations.

# God Weeps with us

God weeps with us who weep and mourn; God's  
tears flow down with ours.

The musical score is written on two staves in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are: "God weeps with us who weep and mourn; God's tears flow down with ours." The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and dotted notes, with some phrases marked with slurs and a triplet of eighth notes.

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## Leading Worship Today

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

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

**Lector:** Rev. Dr. Allen Jorgenson

**Choral Scholars:** Nicole Hamilton, Hannah Swiderski, Dylan Siebert, John Waterfield

**Broadcast:** Andrew Weber

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

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## Worship Notes

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

**Fellowship Time:** There will not be any fellowship time on Sunday, October 8th.



## 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.

### 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](mailto: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

- **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.
- **Please join us for Fellowship Time** after worship in the Fellowship Hall! Use the door nearest to the piano, and follow the signs.

**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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