

# PENTECOST

A TIME TO GROW

**St. Matthews Lutheran Church**

WHERE COMMUNITY GATHERS AND GROWS

October 22, 2023

**Pentecost 21**  
**Sunday, October 22, 2023**  
(\* indicates the assembly stands)

**Gathering**

Prelude	<i>"If You But Trust in God to Guide You"</i>	M. Costello
Words of Welcome & Service Announcements		
*Hymn 532		<i>"Gather Us In"</i>
*Greeting		
*This is the Feast		p. 101
*Prayer of the Day		
Anthem	<i>"Be Thou My Vision"</i>	S. Chatman

**Word**

First Reading		Isaiah 45:1-7
Psalm 96:1-9 (see page 4)		
Second Reading		1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
*Gospel Acclamation	<i>"Alleluia"</i>	p. 102
*Gospel		Matthew 22:15-22
Sermon		
*Hymn of the Day 687		<i>"Come to Us, Creative Spirit"</i>
*Prayers of Intercession		<b>A: hear our prayer.</b>
*Peace		

**Meal**

*Offering Hymn 682		<i>"To God Our Thanks We Give"</i>
*Offering Prayer		
*Great Thanksgiving		p. 107
*Holy, Holy, Holy		p. 108
*Thanksgiving at the Table I		p. 108
*Lord's Prayer ( <i>Our Father, who art in heaven...</i> )		p. 112

Lamb of God

p. 112

Communion Hymn 474

*“Bread of Life from Heaven”*

\*Table Blessing

\*Prayer after Communion

## **Sending**

General Announcements

\*Blessing

\*Hymn 705

*“God of Grace and God of Glory”*

\*Dismissal

**A: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

*“Trumpet Tune on Cwm Rhondda”*

M. Helman

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**In today’s first reading God uses the Gentile ruler Cyrus** to accomplish divine purposes. When the Pharisees try to trap Jesus, he tells them to give the emperor what belongs to him and to God what belongs to God. To gather for worship reminds us that our ultimate allegiance is to God rather than to any earthly authority. Created in the image of God, we offer our entire selves in the service of God and for the sake of the world.

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## **Leading Worship Today**

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

**Assisting Minister:** Linda McLellan

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

**Communion Server:** Jeanette Harrop

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

**Broadcast:** Andrew Weber

**Building Monitor:** Dennis Diebolt (519-571-4525)

# Psalm 96:1-9

## Tone 1



1Sing to the LORD | a new song;  
sing to the LORD, | all the earth.

2Sing to the LORD, bless the name | of the LORD;  
proclaim God's salvation from | day to day.

3Declare God's glory a- | mong the nations  
and God's wonders a- | mong all peoples.

4For great is the LORD and greatly | to be praised,  
more to be feared | than all gods.

5As for all the gods of the nations, they | are but idols;  
but you, O LORD, have | made the heavens.

6Majesty and magnificence are | in your presence;  
power and splendour are in your | sanctuary.

7Ascribe to the LORD, you families | of the peoples,  
ascribe to the LORD hon- | our and power.

8Ascribe to the LORD the honour due the | holy name;  
bring offerings and enter the courts | of the LORD.

9Worship the LORD in the beau- | ty of holiness;  
tremble before the LORD, | all the earth.

## Worship Notes

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

**All are welcome at the meal** where Jesus is present loving and forgiving us. For the wine, there is a common cup station and a pouring chalice station (please take an empty small glass). There is also a small tray of pre-poured grape juice glasses. Gluten-free wafers are also available; please indicate this request to the Pastor. If you would (also) like to receive a blessing, please approach the Pastor with your arms crossed over your chest. If you'd like to receive Communion in your pew, the pastor will come to you. Please let an usher or the pastor know before worship if possible.

**Red Dress Sunday/ Reformation Sunday October 29th:** On October 29th, we will be welcoming guest speaker Stephen Jackson (CEO of Anishnabeg Outreach) to speak during worship and during coffee hour. Anishnabeg Outreach was a beneficiary of our 2022 Property Sale Tithe, supporting their "Online Mental Health Management System". Stephen will be giving an update on this project, as well as talking about Settler-Indigenous Reconciliation. The Sunday worship will also acknowledge MMIWG (Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls) through a Synod Red Dress Exhibit.



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54 Benton St, Kitchener, ON

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## General Announcements

**Important Lift Reminder:** Please remember to always "park" the lift part way between floors after use. This will ensure it is always ready to be called to any level where it is needed. Parking the lift at the bottom (at the main level) or up at the sanctuary level can cause it to stall and become inoperable. Thank you very much!

**New washroom open and ready for use!** The washroom on the 2nd floor by the office is now ready for use, and it is an all-gender washroom. Special thanks to the volunteers who help make this possible. Steve Dickin, who did most of the demolition and installing the floor; Terry Kavelman, who was awesome for getting most of the carpentry and drywall installed; Don Robins, who did all the electrical changes and a friend of mine who volunteered and did all the plumbing. The help of these volunteers made this project very possible. Thank you, Ron Roeder.

**West Tower Door for Emergency Only.** Due to the ongoing construction planning, when going in to the church house or lower level 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.
- **Please join us for Fellowship Time** after worship in the Fellowship Hall! Use the door nearest to the piano, and follow the signs.

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**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.