

EASTER

JESUS IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!

St. Matthews Church

WHERE COMMUNITY GATHERS AND GROWS

April 14, 2024

Easter 3

Sunday, April 14, 2024

(* indicates the assembly stands)

Gathering

Prelude "Christus, der ist mein Leben" J. Pachelbel

Words of Welcome & Service Announcements

*Thanksgiving for Baptism

P: Look, here is water!

A: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

*Hymn 391

"This Joyful Eastertide"

*Greeting

*Hymn of Praise

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*Prayer of the Day

Anthem

"Let All the World in Every Corner Sing"

J. Overduin

Word

*Gospel Acclamation

"Alleluia"

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*Gospel Reading

Luke 24:36b-48

Sermon

*Hymn of the Day 651

"Oh, Praise the Gracious Power"

Healing

Introduction

*Prayers of Intercession

A: hear us, O God.

Laying on of Hands

Hymns during Laying on of Hands 219, 611

*Blessing

*Peace

Meal

*Offering Hymn 181	<i>"Let the Vineyards"</i>	
*Offering Prayer		
*Great Thanksgiving		p. 107
*Holy, Holy, Holy		p. 108
*Thanksgiving at the Table IV		p. 111
*Lord's Prayer (<i>Our Father in heaven...</i>)		p. 112
Lamb of God		p. 112
Communion Hymn 635	<i>"We Walk by Faith"</i>	
Table Blessing		
Prayer after Communion		

Sending

General Announcements		
*Blessing		
*Hymn 377	<i>"Alleluia! Jesus is Risen"</i>	
*Dismissal	A: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!	
Postlude	<i>"Little Prelude & Fugue in G major"</i>	J. S. Bach

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The gospel for the third Sunday of Easter is always one in which the risen Christ shares food with the disciples, meals that are the Easter template for the meal we share each Sunday. In today's gospel, Jesus both shares the disciples' food and shows them the meaning of his suffering, death, and resurrection through the scriptures, the two main elements of our Sunday worship.

Leading Worship Today

Minister: Rev. Sebastian Meadows-Helmer

Diaconal Minister of Music: Deacon Scott Knarr

Assisting Minister: Scott Kuschnerreit

Communion Server: Ivan George

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

Broadcast: Andrew Weber

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

Worship Notes

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

“Let All the World in Every Corner Sing” - Jan Overduin composed this morning's anthem in August 1993, and dedicated it to the choir of St. Matthews.

Rite of Healing/ Anointing/ Laying on of Hands: During today's worship service, an option will be offered for the congregation to participate in a rite of healing and anointing.

"The order for healing is an expression in worship of the church's ministry of healing. Here all who would sense the need for God's healing in any aspect of their lives may join in prayer for others and themselves. Here each person may come to receive a word of blessing and prayer. Here each one may also receive a physical gesture of healing; the laying on of hands, which may be accompanied by anointing with oil. These signs, first given to us in baptism, tell us again that we are sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked forever with the cross of Christ, who is health and salvation for the whole world." –excerpt from Evangelical Lutheran Worship p. 276.

General Announcements

Congregational Photo Directory Sessions: Professional photos will be taken (at no cost to you) in the Chapel on the following dates:

Wednesday April 24: 2.30-8.30 pm

Thursday April 25: 2.30-8.30 pm

Friday April 26: 11.30 am-5.30 pm

Saturday, April 27: 9.30 am-3 pm

There is no obligation to purchase any prints, and everyone who participates gets a free directory. This is your chance to get that professional portrait, and it happens right here at the church! Young and old, singles, couples and families... Whether you're in worship every week or once in a while...How many of you have talked about going to a photographer but it never quite comes together? Well, here is your chance! Spots are filling up very fast! Sign-up can be done online (via our website <https://stmattskw.com/about-us/news/church-directory-registration/>), in-person on Sunday mornings, or call or email the office.

Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, April 28 following the 9.30 am service, in the Sanctuary. Copies of the 2023 Annual Report are available in the Narthex. All members are encouraged to attend!



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

Contact info@stmattskw.com today!

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.

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 Lower Level Hall. Use any of the staircases (Narthex, west stair tower, parking lot tower) to go down.
- **Lower Level Sanctuary Washrooms** can be accessed via any of the staircases. There is one wheelchair accessible washroom, and the rest are all-gender washrooms. A further all-gender washroom is also available via the west stair tower door (front left of the Sanctuary) on the same level. Turn right at the hallway. at the hallway.

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