

EASTER

JESUS IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!

St. Matthews Church

WHERE COMMUNITY GATHERS AND GROWS

May 12, 2024

Ascension Sunday
Sunday, May 12, 2024
(* indicates the assembly stands)

Gathering

Prelude	<i>"Voluntary in E minor"</i>	J. Alcock
Words of Welcome & Service Announcements		
*Hymn 855		<i>"Crown Him with Many Crowns"</i>
*Greeting		
*Prayer of the Day		
Anthem	<i>"O Sing Unto the Lord"</i>	H. Purcell
Children's Message		

Word

Reading		Acts 1:1-11
*Gospel Acclamation	<i>"Alleluia"</i>	p. 102
*Gospel Reading		Luke 24:44-53
Sermon		
*Hymn of the Day 392		<i>"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"</i>
*Nicene Creed		p. 104
*Prayers of Intercession		A: You hear our prayer!
*Peace		

Meal

*Offering Hymn 845 v. 1&5		<i>"Voices Raised to You"</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 838	<i>"Beautiful Savior"</i>
Table Blessing	
Prayer after Communion	
Sending	
General Announcements	
*Blessing	
*Hymn 393	<i>"A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!"</i>
*Dismissal	A: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!
Postlude	<i>"Allegro & Fugue"</i> G.F. Handel

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In today's readings the risen Christ ascends into heaven and his followers are assured that the Spirit will empower them to be witnesses throughout the earth. The disciples are told to not gaze up into heaven to look for Jesus (Acts 1:11); we find his presence among us as we proclaim the word and share the Easter feast. We too long for the Spirit to enliven our faith and invigorate our mission.

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. The AED and a first aid kit are in the hallway by the office.

Leading Worship Today

Minister: Rev. Sebastian Meadows-Helmer

Assisting Minister: Scott Kuschnereit

Diaconal Minister of Music: Deacon Scott Knarr

Communion Server: Grace Schuster

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

Bass Soloist: John Waterfield

Violins: Sebastian Meadows-Helmer, Simon Thompson

Broadcast: Gary Pootz

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

Worship Notes

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

Our grateful appreciation is extended to St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Kitchener for loaning St. Matthews their portative organ built by Gerhard Brunzema.

Clergy Away: Pastors Carey and Sebastian will take a study week to attend the Festival of Homiletics in Pittsburgh. They will be away from May 13-20. Pastor Monika Weiner will lead worship on May 19. Pastor Heike Toeller (phone: 519.893.3826; cell: 519.212.9952) will be on call for pastoral emergencies.

Deacon Scott will also be away from May 13-27. Bob Loeb sack will be filling in musically on Sunday, May 19 and 26.

General Announcements

St. Peter's Breakfast Group: We meet next on Tuesday, May 21 at 9:00 a.m. at Kypreos Restaurant, 305 Lancaster St. W. Kitchener. Attendees will order from the menu and pay for their own meals. Our speaker will be Franz Tschoegel of the City of Kitchener Fire Department. In light of the increasing number of tragic fires with loss of property and life, it is good for us to refresh our knowledge of fire safety. This is not only for our benefit and that of our families. We also need to consider the effect of fires on our neighbours, wider community and first responders. Looking ahead, our speaker on June 18 will be from Hospice Waterloo. **Please RSVP to the May event via Eventbrite (<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/st-peters-breakfast-club-tickets-885650874607?aff=oddtcreator>) or by contacting Gary Schlueter, Willi Bauer or Sue Parker.**



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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 Community Hall. Use any of the staircases (Narthex, west stair tower, parking lot tower) to go down.
- **Downstairs 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.

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Sweet Singing

Hymn Sing and Dessert Pot Luck

Join Us @ St. Stephen

Saturday June 1st from 2-4pm

Rain or Shine

248 Highland Rd W. Kitchener

Local Lutheran churches are gathering at St. Stephen to sing and to share desserts. We will gather in the green space at the corner of Highland Road and Stirling Ave. which hosts their new labyrinth, spending the first hour singing with the band, and the second hour sharing a dessert potluck.

Bring a chair (we will have some available) or blanket, and something sweet to share. Those comfortable on grass are welcome there, and those who like more solid footing will have space on the asphalt. If it rains we will be indoors.

Highland is under construction and the greenspace is a 2-minute walk from the parking lot. We are happy to help carry things if you need assistance.





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