

PENTECOST

A TIME TO GROW

St. Matthews Lutheran Church

WHERE COMMUNITY GATHERS AND GROWS

October 13, 2024

Thanksgiving Sunday
Sunday, October 13, 2024
(* indicates the assembly stands)

Gathering

Prelude *"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"* A. Leupold

Words of Welcome & Service Announcements

Rededication of the Organ

P: Sing with joy to God our strength

A: and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.

P: Praise God with tambourine and dance;

A: praise God with strings and pipe.

*Hymn 859 *"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"*

*Greeting

*Hymn of Praise p. 122

*Prayer of the Day

Anthem *"Gloria from Twelfth Mass"* W.A. Mozart

Word

First Reading Joel 2:21-27

Choir *"Psalm 150"* C.V. Stanford

Second Reading 1 Timothy 2:1-7

*Gospel Acclamation *"Alleluia!"* p. 124

*Gospel Reading Matthew 6:25-33

Sermon

*Hymn of the Day 733 *"Great is thy Faithfulness"*

*Apostles' Creed p. 127

*Prayers of Intercession

A: receive our prayer.

*Peace

Meal

*Offering Hymn 885

“Praise God, from whom All Blessings Flow”

*Offering Prayer

*Great Thanksgiving

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*Holy, Holy, Holy

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*Thanksgiving at the Table I

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*Lord’s Prayer (*Our Father, who art in heaven...*)

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Lamb of God

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Communion Hymn 681

“We Plow the Fields and Scatter”

Table Blessing

Prayer after Communion

Sending

General Announcements

*Blessing

*Hymn 840

“Now Thank We All Our God”

*Dismissal

A: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

“Now Thank We All Our God”

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Today's readings reflect two of the strains that go into the celebration of a national day of thanksgiving: gratitude for abundant harvest (Joel) and civic prayer for a peaceable common life (1 Timothy). The core meaning of Thanksgiving for many of us—a home feast for extended family and friends—is not reflected in the readings; but it is reflected weekly in the church's meal of thanksgiving (eucharist). What we wish for both these thanksgiving meals is that they will go deeper than celebration of one another and our own blessings, to recognize in our true Host one who wants everyone brought to the table.

Leading Worship Today

Minister: Rev. Sebastian Meadows-Helmer

Assisting Minister: Jim Treusch

Diaconal Minister of Music: Deacon Scott Knarr

Choral Scholars: Nicole Hamilton, Hannah Swiderski, Sarah Hu-A-Kam, Dylan Siebert

Lector: Sonia Groh

Communion Server: Rev. Dr. Allen Jorgenson

Broadcast: Gary Pootz

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

Worship Notes

In our prayers Glennis Koenig, Judy, Clare, Yvonne, Jeanette, Meaghan, Henry, 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.

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.

General Announcements

Coffee Hour: There is no Coffee Hour this Sunday. We will see you next week!

Thank You Pastor Sebastian, Pastor Carey and Deacon Scott for all the planning and coordinating, hosting and performing you did to make Bishop Carla's Ordination service so amazing. There were many things that went on quietly behind the scenes, that took many hours of your time. The feedback from those that attended the event, speaks volumes of this successful event. Congratulations and many thanks for an outstanding job!! Kim Schaner, on behalf of the Board of Directors.

Special Congregational Bylaw Meeting: On Sunday October 27 following the worship service, we will be having a second special congregational meeting to approve the revised Articles of Amendment and Bylaws 1 and 2, to comply with the new Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporations Act. All voting members are encouraged to attend!

Tickets Now On Sale!: Jonathan Oldengarm will give an organ concert on Friday, October 18, 2024 at 7:30pm on our newly rebuilt Casavant organ. Jonathan will be ac-

accompanied by a Brass Quintet of Musicians of the KW Symphony playing works by French romantic composers Widor and Gigout. Tickets are \$30 and available at the Box Office of The Centre in the Square, 101 Queen Street North, Kitchener; by phone 519-578-1570 or 1-800-265-8977; or online at www.kwtickets.ca.

This concert celebrates the completion of upgrades to our organ console and electrical systems. All 3,000 pipes now have new wires connecting them to state of the art digital switching systems. Jonathan is well-known to Waterloo Region audiences performing regularly at St. Andrew's Presbyterian noon hour series, and early in his career at Benton Street Baptist. He was recently appointed Minister of Music at Metropolitan United Church, Toronto where you can find Canada's largest pipe organ with 8,333 pipes. A concert not to be missed! Please see the poster on the following page for more information.

Church Breakfast Group: Our Breakfast Group got off to a good start in September with lots of lively conversation and another interesting presentation. We meet next on Tuesday, October 15 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. Everyone is welcome. Our speaker on October 15 will be Debbie Chapman, Ward 9 (downtown area) Councillor for the City of Kitchener. Debbie grew up in Kitchener and, with the exception of living in Mexico for twelve years, has made her home here. She obtained a PHD in Political Science from the University of Western Ontario in 2009 and has been teaching at Wilfrid Laurier University in the Political Science and Global Studies departments since then. Debbie strives to involve all members of our community in decision-making and change, particularly as it relates to the city's rapid development. She believes that all members of society have a right to a dignified life. Debbie will give us an update and her views on some of the happenings in downtown Kitchener.

Members of our congregation, Lay Leaders and Pastors are invited to a one day workshop on November 23rd (9.30 am-3 pm), hosted by Reléven (formerly Trinity Centres Foundation) and held at St. Matthews in the Fellowship Hall. It will be a day spent exploring and discovering innovative ways to repurpose space, foster partnerships, and create sustainable change in your local area. Registration is required and lunch will be provided.

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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.



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