

PENTECOST

A TIME TO GROW

St. Matthews Lutheran Church

WHERE COMMUNITY GATHERS AND GROWS

October 20, 2024

Pentecost 22/ Foundation Sunday

Sunday, October 20, 2024

(* indicates the assembly stands)

Gathering

Prelude	<i>"Lord, Thee I Love"</i>	M. Costello
Words of Welcome & Service Announcements		
*Hymn 759		<i>"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"</i>
*Greeting		
*Prayer of the Day		
Anthem	<i>"Bless the Lord, O My Soul"</i>	L. Dengler

Word

First Reading		Isaiah 53:4-12
Psalm 91:9-16 (see page 4)		<i>(sung responsively)</i>
Second Reading		Hebrews 5:1-10
*Gospel Acclamation	<i>"Alleluia!"</i>	p. 124
*Gospel Reading		Mark 10:35-45
Sermon		
*Hymn of the Day 750		<i>"Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart"</i>
*Prayers of Intercession		A: hear our prayer.
*Peace		

Thanksgiving

*Hymn of Thanksgiving 679		<i>"For the Fruit of All Creation"</i>
*Thanksgiving for the Word		
*Lord's Prayer (<i>Our Father in heaven...</i>)		p. 221

Sending

General Announcements

*Blessing

*Hymn 860

"I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me"

*Dismissal

A: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

M. Hayes

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Today's gospel starts with disciples obsessing over who will be closest to Jesus, leading to Jesus teaching his followers about God's take on importance and power. Here Jesus makes it explicit that the reversal of values in God's community is a direct challenge to the values of the dominant culture, where wielding power over others is what makes you great. When we pray "your kingdom come" we are praying for an end to tyranny and oppression. We pray this gathered around the cross, a sign of great shame transformed to be the sign of great honor and service.

Leading Worship Today

Minister: Rev. Sebastian Meadows-Helmer

Guest Preacher: Rev. Henry Fischer

Diaconal Minister of Music: Deacon Scott Knarr

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

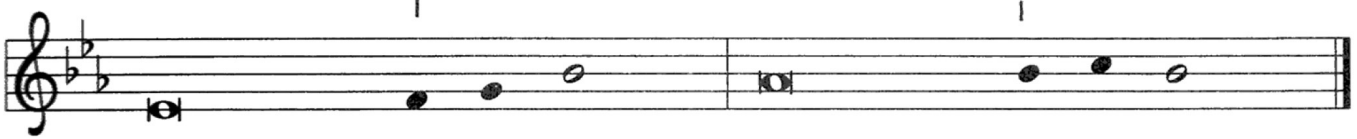
Lector: Rev. Dr. Allen Jorgenson

Broadcast: Jason Smolak

Building Monitor: Steve Dickin (519-580-8407)

Psalm 91:9-16

Tone 4



⁹Because you have made the | LORD your refuge,
and the Most High your | habitation,

¹⁰no evil | will befall you,
nor shall affliction come | near your dwelling.

¹¹For God will give the angels charge | over you,
to guard you in | all your ways.

¹²Upon their hands they will | bear you up,
lest you strike your foot a- | gainst a stone.

¹³You will tread upon the lion | cub and viper;
you will trample down the lion | and the serpent.

¹⁴I will deliver those who | cling to me;
I will uphold them, because they | know my name.

¹⁵They will call me, and I will | answer them;
I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and | honor them.

¹⁶With long life will I | satisfy them,
and show them | my salvation.

Worship Notes

In our prayers Konrad, Glennis Koenig, Judy, Clare, Yvonne, Jeanette, Meaghan, Henry, Grace, Maureen and John.

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

Welcome to Foundation Sunday! ST. MATTHEWS (Kitchener) Lutheran Church FOUNDATION Incorporated, which for simplicity we often call St. Matthews Foundation, is managed by seven directors from the congregation. It utilizes the funds that have been donated over the years, currently approximately \$805,000, and invests them conservatively to ensure the principal will be there in perpetuity. Each year, the resultant income from those investments is returned to St. Matthews to be used as the church board sees fit. Over that last three years, the Foundation has provided over \$68,000 to the church, and over our 40+ year history, over \$863,000. The Foundation has now returned more to the congregation than has been donated!

If you would like to support our congregation, not only now - but well into the future,

please make a donation to the Foundation in one of the envelopes provided this morning. Or, if you are thinking longer term, consider making a donation as part of your will, or designating donations to the Foundation as an expression of sympathy at your funeral. A tax receipt will be issued for all donations.

Our current directors, Dennis Golem, Peter Winkler, Sylvia McLeod, Linda McLellan, Lanna Moses, Jim Sattler and Ron Roeder, will be serving coffee after the service, so please stop by for a beverage and a quick chat. Thank you for your consideration to support the St. Matthews Foundation.



Free daytime organ recital by American organist, composer and choral director Mark A. Miller on Thursday, **October 24, 2024 at 1:30 pm** at St. Matthews. Mark Miller was organ associate at the Riverside Church in New York City, has studied organ at the Julliard School and lectures at Yale University. He believes passionately that music can change the world. He also believes in Cornel West's quote that "Justice is what love looks like in public." Come hear some engaging music and take part in the conversation which follows. This event is sponsored by the Kanata Centre for Worship and Global Song of Martin Luther University College.

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!

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.

RELÈVEN

GIVING RISE TO COMMUNITY

RE[™]**REDISCOVER**

Two Rivers and Grand River Ministry Area Round Table

**23 November 2024
9:30 am - 3:00 pm**

**St Matthews Fellowship Hall
54 Benton St
Kitchener, ON N2G 3H2**

Join us for an inspiring event where Lutheran churches will explore how to reimagine their mission and utilize land assets for greater community impact.

Discover innovative ways to repurpose space, foster partnerships, and create sustainable change in your local area. Whether you're looking to expand your outreach or transform your resources, this event offers practical insights and collaborative opportunities to help your church make a lasting difference.

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.

**REGISTRATION
REQUIRED**



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