

ALL SAINTS

St. Matthews Lutheran Church

WHERE COMMUNITY GATHERS AND GROWS

November 3, 2024

All Saints Sunday
Sunday, November 3, 2024
(* indicates the assembly stands)

Gathering

Prelude *"Ich ruf zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ"* J.S. Bach

Words of Welcome & Service Announcements

*Hymn 427 *"For All Your Saints, O Lord"*

*Greeting

Remembering Those Who Have Died

Anthem *"What are these that are arrayed in white robes?"* J. Stainer

*Prayer of the Day

Children's Message

Invitation to the Congregation to Light Candles for Saints Living and Departed

Hymn 422 *"For All the Saints"*

Hymn 632 *"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"*

Word

First Reading Isaiah 25:6-9

Psalm 24 (see page 4) *(sung responsively)*

Second Reading Revelation 21:1-6a

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

*Gospel Reading John 11:32-44

Sermon

*Hymn of the Day 628 *"Jerusalem, My Happy Home"*

*Prayers of Intercession **A: receive our prayer.**

*Peace

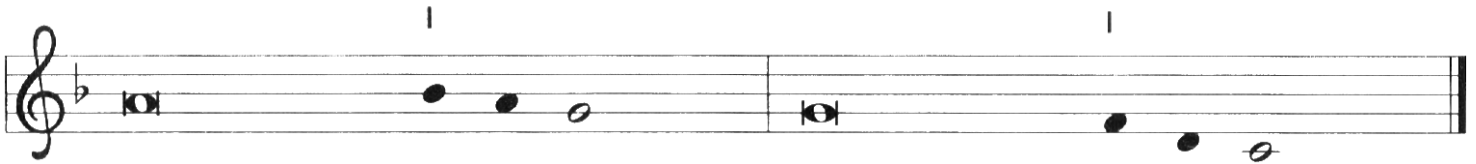
Meal

Offering Solo	<i>"Pie Jesu"</i>	G. Fauré
<i>(the offering will be collected)</i>		
*Offering Hymn 423		<i>"Shall We Gather at the River"</i>
*Offering Prayer		
*Great Thanksgiving		p. 129
*Holy, Holy, Holy		p. 130
*Thanksgiving at the Table I		p. 130
*Lord's Prayer (<i>Our Father, who art in heaven...</i>)		p. 134
Lamb of God		p. 135
Communion Hymns 418, 428		
Table Blessing		
Prayer after Communion		
Sending		
General Announcements		
*Blessing		
*Hymn 424		<i>"Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones"</i>
*Dismissal		A: Thanks be to God.
Postlude	<i>"Fantasia in G major"</i>	J.S. Bach

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Tone 2

Psalm 24



¹The earth is the LORD's and all¹ that is in it,
the world and those who¹ dwell therein.

²For the LORD has founded it up-¹ on the seas
and established it up-¹ on the rivers.

³Who may ascend the mountain¹ of the LORD,
and who may stand in God's¹ holy place?

⁴Those of innocent hands and puri-¹ ty of heart,
who do not swear on God's being, nor do they pledge by¹ what is false.

⁵They shall receive blessing¹ from the LORD
and righteousness from the God of¹ their salvation.

⁶Such is the generation of those who seek¹ you, O LORD,
of those who seek your face, O¹ God of Jacob.

⁷Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O ever-¹ lasting doors,
that the King of glory¹ may come in.

⁸Who is this¹ King of glory?
The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, might-¹ y in battle!

⁹Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O ever-¹ lasting doors,
that the King of glory¹ may come in.

¹⁰Who is this¹ King of glory?
Truly, the LORD of hosts is the¹ King of glory.

Of all three years of the lectionary cycle, this year's All Saints readings have the most tears. Isaiah and Revelation look forward to the day when God will wipe away all tears; in John's gospel, Jesus weeps along with Mary and all the gathered mourners before he demonstrates his power over death. On All Saints Day we celebrate the victory won for all the faithful dead, but we grieve for our beloved dead as well, knowing that God honors our tears. We bring our grief to the table and find there a foretaste of Isaiah's feast to come.

Leading Worship Today

Minister: Rev. Sebastian Meadows-Helmer

Assisting Minister: Scott Kuschnereit

Diaconal Minister of Music: Deacon Scott Knarr

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

Soprano Solo: Nicole Hamilton

Communion Server: Grace Schuster

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.

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.

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.

All Saints celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ. As November heralds the dying of the landscape in many northern regions, the readings and liturgy call us to remember all who have died in Christ and whose baptism is complete. In worship, whether virtual or in-building, we gather with the faithful of every time and place, trusting that the promises of God will be fulfilled and that all tears will be wiped away in the new Jerusalem.

Saints Who Entered God's Eternal Realm:

Barbara Bucholtz	Alice Mae Rausch
Konrad Ciesielski	Rose Schnarr
Wilda Gerth	Joyce Betty Schneider
Katie Heil	Marie Smolak
Ethel Jones	Donna Yendt
Maggie Philipp	

Saints Entering the Household of God Through Holy Baptism:

Lily Elizabeth Phair Crane
Viggo Jorgen Gunn
Clara Louise Heil

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

Special Congregational Meeting Nov. 24th Following the Sunday worship service, there will be a meeting and vote regarding Property Redevelopment. All voting members are invited to attend in-person this very important meeting. Please note that according to our new bylaws, only votes cast in-person can be counted (proxy votes or mail-in votes cannot be counted).

Broadcast Operators needed for 2025. Would you like to play an important part in our worship services next year? Did you know we have 20-40 households listening any given Sunday to our worship livestream broadcast? Would you like to help ensure people can hear the Word of God both in the pews and at home? We invite you to consider joining our broadcast team to help run the sound booth and the livestream for worship services! If you're at all interested and want to know more, please contact the pastors or the Broadcast Committee Chair, Andrew Weber at dogpoint@live.ca

ST. MATTHEWS

Advent Social

NOVEMBER 27TH

12:00 PM - 3:00 PM

TURKEY LUNCHEON \$20

COMMUNITY HALL

Join us for a festive social time with food, song and friends.
Holy Communion at 2:30 pm. Friends are welcome!

RSVP: By November 19th
519.742.0462 or info@stmattskw.com

Church Breakfast Group - We meet next on Tuesday, November 19 at 9 am, at Kypreos Restaurant, 305 Lancaster St. W. Kitchener. Attendees will order from the menu and pay for their own meals. Everyone is welcome. It's time to learn more about what is happening at St. Matthew's Church. Kim and Tim Schaner will speak to us about the innovative ways the St. Matthew's congregation is keeping their building sustainable and more effectively used by the community. Looking ahead, the date of our December breakfast is Tuesday, December 17, one week before Christmas! Anticipating that Kypreos Restaurant will be busy with other groups celebrating the holiday season, it is very likely that we will not have the room to ourselves and the servers and kitchen staff will be even busier. That makes it less conducive to having a guest speaker. Therefore our format that day will be mostly a social time with a bit of sharing of Christmas trivia and traditions. Spoiler alert -the name of a certain prominent German reformer may come up!



Advent Carol Service

Declaring Peace

featuring Robert Schumann's
Adventlied Op. 71

December 1, 2024 at 7 pm
Freewill Offering

St. Matthews Lutheran Church
54 Benton Street, Kitchener
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Space for your notes on today's service, for your personal reflection.



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RELÈVEN

GIVING RISE TO COMMUNITY

RETMDISCOVER

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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