

PENTECOST

A TIME TO GROW

St. Matthews Lutheran Church

WHERE COMMUNITY GATHERS AND GROWS

November 10, 2024

Intergenerational Service / Pentecost 25

Sunday, November 10, 2024

(* indicates the assembly stands)

Gathering

Prelude	<i>"Larghetto & Alla breve"</i>	J. Quantz
Words of Welcome & Service Announcements		
*Confession and Forgiveness (see page 4)		
*Hymn 434		<i>"Jesus Shall Reign"</i>
*Greeting		
*Prayer of the Day		
Anthem	<i>"Alleluia"</i>	W. Boyce
Children's Message		

Word

First Reading		1 Kings 17:8-16
Psalms 146 (see page 5)		<i>(sung responsively)</i>
Second Reading		Hebrews 9:24-28
*Gospel Acclamation	<i>"Alleluia!"</i>	p. 124
*Gospel Reading		Mark 12:38-44
Sermon		
*Hymn of the Day 685		<i>"Take My Life That I May Be"</i>
*Apostles' Creed		p. 127
*Prayers of Intercession		A: receive our prayer.
*Peace		

Meal

*Offering Hymn 686		<i>"We Give Thee But Thine Own"</i>
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*Offering Prayer		
*Great Thanksgiving		p. 129
*Holy, Holy, Holy		p. 130
*Thanksgiving at the Table I		p. 130
*Lord's Prayer (<i>Our Father in heaven...</i>)		p. 134
Lamb of God		p. 135
Special Music	<i>"Affettuoso"</i>	J. Quantz
Communion Hymn 589		<i>"All Depends on Our Possessing"</i>
Table Blessing		
Prayer after Communion		
Sending		
General Announcements		
*Blessing		
*Hymn		<i>"Salam Alaykum"</i>
*Dismissal		A: Thanks be to God.
Postlude	<i>"Vivace"</i>	J. Quantz

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Widows are visible everywhere in today's readings. Jesus denounces those scribes who pray impressive prayers but devour widows' houses. He commends the poor widow who in his view gave far more than the major donors. Jesus doesn't see her simply as an object of compassion or charity. She, like the widow of Zarephath who shares her last bit of food with Elijah, does something of great importance.

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the

Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy,

**we confess that sin has taken hold of us
and we are complicit in its power.**

We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest.

Unbind us and set us free.

**Lead us again to the waters of rebirth,
that we may live just and generous lives
for the good of your world
and the care of our neighbors,
following in the servant way of Jesus.**

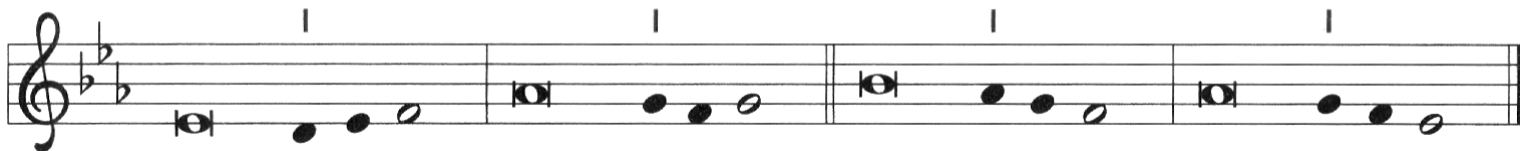
Amen.

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.

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.

Psalm 146

Tone 16



¹Hal- | lelujah!
Praise the LORD, | O my soul!

²I will praise the LORD as long | as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I | have my being.

³Put not your | trust in rulers,
in mortals in whom there | is no help.

⁴When they breathe their last, they re- | turn to earth,
and in that day | their thoughts perish.

⁵Happy are they who have the God of Jacob | for their help,
whose hope is in the | LORD their God;

⁶who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that | is in them;
who keeps promis- | es forever;

⁷who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to | those who hunger.
The LORD sets the | captive free.

⁸The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who | are bowed down;
the LORD | loves the righteous.

⁹The LORD cares | for the stranger;
the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way | of the wicked.

¹⁰The LORD shall | reign forever,
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. | Hallelujah!

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

Baroque Flute: Rebecca Chapeskie, Pauline Finch

Communion Server: Jeanette Harrop

Broadcast: Andrew Weber

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

Worship Notes

In our prayers Anneke, 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

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.

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!

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



Advent Carol Service

Declaring Peace

featuring Robert Schumann's
Adventlied Op. 71

December 1, 2024 at 7 pm
Freewill Offering

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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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