

EASTER

JESUS IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!

St. Matthews Church

WHERE COMMUNITY GATHERS AND GROWS

April 21, 2024

Easter 4

Sunday, April 21, 2024

(* indicates the assembly stands)

Gathering

Prelude "Voluntary No. 2 in G major" W. Walond

Words of Welcome & Service Announcements

*Thanksgiving for Baptism

P: Look, here is water!

A: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

*Hymn 502

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

*Greeting

*Glory to God

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*Prayer of the Day

Anthem

"Let the Trumpet Sound"

N. Sleeth

Word

First Reading

Acts 4:5-12

Psalm Hymn 780

"Shepherd Me, O God"

Second Reading

1 John 3:16-24

*Gospel Acclamation

"Alleluia"

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*Gospel Reading

John 10:11-18

Sermon

Conversation Question: What do you think about this sentence: "Jesus is my good shepherd"?

*Hymn of the Day 764

"Have No Fear, Little Flock"

*Nicene Creed

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Solo

"Frühlingsglaube"

F. Schubert

*Prayers of Intercession

A: hear our prayer.

*Peace

Thanksgiving

*Hymn of Thanksgiving 845 v. 1-3

“Voices Raised to You”

*Thanksgiving for the Word

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

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Sending

General Announcements

*Blessing

*Hymn 385

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!”

*Dismissal

A: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

“Majestic Voluntary”

D. Johnson

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The image of the good shepherd shows us how the risen Christ brings us to life. It is the relationship between the shepherd and the sheep, one of mutual knowledge and love, that gives the shepherd authority. The shepherd’s willingness to lay down his life for the sheep shows his love. First John illustrates what it means to lay down our lives for one another by the example of sharing our wealth with any sibling in need.

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.

Leading Worship Today

Minister: Rev. Sebastian Meadows-Helmer

Diaconal Minister of Music: Deacon Scott Knarr

Lector: Ivan George

Choral Scholars: Nicole Hamilton, Hannah Swiderski, Dylan Siebert

Vocal solo: Nicole Hamilton

Broadcast: Gary Pootz

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

Worship Notes

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

Frühlingsglaube/ Faith In Spring

Balmy breezes are awakened;
they stir and whisper day and night,
everywhere creative.

O fresh scents, O new sounds!

Now, poor heart, do not be afraid.

Now all must change.

The world grows fairer each day;
we cannot know what is still to come;
the flowering knows no end.

The deepest, most distant valley is in flower.

Now, poor heart, forget your torment.

Now all must change.

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General Announcements

Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, April 28 following the 9.30 am service, in the Sanctuary. Copies of the 2023 Annual Report are available in the Narthex. All members are encouraged to attend!

New Name: Community Hall!

At its April meeting, the Board decided to call the new Sanctuary Lower Level Space “Community Hall”. For the past few months, the space has been called by a variety of names, and we needed some clarity moving forward, not only for our own members, but also for outside space users.

-“**Community**” refers to our tagline “where community gathers and grows”, in that we are striving to create space for both our current needs, as well as the needs of others through the community hub “The St. Matthews Centre”. This new space exemplifies our vision for community into the future.

-“**Hall**” is defined as "a large room where meetings and events are held"

Congregational Photo Directory Sessions: Professional photos will be taken (at no cost to you) in the Chapel on the following dates:

Wednesday April 24: 2.30-8.30 pm

Thursday April 25: 2.30-8.30 pm

Friday April 26: 11.30 am-5.30 pm

Saturday, April 27: 9.30 am-3 pm

There is no obligation to purchase any prints, and everyone who participates gets a free directory. This is your chance to get that professional portrait, and it happens right here at the church! Young and old, singles, couples and families... Whether you're in worship every week or once in a while...How many of you have talked about going to a photographer but it never quite comes together? Well, here is your chance! Spots are filling up very fast! Sign-up can be done online (via our website <https://stmattskw.com/about-us/news/church-directory-registration/>), in-person on Sunday mornings, or call or email the office.

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.
- **Community Hall 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. at the hallway.

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