

PENTECOST

A TIME TO GROW

St. Matthews Lutheran Church

WHERE COMMUNITY GATHERS AND GROWS

June 16, 2024

Father's Day / Pentecost 4

Sunday, June 16, 2024

(* indicates the assembly stands)

Gathering

Prelude

Words of Welcome & Service Announcements

*Hymn 449

"We Know that Christ is Raised"

*Greeting

*Prayer of the Day

Solo

"Be Still My Soul"

J. Sibelius

Children's Message

Word

First Reading

Ezekiel 17:22-24

Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15 (see page 4)

(congregation sings refrain)

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 5:6-10

*Gospel Acclamation

"Alleluia!"

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*Gospel Reading

Mark 4:26-34

Sermon

*Hymn of the Day 508

"As Rain from the Clouds"

Installation of the Board of Directors

Blessing of the Synod Delegates

Apostles' Creed

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Healing

Introduction

Prayers of Intercession

A: hear us, O God.

Laying on of Hands

Hymns during Laying on of hands 219, 614

*Blessing

*Peace

Thanksgiving

*Canticle of Thanksgiving p. 219

*Thanksgiving for the Word

*Lord's Prayer (*Our Father, who art in heaven...*) p. 221

Sending

General Announcements

*Blessing

*Hymn 547 *"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"*

*Dismissal **A: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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The mustard seed becomes a great shrub that shelters the birds, recalling ancient images of the tree of life. We'd expect a cedar or a sequoia, but Jesus finds the power of God better imaged in a tiny, no-account seed. It's not the way we expect divine activity to look. Yet the tree of life is here, in the cross around which we gather, the tree into which we are grafted through baptism, the true vine that nourishes us with its fruit in the cup we share. It may not appear all that impressive, but while nobody's looking it grows with a power beyond our understanding.

Leading Worship Today

Minister: Rev. Sebastian Meadows-Helmer

Guest Musician: Bob Loeb sack

Lector: Rev. Dr. Allen Jorgenson

Soloist: Lana Moses

Broadcast: Andrew Weber

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

Worship Notes

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

Rite of Healing/ Anointing/ Laying on of Hands

During today's worship service, an option will be offered for the congregation to participate in a rite of healing and anointing.

"The order for healing is an expression in worship of the church's ministry of healing. Here all who would sense the need for God's healing in any aspect of their lives may join in prayer for others and themselves. Here each person may come to receive a word of blessing and prayer. Here each one may also receive a physical gesture of healing; the laying on of hands, which may be accompanied by anointing with oil. These signs, first given to us in baptism, tell us again that we are sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked forever with the cross of Christ, who is health and salvation for the whole world." –excerpt from Evangelical Lutheran Worship p. 276.

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.

General Announcements

2024 Synod Assembly Pre-meetings:

All interested members are invited to attend one of two informational meetings prior to this year's Synod Assembly. Meet the delegates, hear a little about the nominees for Bishop, and other information to be discussed during convention (June 20-22).

In-person: During Coffee Hour today!

Online (via Zoom): Wednesday June 19th at 1.30 p.m.

(See link in last week's e-newsletter or:)

Meeting ID: 869 475 0208

Passcode: 857390

Do you want a visit or to talk to the pastors? Let us know and we'll gladly set up a date and time! We can meet at any location, in-person, by phone or via Zoom! Pastors Car-ey and Sebastian

Deacon Scott Away. Deacon Scott will be away June 10 -17, preparing for and leading worship at the joint national conference of Anglican Deacons Canada and the ELCIC Diaconal Community which takes place at the Sorrento Centre in British Columbia June 13-16, 2024. He will also be attending the Synod Assembly June 20-22. Bob Loeb sack will be filling in musically on Sunday, June 16.

Congregational Photo Directory Update: Prints ordered at the April photo shoot are starting to be delivered. If you haven't received your order by July, please contact IPC as outlined in your receipt. The directory is in the final stages of editing and should be made available sometime in the summer.

St. Peter's Breakfast Group: One more get together before we break for the summer - we meet next on Tuesday, June 18 at 9:00 a.m. at Kypreos Restaurant. Attendees will order from the menu and pay for their own meals. Our speaker on June 18 will be from Hospice Waterloo. Come and learn more about what hospice palliative care en-

tails and how it supports someone who is at end of life and their loved ones. Please RSVP to the June event by contacting Gary Schlueter, Willi Bauer or Sue Parker.

Special Congregational Meeting - Cancelled

The Board of Directors have rescinded the Motion to have a Special Congregational Meeting on June 23rd, 2024 regarding the Property Redevelopment Proposal.

There was a great deal of information presented to you and although there were a good number of members who stayed for the Town Hall meeting on June 2nd, it's apparent that many of our members were not able to hear the information online.

There were good questions asked and answered, but The Property Redevelopment Task Force and The Board recognized there is more information needed to provide more details.

Kindred Works is on board with this delay and will be engaged and working closely with Property Redevelopment and the Board of Directors to develop a good Communication Strategy that will be far-reaching to our members and allow for more time to address questions.

The Board of Directors thank you for your understanding on this change of plans.

The Property Redevelopment Task Force encourages you to continue bringing your questions forward. The PRTF will have an information table set up during coffee hour on June 16 and 23rd or you can reach out to Tim Schaner by email: taschaner@rogers.com.

Submitted by Kim Schaner

President of The Board of Directors

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.

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