



St. Matthews Lutheran Church

WHERE COMMUNITY GATHERS AND GROWS

August 18, 2024

Seven Sacred Teachings: Wisdom / 13th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, August 18, 2024

(* indicates the assembly stands)

Gathering

Hymn Sing

Words of Welcome & Service Announcements

*Hymn 689

"Praise and Thanksgiving"

*Greeting

*Prayer of the Day

*Song (see page 4)

"Seven Sacred Teachings"

Special Music

Word

First Reading

Proverbs 9:1-6

Psalms 34:9-14 (see page 4)

(read responsively)

Second Reading

Ephesians 5:15-20

*Gospel Acclamation

"Alleluia!"

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*Gospel Reading

John 6:51-58

Sermon

*Hymn of the Day 971 (see page 5)

"Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom"

*Prayers of the People (see page 6)

*Peace

Thanksgiving

*Hymn of Thanksgiving

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*Thanksgiving for the Word

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

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Sending

General Announcements

*Blessing

*Hymn 543

“Go My Children With My Blessing”

*Dismissal

A: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Wisdom prepares a feast, sets her table, and invites all to come and eat her bread and drink her wine. The first chapter of John’s gospel owes much to the biblical tradition that imagined Wisdom as existing before anything was created and having a role in the work of creation. Christ, the wisdom of God (1 Cor. 1:24), today invites us to eat his flesh and drink his blood. John’s gospel includes no account of the institution of the Lord’s supper, but here we can't help hearing Jesus’ words as an invitation to the meal of bread and wine we share.

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.

Seven Sacred Teachings



Cre - a - tor gives us sa - cred_ teach - ings:



1. Wis - dom a - lights from the east to keep us whole.
2. Love warms us all from the south to keep us whole.
3. Re - spect shines forth from the west to keep us whole.
4. Bra - ve - ry blows from the north to keep us whole.
5. Ho - ne - sty falls from a - bove to keep us whole.
6. Hu - mi - li - ty, from be - low to keep us whole.
7. Truth guides us all from with - in to keep us whole.

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Psalm 34

⁹Fear the LORD, you saints¹ of the LORD,
for those who fear the¹ LORD lack nothing.

¹⁰The lions are in want and¹ suffer hunger,
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing¹ that is good.

¹¹Come, children, and lis-¹ten to me;
I will teach you reverence¹ for the LORD.

¹²Who among you takes plea-¹sure in life
and desires long life to en-¹joy prosperity?

¹³Keep your¹ tongue from evil
and your lips from¹ lying words.

¹⁴Turn from evil¹ and do good;
seek peace¹ and pursue it.

Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom



1 Come and seek the ways of Wis-dom, she who danced when
2 Lis - ten to the voice of Wis-dom, cry - ing in the
3 Sis - ter Wis - dom, come, as - sist us; nur - ture all who



earth was new. Fol - low close - ly what she teach - es,
mar - ket - place. Hear the Word made flesh a - mong us,
seek re - birth. Spir - it - guide and close com - pan - ion,



for her words are right and true. Wis - dom clears the
full of glo - ry, truth, and grace. When the word takes
bring to light our sa - cred worth. Free us to be -



path to jus - tice, show - ing us what love must do.
root and rip - ens, peace and righ - teous - ness em - brace.
come your peo - ple, ho - ly friends of God and earth.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: MADELEINE, Donna Kasbohm, b. 1933

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Prayers of the People

Guiding God, grant us the wisdom to be people who balance the needs of the future with the needs of the present and to choose the right path even when it is the more difficult one. All knowing God,

Teach us to be wise like the beaver.

Guiding God, help us to not be so blinded by our own understandings that we discount that which others believe to be true. May we have open ears and hearts to listen to others and clear minds to discern what is true. All knowing God,

Teach us to be wise like the beaver.

Guiding God, remind us to look to You, creation, and our elders for wisdom and not to depend solely on our own knowledge. Encourage us to share our wisdom with each other so that we may all learn from one another's experiences and grow together for the collective good. All knowing God,

Teach us to be wise like the beaver.

Guiding God, remind us of the importance of learning and help us to make it possible for there to be an equal access to education across the globe. Listening God,

Teach us to be wise like the beaver.

Guiding God, we pray for those in school, working to gain the knowledge they need to pursue their career goals. Please watch over any students struggling to be successful and help them to find where their skills and abilities are needed. Listening God,

Teach us to be wise like the beaver.

Guiding God, in the confusing times of misinformation and fake news, grant us the wisdom to be able to discern what is real and what is fabricated and to not let those with mal intent manipulate and divide us. God of knowledge,

Teach us to be wise like the beaver.

Guiding God, put it on our hearts to make good, well-informed choices, to do the work educating ourselves. With this, remind us to also pray continually and to turn to You and Your word to help and guide us in our decision making. God of knowledge,

Teach us to be wise like the beaver.

Guiding God, help us to discern Your word and Your wisdom for us to guide us in the work we do in your world. God of knowledge,

Teach us to be wise like the beaver.

Guiding God, you visit us in the person of the Holy Spirit, who breathes wisdom upon us. Grace us so that our faith, speech, and knowledge are guided by a concern for justice for all. Open our eyes, ears, and hearts so that our actions serve the flourishing of all creation. Embolden us to live with less so that more might live with enough. This we pray through Jesus our guide.

Amen



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About the Seven Sacred Teachings

We seek to walk in a good way with our Indigenous neighbours. One thing we can do as faith communities is learn about Indigenous spiritual practices and honour them. Canada's Truth and Reconciliation Commission Call to Action # 60 asks us to do this work, individually and together.

“The teachings in Ojibwe (Anishinaabe) cultures have been traditionally passed down from generation to generation orally through stories and ceremonies. Historically, this was done by the elders who carry the stories and traditions. Today the oral traditions are being shared by those who carry the knowledge of such things. The teachings of all Indigenous cultures encompass the morals, values, structures, ceremonial practices, and spiritual beliefs of the group. These teachings also ensured the survival of the people. The teachings vary from nation to nation, because of the geographical placement of each particular group. However, the sacred teachings commonly come from the same root and share a similar message.”

Of all the North American Indigenous teachings, the Seven Sacred Teachings, also known as Seven Grandfather or Seven Grandmother Teachings, are the most commonly shared from coast to coast. Many Indigenous organizations and communities have adopted the seven guiding principles, in one form or another, as a moral stepping stone and cultural foundation. Each community has adapted the teachings to suit their community values. Despite where the teachings may have originated, they share the same concepts of abiding by a moral respect for all living things.

About the third teaching: Wisdom (Beaver)

The beaver represents wisdom because it uses its natural gift wisely for survival. The beaver also alters its environment in an environmentally friendly and sustainable way for the benefit of his family.

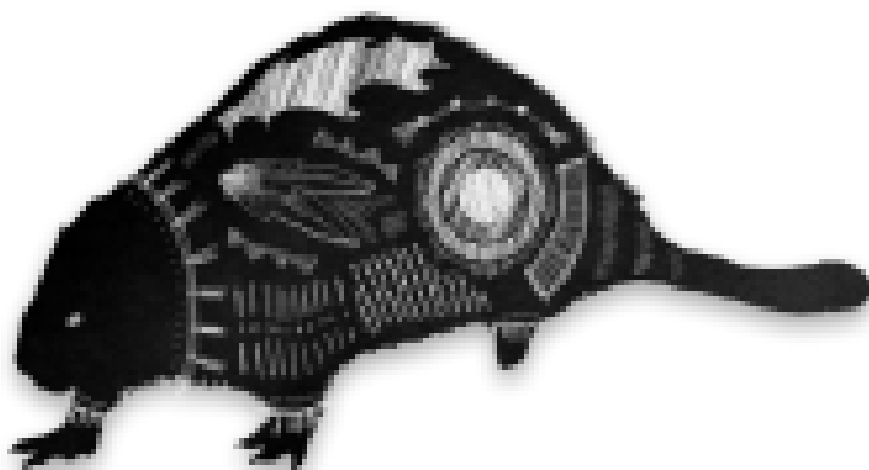
To cherish knowledge is to know wisdom. Use your inherent gifts wisely and live your life by them. Recognize your differences and those of others in a kind and respectful way.

Continuously observe the life of all things around you.

Listen with clarity and a sound mind.

Respect your own limitations and those of all of your surroundings.

Allow yourself to learn and live by your wisdom.



All Resources from the Eastern Synod Circle for Reconciliation and Justice <https://easternsynod.org/circle-for-reconciliation-and-justice/>

Leading Worship Today

Guest Minister: Rev'd Dr. Allen Jorgenson

Diaconal Minister of Music: Deacon Scott Knarr

Lector: Lana Moses

Broadcast: Andrew Weber

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

Worship Notes

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

We thank the Rev'd Dr. Allen Jorgenson for leading worship this morning and sharing the Gospel.

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.
- **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

Holidays and Coverage: Pastors Carey and Sebastian will be on holidays during August. Below you find the worship leaders and on-call pastors.

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August 25 Rev'd Dr. Allen Jorgenson

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August 6 - 19 Rev'd Laura Sauder 519-703-0643

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