

# PENTECOST

A TIME TO GROW

**St. Matthews Lutheran Church**

WHERE COMMUNITY GATHERS AND GROWS

August 25, 2024

# 14th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, August 25, 2024

(\* indicates the assembly stands)

## Gathering

Hymn Sing

Words of Welcome & Service Announcements

\*Hymn 853

*"When Morning Gilds the Skies"*

\*Greeting

\*Prayer of the Day

## Word

First Reading

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

Psalms 34:15-22 (see page 4)

*(read responsively)*

Second Reading

Ephesians 6:10-20

\*Gospel Acclamation

*"Alleluia!"*

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\*Gospel Reading

John 6:56-69

Sermon

\*Hymn of the Day 469

*"By Your Hand You Feed Your People"*

\*Prayers

**A: Receive our prayer.**

\*Peace

## Meal

\*Offering Hymn 690

*"We Raise Our Hands to You, O Lord"*

\*Offering Prayer

\*Great Thanksgiving

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\*Holy, Holy, Holy

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\*Thanksgiving at the Table

*Lord's Prayer ( <i>Our Father, in heaven...</i> )	p. 208
Lamb of God	p. 208
Communion Hymn 472	<i>"Eat this Bread"</i>
Table Blessing	
Prayer after Communion	
<b>Sending</b>	
General Announcements	
*Hymn 638	<i>"Blessed Assurance"</i>
*Dismissal	<b>A: Thanks be to God.</b>
Postlude	

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**In today's gospel many people take offense at Jesus' invitation** to eat his flesh and drink his blood; even many of Jesus' disciples peel off. This is the backdrop in John's gospel for Peter's confession of faith. "To whom can we go?" asks Peter, in words we sometimes sing just before the gospel is read. "You have the words of eternal life." In order to take such a stand, as Peter and Joshua did, Paul tells us to arm ourselves with the word of God. We pray in the Spirit that we might be bold ambassadors of the gospel.

**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 34

<sup>15</sup>The eyes of the LORD are up- | on the righteous,  
and God's ears are open | to their cry.

<sup>16</sup>**The face of the LORD is against those | who do evil,  
to erase the remembrance of them | from the earth.**

<sup>17</sup>The righteous cry, and | the LORD hears them  
and delivers them from | all their troubles.

<sup>18</sup>**The LORD is near to the | brokenhearted  
and saves those whose spir- | its are crushed.**

<sup>19</sup>Many are the troubles | of the righteous,  
but the LORD delivers them from | every one.

<sup>20</sup>**God will keep safe | all their bones;  
not one of them | shall be broken.**

<sup>21</sup>Evil will bring death | to the wicked  
and those who hate the righteous | will be punished.

<sup>22</sup>**O LORD, you redeem the life | of your servants,**

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## Leading Worship Today

**Guest Minister :** Rev'd Dr. Allen Jorgenson

**Diaconal Minister of Music:** Deacon Scott Knarr

**Communion Servers:** Jeanette Harrop & Lynda Karn

**Broadcast:** Jason Smolak

**Building Monitor:** Dennis Diebolt (519-571-4525)

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## 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.

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