

PENTECOST

A TIME TO GROW

St. Matthews Lutheran Church

WHERE COMMUNITY GATHERS AND GROWS

September 22, 2024

Pentecost 18
Sunday, September 22, 2024
(indicates the assembly stands)*

Gathering

Prelude	<i>“Récit de tierce en taille”</i>	G. Leclerc
Words of Welcome & Service Announcements		
*Hymn 522		<i>“As We Gather at Your Table”</i>
*Greeting		
*Canticle of Praise		p. 122
*Prayer of the Day		
Anthem	<i>“O Taste and See”</i>	D. Wagner

Word

First Reading		Jeremiah 11:18-20
Psalm 54 (see page 4)		<i>(sung responsively)</i>
Second Reading		James 3:13-4; 7-8a
*Gospel Acclamation	<i>“Alleluia!”</i>	p. 124
*Gospel Reading		Mark 9:30-37
Sermon		
*Hymn of the Day 595		<i>“Jesus Loves Me”</i>
*Apostles' Creed		p. 127
*Prayers of Intercession		A: Your mercy is great.
*Peace		

Meal

*Offering Hymn 397		<i>“Loving Spirit”</i>
*Offering Prayer		

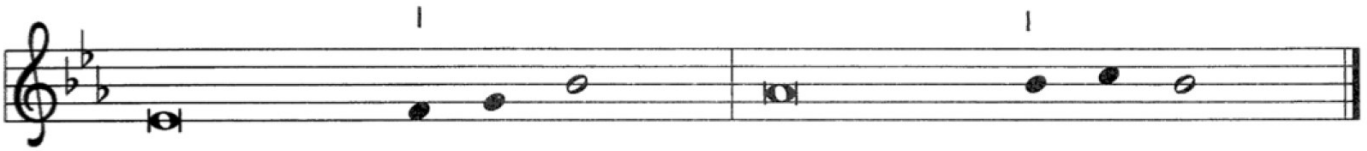
*Great Thanksgiving	p. 129
*Holy, Holy, Holy	p. 130
*Thanksgiving at the Table I	p. 130
*Lord's Prayer (<i>Our Father, who art in heaven...</i>)	p. 134
Lamb of God	p. 135
Communion Hymn 815	<i>"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"</i>
Table Blessing	
Prayer after Communion	
Sending	
General Announcements	
*Blessing	
*Hymn 843	<i>"Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"</i>
*Dismissal	A: Thanks be to God.
Postlude	<i>"Pasticcio"</i> J. Langlais

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Today we hear James warn against selfish ambition, while the disciples quarrel over which one of them is the greatest. Jesus tells them the way to be great is to serve. Then, to make it concrete, he puts in front of them a flesh-and-blood child. We are called to welcome the children God puts in front of us, to make room for them in daily interaction, and to give them a place of honor in the assembly.

Psalm 54

Tone 4



1 Save me, O God, | by your name;
in your might, de- | fend my cause.

**2 Hear my | prayer, O God;
give ear to the words | of my mouth.**

3 For strangers have risen up against me, and the ruthless have | sought my life,
those who have no re- | gard for God.

**4 Behold, God | is my helper;
it is the Lord who sus- | tains my life.**

5 Render evil to those who | spy on me;
in your faithful- | ness, destroy them.

**6 I will offer you a | freewill sacrifice
and praise your name, O LORD, for | it is good.**

7 For you have rescued me from | every trouble,
and my eye looks down | on my enemies.

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.

Leading Worship Today

Minister: Rev. Sebastian Meadows-Helmer

Assisting Minister: Linda McLellan

Diaconal Minister of Music: Deacon Scott Knarr

Communion Server: Rev. Dr. Allen Jorgenson

Choral Scholars: Nicole Hamilton, Hannah Swiderski, Sarah Hu-A-Kam, Dylan Siebert

Broadcast: Gary Pootz

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

Worship Notes

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

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.

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

Coffee Hour location change: This morning's Coffee Hour will be set up in the Narthex. Please stop by and enjoy some refreshments.

Special Congregational Bylaw Meetings: Following today's service, and October 27, we will be having special congregational meetings to approve the revised Articles of Amendment and Bylaws 1 and 2, to comply with the new Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporations Act. All voting members are encouraged to attend!

Property Redevelopment Task Force Announcement: Over the summer the PRTF has been continuing to gather more information and are looking forward to passing this on to our members. The next Town Hall meeting is scheduled for Oct 20th in the Sanctuary following the Worship Service. The information package from July 7th will be updated with this information and will be available in the Narthex by no later than Sunday Oct 13th. This will give you the opportunity to refresh and review the new information in time for the Town Hall. Please stay tuned for the date on which there will be the congregational vote for the proposed housing project. The notification will go out based on our bylaws.

Bishop's Ordination: The Rev. Carla Blakley will be ordained as our next Synodical Bishop on Saturday, September 28th at 2 p.m. here at St. Matthews. Come early to get a good seat!



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Fall Socials

W E D N E S D A Y S

1 P M - 3 P M

S E P T E M B E R 2 5

O C T O B E R 3 0

N O V E M B E R 2 7

I N T H E C O M M U N I T Y H A L L

Food, Conversation, Communion

Friends are welcome!

ENTRY: GROUND LEVEL DOOR OFF PARKING LOT

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The Faculty of Music at Wilfrid Laurier University
Martin Luther University College
The St. Matthews Centre present

Sing Fires of Justice 2024

Music is Medicine



Water is Life

Artist: Ashley Carusse



featuring Music for the Spirit
Six Nations of the Grand River

October 5, 2024 Workshops & Lunch 10am-3pm
Wampum Belts, Song Writing, Beading, Drum Making
Speaker: Ken Maracle (Haohyoh) (Cayuga Nation)



October 6, 2024 Song, Art and Story 2-4pm
Speaker: The Venerable Rosalyn Kantlaht'ant Elm (Oneida Nation)

Contact: Scott Knarr
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The St. Matthews Centre
54 Benton Street, Kitchener

Sing Fires of Justice sign up link for workshops Oct 5: <https://bit.ly/3XhMASR>

Sing Fires of Justice Public Gathering October 6 at 2pm Freewill Offering



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