

# PENTECOST

A TIME TO GROW

**St. Matthews Lutheran Church**

WHERE COMMUNITY GATHERS AND GROWS

September 29, 2024

# Truth and Reconciliation Sunday / Pentecost 19

Sunday, September 29, 2024

(\* indicates the assembly stands)

## Gathering

Prelude	<i>"Folk Tune"</i>	P. Whitlock
Words of Welcome & Service Announcements		
*Gathering Hymn 806		<i>"O God, My Faithful God"</i>
*Greeting		
*Prayer of the Day		
Anthem	<i>"Like as the Hart"</i>	V. Novello

## Word

Reading		James 5:13-20
*Gospel Acclamation	<i>"Alleluia!"</i>	p. 124
*Gospel Reading		Mark 9:38-50
Sermon		
*Hymn of the Day (see page 4)		<i>"You Are Salt of the Earth"</i>
*Prayers of Intercession		<b>A: Your mercy is great.</b>
*Peace		

## Meal

*Offering Hymn 691	<i>"Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring"</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. 130

Lamb of God

p. 134

Communion Hymn 790

“Day by Day”

Table Blessing

Prayer after Communion

**Sending**

General Announcements

\*Blessing

\*Hymn 729

“The Church of Christ, in Every Age”

\*Dismissal

**A: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

“Toccata in Seven”

J. Rutter

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**Someone who isn't part of Jesus' own circle is casting out demons in Jesus' name.** The disciples appeal to Jesus to make him stop, but Jesus refuses to see this as a threat. Jesus welcomes good being done in his name, even when it is not under his control. The circle we form around Jesus' word must be able to value good being done in ways we wouldn't do it, by people we can't control. Reconciliation happens through prayer, songs of praise, and confession of ways that we have fallen short of showing God's love to our neighbour. Though truth-telling is challenging, it can be life-giving for the speaker and for the hearer as we seek justice and authentic relationship.

**Orange Shirt Day**  
National Day for  
Truth and Reconciliation  
September 30



# "You Are Salt of the Earth"

Verses

*Cantor:*



1. You are salt for the earth, O peo - ple:
2. You are a light on the hill, O peo - ple:
3. You are a seed of the Word, O peo - ple:
4. We are a blest and a pil - grim peo - ple:

*All:*

*Cantor:*



Salt for the King - dom of God! Share the fla - vor of  
Light for the Cit - y of God! Shine so ho - ly and  
Bring forth the King - dom of God! Seeds of mer - cy and  
Bound for the King - dom of God! Love our jour - ney and

*All:*



life, O peo - ple: Life in the King - dom of God!  
bright, O peo - ple: Shine for the King - dom of God!  
seeds of jus - tice, Grow in the King - dom of God!  
love our home - land: Love is the King - dom of God!

Refrain



Bring forth the King - dom of mer - cy, Bring forth the



King - dom of peace; Bring forth the King - dom of jus - tice,



Bring forth the Cit - y of God!

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## Leading Worship Today

**Presiding Minister:** Rev. Sebastian Meadows-Helmer

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

**Assisting Minister:** Scott Kuschnereit

**Communion Server:** Linda McLellan

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

**Broadcast:** Andrew Weber

**Building Monitor:** Ron Roeder (519-895-6833)

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## 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**

**Special Congregational Bylaw Meeting:** On Sunday October 27 following the worship service, we will be having a second special congregational meeting 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 congregation vote for the proposed housing project. The notification will go out based on our bylaws.

### **Halo Canada Project**

What's St. Matthews' social impact to our Community? That's a big question and not one that is often asked.

The HALO Canada Project does ask this question and can provide a dollar figure. On average, Churches generate \$3.39 worth of social benefit for every dollar they spend. **WOW!**

Faith communities remain a critical part of Canada's social infrastructure. Examples of this are, offering space and programs that help decrease social isolation, address food security, integrate new Canadians, and support individuals dealing with substance abuse. There are also counselling programs, and direct services to children, youth, families, and seniors. These activities have real, measurable, economic impacts that benefit all Canadians – not just those who go to Church. Churches contribute more than \$18 billion worth of social impact to Canadian society through outward facing community programs.

Mike Wood Daly is the Founder and Research Director of the Halo Canada Project. Halo Canada has completed studies of more than 100 congregations Canada-wide, to help religious communities reimagine their relationship with Canadian society through the lens of social benefit.

Halo looks at 6 categories of impact to better articulate the social value and understand their relationship with their neighbourhoods.

St. Matthews has engaged Mike Wood Daly to complete an Impact Study for our Church to better understand: Annual Budgeting, Program Design, Building Community Partnerships, Attracting Volunteers, Fundraising and Capital Campaigns and Strategic Planning and Advocacy. In other words, with this information, our congregation, will see firsthand our social benefit for every dollar we spend, determine gaps and overlaps in our programming and community supports, attract support from our community and build new partnerships.

Once the study is complete, this information will be shared with our members, and will serve as a guide to help us work to create our goals and strategies for our future mission and sustainability.

Please reach out to me if you have any questions.

Submitted by Kim Schaner

Board of Directors – President.



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 Catrysse

**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

## Canadian Council of Churches 80th Anniversary Fund-Raising Campaign

P. Kuhnert 28.08.24

The Canadian Council of Churches was formed in 1944. Today, it comprises 26 religious bodies across Canada including Roman Catholic, Protestant, Anglican, Orthodox and free Church traditions. Together, over 13,500 worshipping communities are represented by the Canadian Council of Churches or 85% of Christians in Canada. It is the largest and oldest ecumenical organization in Canada. The mission of the Canadian Council of Churches is to respond to Christ's call for unity and peace, seek Christ's truth with affection for diversity, and act in love through prayer, dialogue, and witness



to the gospel.

The Canadian Council of Churches lives out this mission by engaging in critical dialogues, advocating for more inclusive social policies, and nurturing faith communities committed to justice and peace. It is also involved internationally through relationships with organizations like the National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA and with the World Council of Churches based in Geneva, Switzerland (the WCC shares space with the Lutheran World Federation and a variety of other faith-based NGOs). Some of the critical dialogues in which the CCC participates include: poverty reduction, ending sexual exploitation and human trafficking, inter-faith dialogue (including 50 years of Jewish/Christian and Muslim/Christian dialogues), working to end racism, working to promote right relationships with Canada's First Nations, thinking about how human gene editing and artificial intelligence will change our humanity, and advocating for peace and disarmament through the agency of Project Ploughshares.

As part of the celebration of the 80th anniversary of the Canadian Council of Churches, the CCC has launched a fund-raising campaign with the goal to raise \$650,000 over the next year. The goals of this fund-raising include increasing the impact of the work of the CCC over the next three years, engaging with 500+ young Canadian Christians and mentoring them to engage more deeply in the ecumenical advocacy work of the CCC, and building active engagement with over 1,000 worshipping communities across Canada. I believe that we have a number of individuals and families in our local Tri-City communities who would be delighted to support Canadian ecumenism by making a financial donation in celebration of the 80th anniversary of the Canadian Council of Churches.

For more information on the 80th anniversary celebration and fund-raising campaign of the Canadian Council of Churches or to discuss how you might contribute to strengthening ecumenism across Canada, please contact Rev. Peter Kuhnert at [peterkuhnertcan@aol.com](mailto:peterkuhnertcan@aol.com) or 519.575.6221.

**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.

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EVERY WEDNESDAY NOON - 1 PM

TAKE A  
*breath*

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## SUNDAY KIDS PROGRAMMING

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OCTOBER 6 AND 27  
NOVEMBER 10 AND 24  
DECEMBER 1 AND 8  
DECEMBER 13  
CHRISTMAS PROGRAMME

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