

PENTECOST

A TIME TO GROW

St. Matthews Lutheran Church

WHERE COMMUNITY GATHERS AND GROWS

November 17, 2024

Pentecost 26
Sunday, November 17, 2024
(indicates the assembly stands)*

Gathering

Prelude *"I've Got Peace Like a River"* T. Waldrop

Words of Welcome & Service Announcements

*Hymn 327 *"Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow"*

*Greeting

*Prayer of the Day

Anthem *"I Choose Love"* M. Miller

Word

Reading Daniel 12:1-12

*Gospel Acclamation *"Alleluia. Lord, to Whom Shall We Go?"* p. 216

*Gospel Reading Mark 13:1-8

Sermon

*Hymn of the Day 624 *"Jesus, Still Lead On"*

Healing

Introduction

Prayers of Intercession **A: hear us, O God.**

Laying on of Hands

Hymns during Laying on of Hands 219, 612

*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 723

"Canticle of the Turning"

*Dismissal

A: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

"Rise Up, O Saints of God"

S. Bingham

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November begins with All Saints Day and ends in or near Advent, when we anticipate Christ's coming again. It is fitting, then, that the readings today tell of the final resurrection and the end time. In the turmoil of hope, fear, and disbelief that these predictions provoke in us, Christ makes a way for us where there is no way, and we walk it confidently, our hearts and bodies washed in baptismal water, trusting the one who has promised forgiveness. The more we see the last day approaching, the more important it is to meet together to provoke one another to love.

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

Diaconal Minister of Music: Deacon Scott Knarr

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

Celebration Bells: Linda McLellan, Gwenanne Jorgenson, Mary-Ellen Winkler, Chloe Schmidt, Sam Schmidt, Christine Klaver-Schmidt, Simon Thompson, Jamie Cross, Julia Crnko, Mikala Hunt

Lector: John Heil

Broadcast: Jason Smolak

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

Worship Notes

In our prayers Lynda, Anneke, Glennis Koenig, 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.

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 Meeting Nov. 24th Following the Sunday worship service, there will be a meeting and vote regarding Property Redevelopment. All voting members are invited to attend in-person this very important meeting. Please note that according to our new bylaws, only votes cast in-person can be counted (proxy votes or mail-in votes cannot be counted).

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ST. MATTHEWS

Advent Social

NOVEMBER 27TH

12:00 PM - 3:00 PM

TURKEY LUNCHEON \$20

COMMUNITY HALL

Join us for a festive social time with food, song and friends.
Holy Communion at 2:30 pm. Friends are welcome!

RSVP: By November 19th
519.742.0462 or info@stmattskw.com

Please join us December 1, 2024 at 7 pm for our annual Advent Carol Service which features Robert Schumann's work Adventlied, a song for the season of Christ's coming. Declaring Peace is our theme and we will hear how each Christian is encouraged to be part of God's renewing of Creation and humankind. Former choral scholar Siyuan Carter-Patkau will be with us to sing the Soprano solo in this cycle of 7 songs for which Deacon Scott has adapted a new English text for our context.



Advent Carol Service

Declaring Peace

featuring Robert Schumann's
Adventlied Op. 71

December 1, 2024 at 7 pm
Freewill Offering

St. Matthews Lutheran Church
54 Benton Street, Kitchener
stmattskw.com

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GIVING RISE TO COMMUNITY

RE[™]**REDISCOVER**

Two Rivers and Grand River Ministry Area Round Table

**23 November 2024
9:30 am - 3:00 pm**

**St Matthews Fellowship Hall
54 Benton St
Kitchener, ON N2G 3H2**

Join us for an inspiring event where Lutheran churches will explore how to reimagine their mission and utilize land assets for greater community impact.

Discover innovative ways to repurpose space, foster partnerships, and create sustainable change in your local area. Whether you're looking to expand your outreach or transform your resources, this event offers practical insights and collaborative opportunities to help your church make a lasting difference.

Members of our congregation, Lay Leaders and Pastors are invited to a one day workshop on November 23rd (9.30 am-3 pm), hosted by Reléven (formerly Trinity Centres Foundation) and held at St. Matthews in the Fellowship Hall. It will be a day spent exploring and discovering innovative ways to repurpose space, foster partnerships, and create sustainable change in your local area. Registration is required and lunch will be provided.

**REGISTRATION
REQUIRED**



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