

EASTER

JESUS IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!

St. Matthews Church

WHERE COMMUNITY GATHERS AND GROWS

May 4, 2025

Easter 3

Sunday, May 4, 2025

(* indicates the assembly stands)

Gathering

Prelude	<i>"Musette"</i>	M. Corrette
Words of Welcome & Service Announcements		
*Affirmation of Baptism by the Assembly		p. 235
*Hymn 449	<i>"We Know that Christ is Raised"</i>	
*Greeting		
*Glory to God		p. 121
*Prayer of the Day		
Anthem	<i>"Look at the World"</i>	J. Rutter

Word

First Reading		Acts 9:1-6
Psalms 30 (see page 4)		(sung responsively by whole verse)
Second Reading		Revelation 5:11-14
*Gospel Acclamation	<i>"Alleluia"</i>	p. 124
*Gospel Reading		John 21:1-19
Sermon		
*Hymn of the Day 658	<i>"O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts"</i>	
*Prayers of Intercession		A: Your mercy is great.
*Peace		

Thanksgiving

*Offering Hymn 388	<i>"Be Not Afraid"</i>
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*Thanksgiving for the Word

P: For your Word...O God,

A: we give you thanks and praise.

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

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Sending

General Announcements

*Blessing

*Hymn 394 (vs. Easter 1 & Easter 2, 3 - 6)

"Hail Thee, Festival Day!"

*Dismissal

A: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

"Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense"

A. Leupold

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The disciples make a big splash and eat breakfast with the risen Jesus. Wading in the water (remembering baptism) and eating with Jesus (celebrating holy communion) is our weekly encounter with the risen Christ. Jesus asks us again and again: Do you love me? And Jesus invites us, again and again, to follow him, bringing the Easter life to others.

Leading Worship Today

Minister: Pastor Sebastian Meadows-Helmer

Diaconal Minister of Music: Deacon Scott Knarr

Lector: Bob Loeb sack

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

Broadcast: Jason Smolak

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

Psalm 30

Tone 6



¹I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lift-¹ed me up
and have not let my enemies triumph¹ over me.

²O LORD my God, I cried¹ out to you,
and you restored¹ me to health.

³You brought me up, O LORD,¹ from the dead;
you restored my life as I was going down¹ to the grave.

⁴Sing praise to the LORD,¹ all you faithful;
give thanks in ho-¹ly remembrance.

⁵God's wrath is short; God's favor¹ lasts a lifetime.
Weeping spends the night, but joy comes¹ in the morning.

⁶While I felt se-¹cure, I said,
"I shall never¹ be disturbed.

⁷You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong¹ as the mountains."
Then you hid your face, and I was¹ filled with fear.

⁸I cried to¹ you, O LORD;
I pleaded with¹ my Lord, saying,

⁹"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down¹ to the pit?
Will the dust praise you or de-¹clare your faithfulness?

¹⁰Hear, O LORD, and have mer-¹cy upon me;
O LORD,¹ be my helper."

¹¹You have turned my wailing¹ into dancing;
you have put off my sackcloth and clothed¹ me with joy.

¹²Therefore my heart sings to you¹ without ceasing;
O LORD my God, I will give you¹ thanks forever.

Worship Notes

In our prayers Kevin, Betty, George, Anneke, Judy, Clare, Yvonne, Jeanette, Meaghan, Henry, Maureen and John.

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

This Sunday please consider supporting the purchase of flowers and seasonal decorations for the Sanctuary. For those of you who receive boxed envelopes, there is a special blue envelope to donate. For anyone else, you can use the white envelopes on the back of the pews and mark the donation for Flowers for the Sanctuary.

This afternoon you are invited to join us for the Stillwater Trio recital at 3 pm. Beautiful chamber music for violin, cello and piano will fill the sanctuary! Tickets are \$30 and available from Deacon Scott.

Save the Date – Town Halls

Our Pastoral Team and the Board of Directors invite you to two important Town Hall Meetings. Please save the following dates to attend.

May 25th – Purpose & Values—after Worship in the Community Hall – Lunch Provided. We will be exploring our Purpose & Values as a congregation. A survey was handed out at the AGM Meeting and would ask you to return by May 18th. The results of the Survey will be discussed at this meeting.

June 1st - Principles—after Worship in the Community Hall – Lunch Provided. We will follow-up from the Purpose & Values conversations from the previous Town Hall and reflect on some pondering questions regarding our Principles. We want our members to have the opportunity to tell us how you envision St. Matthews future.

We look forward to sharing our voices, St. Matthews Board of Directors and Pastoral Team.

Sunday, May 11. Join Menno Singers and Menno Youth Ensemble for a unique progressive concert and fundraising event in downtown Kitchener, 'Songs for a Healing City.' 1:30pm: Downtown Walk and Sing starting at St Matthew's Lutheran Church (54 Benton Street). Visit 4 downtown sites addressing housing challenges to hear stories from local partners and responses in song. 3:00pm: Concert back at the church. Donation by free-will offering with all proceeds to support partner organizations. For more information- www.mennosingers.com

Church Breakfast Group: We meet next on Tuesday, May 20, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. at Kypreos Restaurant, 305 Lancaster St. W. Kitchener. Attendees order from the menu and pay for their own meals. Everyone is welcome. Our speakers will be Deacon Scott Knarr of St. Matthews and Lana Moses. They will speak to us about the Feather and Cross program which brings together Lutherans and Indigenous folks in the urban context to learn and share with one another. Unfortunately our March speaker, Tonya Verburg had to cancel literally at the last minute sadly due to a death in her family. Her presentation on Ray of Hope has been rescheduled to Tuesday, June 17.

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The St. Matthews Centre, our community hub, has a website which links all upcoming events, especially concerts of the KW Symphony and the Grand Philharmonic Choir.

Scroll down to “Upcoming Events” at <https://www.stmatthewscentre.ca>

The St. Matthews Centre also has a Facebook page, which you can “follow” to get updates.





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presents

The Stillwater Trio



Cathy Anderson, cello
Bruce Skelton, violin
Joanne Bender, piano

*Works by Beethoven, Haydn,
Mendelssohn, Clara Schumann,
and Schubert*

Sunday, May 4, 2025 at 3 pm



A Fundraiser with proceeds to support the
KW Symphony



General Admission: \$30
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Spring Social

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14TH

1 PM - 3 PM

CHARCUTERIE STYLE FOOD

MUSIC BY DEACON SCOTT

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vocals & guitar



saxophone & keyboard

Saturday, May 24, 2025 at 7:30 pm

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A unique celebration in word & music, ancient & modern, of queer love, friendship & marriage, in honour of Pride and of the 20th anniversary of the Civil Marriage Act.



Wedded Pride



Friday, June 6, 2025 at 7:30 pm

ANIMA

Daniel Cabena, Luke Hathaway
Henry Oswald Peirson & Lesley Emma Bouza

Mouth minstrels & Soft minstrels

Admission: Pay What You Can





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