

EASTER

JESUS IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!



St. Matthews Church

WHERE COMMUNITY GATHERS AND GROWS

May 18, 2025

Easter 5
Sunday, May 18, 2025
(indicates the assembly stands)*

Gathering

Prelude	<i>"Reconciliation Op. 17, No. 20"</i>	M. Reger
Words of Welcome & Service Announcements		
*Thanksgiving for Baptism	P: Baptized into you, O Living One, A: make us one as you are one.	
*Hymn 666	<i>"What Wondrous Love is This"</i>	
*Greeting		
*Glory to God		p. 213
*Prayer of the Day		
Solo	<i>"Canzonetta"</i>	P. Tchaikovsky

Word

First Reading	Acts 11:1-18	
Psalm 148 (see page 4)	<i>(sung responsively by whole verse)</i>	
Second Reading	Revelation 21:1-6	
*Gospel Acclamation	<i>"Alleluia. Lord, to Whom Shall We Go?"</i>	p. 216
*Gospel Reading	John 13:31-35	
Sermon		
*Hymn of the Day (see page 6)	<i>"Draw the Circle Wide"</i>	
*Apostles' Creed		p. 217
*Prayers of Intercession	A: Your mercy is great.	
*Peace		

Thanksgiving

*Canticle of Thanksgiving p. 219

*Thanksgiving for the Word

*Lord's Prayer (*Our Father in heaven...*) p. 221

Sending

General Announcements

*Blessing

*Hymn 367 "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"

*Dismissal **A: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude "There is a Balm in Gilead in swing style" J. Michel

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Easter initiates a new day. It anticipates a new heaven and a new earth. The risen Christ is making all things new. In the mystery of holy baptism God has made new people of us. Today Jesus invites us to see everyone in a new light—through the lens of love.

Leading Worship Today

Minister and violinist: Pastor Sebastian Meadows-Helmer

Diaconal Minister of Music: Deacon Scott Knarr

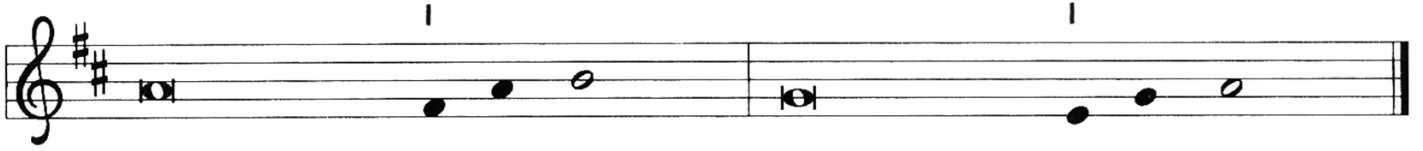
Lector: Bob Loeb sack

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Psalm 148

Tone 1



¹Hallelujah! Praise the LORD [|] from the heavens;
praise God [|] in the heights.

²Praise the LORD, [|] all you angels;
sing praise, all you [|] hosts of heaven.

³Praise the LORD, [|] sun and moon;
sing praise, all you [|] shining stars.

⁴Praise the LORD, heav- [|] en of heavens,
and you waters a- [|] bove the heavens.

⁵Let them praise the name [|] of the LORD,
who commanded, and they [|] were created,

⁶who made them stand fast forev- [|] er and ever,
giving them a law that shall not [|] pass away.

⁷Praise the LORD [|] from the earth,
you sea monsters [|] and all deeps;

⁸fire and hail, [|] snow and fog,
tempestuous wind, do- [|] ing God's will;

⁹mountains [|] and all hills,
fruit trees [|] and all cedars;

¹⁰wild beasts [|] and all cattle,
creeping things and [|] flying birds;

¹¹sovereigns of the earth [|] and all peoples,
princes and all rulers [|] of the world;

¹²young | men and maidens,
old and | young together.

¹³Let them praise the name | of the LORD,
whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over | earth and heaven.

¹⁴The LORD has raised up strength for the people and praise for all | faithful servants,
the children of Israel, a people who are near the LORD. | Hallelujah!

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 Ron & Bev for Fellowship Time** after worship in the Community Hall today as they celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary. 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

Worship Notes

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

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.

Draw the circle wide

Canada

Refrain
♩ = c. 132

E♭ A♭ B♭ E♭ A♭

*Draw the cir - cle — wide.
Tra - çons un grand cercle.

Draw it wid - er
Tra - çons le plus

4 B♭ E♭ A♭ B♭ G

still.
grand.

Let this be our — song: no one stands a -
C'est no - tre seul chant, nul n'est so - li -

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It begins with a tempo marking of '♩ = c. 132' and a 'Refrain' section. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats). The time signature is 4/4. The score is divided into two systems. The first system contains the first line of the refrain, with vocal melody on a single staff and piano accompaniment on a grand staff. The second system contains the second line of the refrain, also with vocal melody and piano accompaniment. Chord symbols (E♭, A♭, B♭, G) are placed above the vocal staff. Lyrics are provided in both English and French. The piano part features a steady accompaniment with chords and moving lines in both hands.

*Alternate Refrain

Sing the circle wide. Sing it wider still.
Come from far and near, sharing voices all,
Neighbours side by side, sing the circle wide!

7 Cm Fm7 Ab6 Bb7sus Bb

lone, stand-ing side by side. Draw the cir-cle
 taire, de-bout so-li-daires, tra-çons un grand

7

10 Eb Eb Ab Bbsus Eb
 To Verses Last time

wide. wide.
 cercle. cercle.

10 To Verses Last time

13 Eb Unison Ab Eb/Bb Bb

1 God the still-point of the cir-cle,
 2 Let our hearts touch far hor-i-zons,
 3 Let the dreams we dream be lar-ger,
 1 Dieu est le centre de notre cer-cle,
 2 Que nos cœurs touchent les ho-ri-zons,
 3 Que tous nos rêves s'é-pa-nou-issent

General Announcements

Do you have a green bin you are no longer using? The church is in need of some replacement green bins. If you have one you would be willing to donate, please speak with Ron Roeder or reach out to the church office. Thank you!

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.



Zac Perry grew up surrounded by music and community at St. Matthews Lutheran Church in Kitchener, where he first found his voice singing in the congregation and keeping rhythm as the drummer in the youth group band. His love for music and connection to faith took root there, shaping his early years.

After high school, Zac moved to London, Ontario, for school studying Music and Sound Design and eventually made his way to Toronto, spending the next 18 years on the road—exploring life, chasing opportunity, and growing both personally and musically. Now, after nearly two decades away, Zac has returned home to Kitchener and back to where it all began: the stage at

St. Matthews. With a heart full of gratitude and a voice seasoned by the journey, he's thrilled to share his music once again with the community that first believed in him.

Zac Perry & Alex McVittie - Country Hits with a Twist! on Saturday, May 24 at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$30 each and available from Deacon Scott or www.kwtickets.ca In-termission snacks will be available!

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.

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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



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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Get the newsletter and email updates on upcoming church events, announcements, reminders and service changes.

Contact info@stmattskw.com today!

Space for your notes on today's service, for your personal reflection.



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