

PENTECOST

A TIME TO GROW

St. Matthews Lutheran Church

WHERE COMMUNITY GATHERS AND GROWS

June 8, 2025

Day of Pentecost
Sunday, June 8, 2025
(indicates the assembly stands)*

Gathering

Prelude	<i>"Two Short Chime Preludes"</i>	D. Peele
Words of Welcome & Service Announcements		
*Confession and Forgiveness		p. 116
*Hymn 394 (vs. Pentecost 1, Pentecost 2, 5 & 6)	<i>"Hail Thee, Festival Day!"</i>	
*Greeting		
*This is the Feast		p. 122
*Prayer of the Day		
Music for Reflection	<i>"Variation on Veni Creator"</i>	M. Duruflé
Children's Message		

Word

First Reading		Acts 2:1-21
Psalms 104:24-34, 35b (see page 4)		<i>(sung responsively by whole verse)</i>
Second Reading		Romans 8:14-17
*Gospel Acclamation	<i>"Alleluia"</i>	p. 124
*Gospel Reading		John 14:8-17
Sermon		
*Hymn of the Day (see page 5)		<i>"In the Garden"</i>
*Nicene Creed		p. 126
*Prayers of Intercession		A: Your mercy is great.
*Peace		

Meal

*Offering Hymn 397

*Offering Prayer

*Great Thanksgiving

*Holy, Holy, Holy

*Thanksgiving at the Table I

*Lord’s Prayer (*Our Father in heaven...*)

Lamb of God

Communion Hymn 396

Table Blessing

Prayer after Communion

“Loving Spirit”

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“Spirit of Gentleness”

Sending

General Announcements

*Blessing

*Hymn 400

*Dismissal

Postlude

“God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind”

A: Thanks be to God.

“Dialogue on Veni Creator”

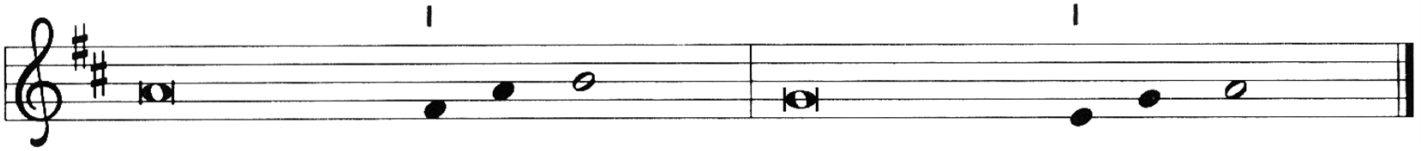
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On Pentecost, we celebrate that we have been given an Advocate to accompany us. Poured out in wind and fire, water, wine, and bread, the Holy Spirit abides in and among us. We give thanks that God speaks to each of us, no matter our origins, language, or life path. Filled with the Spirit of truth, we go out from worship to proclaim the saving power of Christ’s love and the freedom of God’s grace with all the world.

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

Tone 1



²⁴How manifold are your [|]works, O LORD!
In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full [|]of your creatures.

²⁵Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too man- [|]y to number,
living things both [|]small and great.

²⁶There go the ships [|]to and fro,
and Leviathan, which you made for the [|]sport of it.

²⁷All of them [|]look to you
to give them their food [|]in due season.

²⁸You give it to them; they [|]gather it;
you open your hand, and they are filled [|]with good things.

²⁹When you hide your face, [|]they are terrified;
when you take away their breath, they die and return [|]to their dust.

³⁰You send forth your Spirit, and they [|]are created;
and so you renew the face [|]of the earth.

³¹May the glory of the LORD en- [|]dure forever;
O LORD, rejoice in [|]all your works.

³²You look at the earth [|]and it trembles;
you touch the mountains [|]and they smoke.

³³I will sing to the LORD as long [|]as I live;
I will praise my God while I [|]have my being.

³⁴May these words of [|]mine please God.
I will rejoice [|]in the LORD.

³⁵Let sinners be consumed from the earth and the wicked [|]be no more.
Bless the LORD, O my soul. [|]Hallelujah!

In the Garden

I come to the garden alone
While the dew is still on the roses
And the voice I hear, falling on my ear
The Son of God discloses

Refrain:

And He walks with me
And He talks with me
And He tells me I am His own
And the joy we share as we tarry there
None other has ever known

He speaks and the sound of His voice
Is so sweet the birds hush their singing
And the melody that He gave to me
Within my heart is ringing

Refrain

I stayed in the garden with Him
Though the night all around me is falling
But He bids me go, through the voice of woe
His voice to me is calling

Refrain

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Leading Worship Today

Minister: Pastor Sebastian Meadows-Helmer

Diaconal Minister of Music: Deacon Scott Knarr

Communion Server: Pat Gielck and Jeanette Harrop

Broadcast: Andrew Weber

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

Worship Notes

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

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.
- **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

Noontime Oasis update: Noontime Oasis is on pause during the summer holidays and will resume Wednesday September 3. Thanks to all who volunteered and attended this past year!

Did you miss it? Did you miss a worship service? The Broadcast Committee would like to share that recordings of Sunday services are now being uploaded to the Church website. The services are found in the [Worship Audio Archive](#) in the Worship section of the website. You may listen by clicking play on the audio player or download to your device to save and listen later. Services will normally appear on the website shortly after they conclude.



Waterloo Region Jazz Vocalist Mary-Catherine Pazzano comes to sing at St. Matthews with a first-rate line up of musicians on June 21 at 7:30 pm. With jazz performances at the iconic Birdland Jazz Club (New York City), and as headliner at Uptown Waterloo Jazz Festival, and The Jazz Room (Waterloo), and The Registry Theatre (Kitchener), Mary-Catherine is well-known to local jazz audiences.

Church Breakfast Group - Our last get together before we break for the summer will be on Tuesday, June 17, 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 to attend. Our speaker will be Tonya Verburg, CEO of Ray of Hope. For over five decades this non profit Christian organization has been a source of care and support for those facing challenges related to crime, addiction, unemployment or homelessness in Waterloo Region.



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presents



Mary-Catherine Pazzano



An Evening of Jazz Artistry

Mark Eisenman, piano Clark Johnston, bass

Steve James, drums



June 21, 2025 at 7:30 pm

Intermission snacks available!

General Admission: \$30

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movement & music

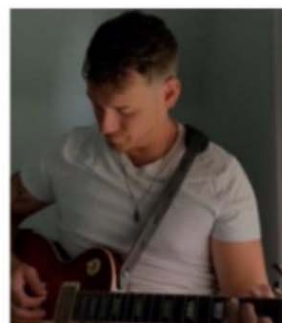
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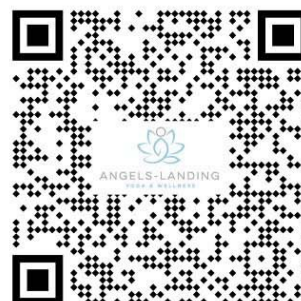
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July 7th - 5:00 pm
St. Matthews Lutheran Church, Kitchener



Mon July 7 at 6:30 pm Larry Larson Jazz Quintet

Parking Lot of St. Matthews with food truck Free!

Tues July 8 at 9:30am RCCO College Service at St. Mary's RC Free!

Tues July 8 at 2:30 pm Joshua Ehlebracht, organ at St. John the Evangelist

Thurs July 10 at 4 pm Alex Straus-Fausto, organ
at Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate, Guelph

Thurs July 10 at 7:30 pm Isabelle Demers, organ
at Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate, Guelph

More information: <https://rcco.ca/OFC>

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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.



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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