

HOLY TRINITY

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St. Matthews Church

WHERE COMMUNITY GATHERS AND GROWS

June 15, 2025

The Holy Trinity / Father's Day

Sunday, June 15, 2025

(* indicates the assembly stands)

Gathering

Prelude "Fugue in G" G.F. Handel

Words of Welcome & Service Announcements

*Confession and Forgiveness (see page 4)

*Hymn 413 "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty"

*Greeting

*This is the Feast p. 149

*Prayer of the Day

Duet "Violin Sonata in G minor, Op.1 No 6 Andante Larghetto & Allegro" G.F. Handel

Word

First Reading Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

Psalm 8 (see page 5) (read responsively by whole verse)

Second Reading Romans 5:1-5

*Gospel Acclamation "Alleluia" p. 151

*Gospel Reading John 16:12-15

Sermon

*Hymn of the Day (see page 6) "Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom"

*Prayers of Intercession **A: hear our prayer.**

*Profession of Faith and Greeting of the Peace (see page 7)

Meal

*Offering Hymn 184 "Let the Vineyards"

*Offering Prayer p. 152

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Prayer after Communion	
Sending	
General Announcements	
*Blessing	
*Hymn 845	<i>"Voices Raised to You"</i>
*Dismissal	A: Thanks be to God.
Postlude	<i>"Fugue in G minor "</i> J.S. Bach

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"O Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!" Today we celebrate the holy Trinity. Paul writes that through Jesus we have peace with God, whose love pours into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, giving us lasting hope. We celebrate the gracious One-in-Three, eternal Three-in-One, as we worship in community; as we share water and word, bread and wine; and as we bring God's love and hope to our neighbors.

Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name ...

Merciful God,

**A: you free us to love others,
but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.
You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,
but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.
You surround us with patience, kindness,
and generosity,
but we grow weary in doing what is right.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Do not give up on us.
Heal us, break our bonds,
and show us the path of life.
Amen.**

Leading Worship Today

Minister and violinist: Pastor Sebastian Meadows-Helmer

Diaconal Minister of Music: Deacon Scott Knarr

Lector: Sonia Groh

Communion Servers: Pat Gielck and Rev. Dr. Allen Jorgenson

Broadcast: Jason Smolak

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

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.

Psalm 8

¹O LORD our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!—

²you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children;
you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.

³When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

⁴what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them,
human beings that you should care for them?

⁵Yet you have made them little less than divine;
with glory and honor you crown them.

⁶You have made them rule over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet:

⁷all flocks and cattle,
even the wild beasts of the field,

⁸the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,
and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.

⁹O LORD our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom



1 Come and seek the ways of Wis-dom, she who danced when
2 Lis - ten to the voice of Wis-dom, cry - ing in the
3 Sis - ter Wis - dom, come, as - sist us; nur - ture all who



earth was new. Fol - low close - ly what she teach - es,
mar - ket - place. Hear the Word made flesh a - mong us,
seek re - birth. Spir - it - guide and close com - pan - ion,



for her words are right and true. Wis - dom clears the
full of glo - ry, truth, and grace. When the word takes
bring to light our sa - cred worth. Free us to be -



path to jus - tice, show - ing us what love must do.
root and rip - ens, peace and righ - teous - ness em - brace.
come your peo - ple, ho - ly friends of God and earth.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: MADELEINE, Donna Kasbohm, b. 1933

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Profession of Faith and Greeting of the Peace (abridged from the Athanasian Creed)

P.: We worship one God in Trinity, and Trinity in Unity; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. One in Glory, one in Majesty, coeternal. We believe and declare that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is both divine and human.

A.: God, of the being of the Father, the only Son from before time began; human from the being of his mother, born in the world; fully God and fully human; human in both mind and body.

P.: As God he is equal to the Father, as human he is less than the Father. Although he is both divine and human he is not two beings but one Christ.

A.: One, not by turning God into flesh, but by taking humanity into God; truly one, not by mixing humanity with Godhead, but by being one person.

P.: For as mind and body form one human being so the one Christ is both divine and human.

Peace to you from God our heavenly Father.

Peace from his Son Jesus Christ who is our peace.

Peace from the Holy Spirit, the life-giver. The peace of the Triune God be with you always.

A: And also with you.

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 web-

site. 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.

"Purpose" Congregational Workshop: On June 1st, members of the congregation gathered after worship to dig through the congregational survey results on "Purpose". Working in table groups, they came up with the following summary purpose statements, which then were ranked by the whole group:

St. Matthews exists to:

- #1. Encourage people through music, worship, the Word and teachings of God, in/so that we strive to live our lives in a way that points people to Jesus.
- #2. Through God's Word prayerfully learning, to serve and support community within and without by spreading God's love, compassion, faith and joy to all.
- #3. Grow our faith spiritually through God with leadership, knowledge and music as a pillar to support our members and community.
- #4. To tell powerful foundation stories of God's love in Scripture, as related to today's concerns, showing God's love, compassion and forgiveness.
- #5. Be a place where diverse individuals can come together in a Lutheran faith community, including outreach and caring.
- #6. Be a safe space and pillar of support to the community and congregation, through Love, music, and faith.
- #7. Bring together a community representing the diverse gifts God gives at St. Matthews together and beyond while still serving with God's love our church community.
- #8. Proclaim the Gospel to free people to serve God and love their neighbour in a Lutheran context.

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After the workshop, the planning task force (Kim Schaner, Mike Laking, Deacon Scott


and Pastors Carey and Sebastian) came up with the following synthesis purpose statement:

St. Matthews exists to encourage and serve our community within and beyond our walls through music, worship, and prayerful engagement with God’s Word, spreading God’s love and pointing people to Jesus.


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In September, a second survey on “Principles and Participants” will be distributed, leading up to the 3rd luncheon workshop on Sunday, October 5th following worship. Even if you haven’t participated in any of the workshops this far, we’d love to have you share your gifts and insights in this one or the final one on October 26th! To those of who participated, thank you very much for your excellent work!

Pastor Sebastian

A portrait of Mary-Catherine Pazzano, a woman with dark hair, wearing a red sweater with white polka dots, resting her chin on her arms.

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.

A square QR code located to the right of the text, likely linking to more information about the performance.

Gentle Vibes in the Sanctuary: Sunday, June 22, 2025 from 2:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m. Live music played by the incredibly talented Zac Perry will create the chill vibes for thoughtful yoga-inspired movement and guided relaxation provided by Angela of Angels-Landing Yoga & Wellness. Everyone is welcome. No experience is necessary. A yoga mat and a blanket will be required. Our location is the beautiful sanctuary at St. Matthews. Cost is \$30 + tax (\$33.90) per person per class. Please use this link to register: <http://www.angels-landing.ca/special-classes.html>

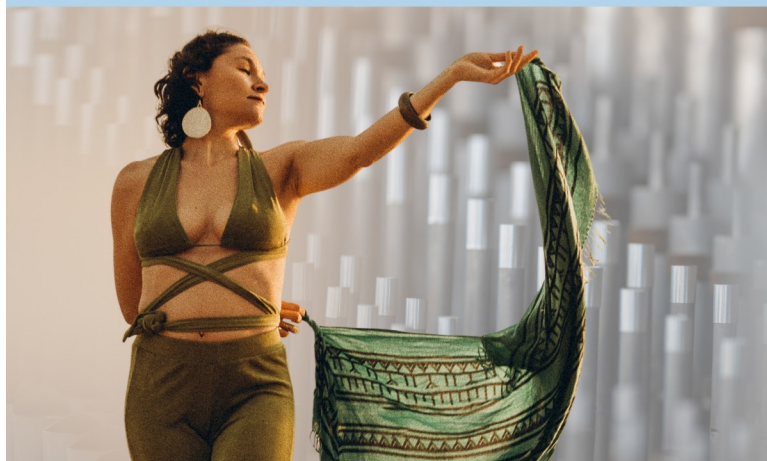


Organ Festival Canada

Expanding Harmonies



Kitchener - Waterloo - Guelph, Ontario



July 8th - 7pm

Jonathan Oldengarm

First United Church
16 William St W, Waterloo



July 7th - 8pm

**Expanding Harmonies with Qattuu,
Angelique Po, and The Esprit Singers**

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church
54 Queen St N, Kitchener

July 7th - 5pm

**JS Bach's Long
Walk in the Snow
with CBC's Tom Allen**

St. Matthews Church
54 Benton St, Kitchener

July 8th - 230pm

Joshua Ehlebracht

Church of St. John the Evangelist
23 Water St N, Kitchener



July 9th - 1130am

Martin Jones

St. Matthews Church
54 Benton St, Kitchener



July 9th - 730pm

Sarah Svendsen

St. Matthews Church
54 Benton St, Kitchener



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

