

PRIDE SUNDAY



St. Matthews Lutheran Church

WHERE COMMUNITY GATHERS AND GROWS

June 29, 2025

Pride Sunday / Pentecost 3

Sunday, June 29, 2025

(* indicates the assembly stands)

Gathering

Hymn Sing

Words of Welcome & Service Announcements

*Hymn (see page 4)

"All the Colours"

*Greeting

*Prayer of the Day

Solo

"Bourée and Gigue"

J.S. Bach

Word

Psalm 16 (see page 5)

(read responsively by full verse)

Reading

Galatians 5:1, 13-25

*Gospel Acclamation

"Alleluia"

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*Gospel Reading

Luke 7:1-10

Sermon

*Hymn of the Day (see page 6)

"The Love that Goes Unspoken"

*Prayers of Intercession

A: hear our prayer.

*Peace

Meal

*Offering Hymn 184

"Let the Vineyards"

*Offering Prayer

*Great Thanksgiving

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*Holy, Holy, Holy

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*Thanksgiving at the Table V

*Lord's Prayer (<i>Our Father in heaven...</i>)	p. 154
Lamb of God	p. 154
Communion Hymn (see page 7)	<i>"Love Has Brought Us Here Together"</i>
Table Blessing	
Prayer after Communion	
Sending	
General Announcements	
*Blessing	
*Hymn 710	<i>"Let Streams of Living Justice"</i>
*Dismissal	A: Thanks be to God.
Postlude	

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Today we celebrate Pride Sunday as a day to reflect, learn, turn around and give voice to the 2SLGBTQIA+ community. We will tackle a thorny question: "Would Jesus have blessed a gay marriage?"

All the Colors of the Rainbow

Carl P. Daw

ABBOT'S LEIGH
Cyril V. Taylor

1. All the co - lours of the rain-bow live un - seen in dai - ly light,
 2. All the bo - dy's parts are wan-ted, nor can one de - spise the rest:
 3. Ev - ery lang - uage gains more mu - sic when the words for peace ap - pear:
 4. Teach us, God, our need of oth - ers; through them help us ful - ly live.

but their splen - dors find ex - pres-sion when re - leased to hu - man sight;
 head and hand must work to - get-ther, as must eye and ear and chest;
 Pax, Sa - laam, Ei - ri - ni, Hei - wa, Pa - ce, San - ti, Frie - den, Mir.
 Wean us from our sel - fish hab - its; let us list - en, learn, for - give.

so the church re - veals most beau - ty where di - ver - si - ty is real:
 so the church needs all its mem-bers for a range of min - i - stries:
 Though our tongues make sounds that va - ry all be - speak a com - mon home:
 May we see your longed - for im - age in each hu - man heart and face,

breadth of race and class and gen - der, room for doubt and space to heal.
 var - ied gifts with one great mis - sion, "Do this for the least of these."
 long - ing for the end of con - flict and a new life in God's Sha - lom.
 and be - hold how those a - round us can be chan - nels of your grace.

¹Protect me, O God, for I take ref-^luge in you;
I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my good a-^lbove all other."

²**All my delight is in the godly that are^l in the land,
upon those who are noble a-^lmong the people.**

³But those who run after^l other gods
shall have their troubles^l multiplied.

⁴**I will not pour out drink offerings^l to such gods,
never take their names up-^lon my lips.**

⁵O LORD, you are my portion^l and my cup;
it is you who up-^lhold my lot.

⁶**My boundaries enclose a^l pleasant land;
indeed, I have a^l rich inheritance.**

⁷I will bless the LORD who^l gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me night^l after night.

⁸**I have set the LORD al-^lways before me;
because God is at my right hand, I shall^l not be shaken.**

⁹My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spir-^lit rejoices;
my body also shall^l rest in hope.

¹⁰**For you will not abandon me^l to the grave,
nor let your holy one^l see the pit.**

¹¹You will show me the^l path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for-^l
evermore.

The Love that Goes Unspoken

Mary Louise Bringle

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1. The love that goes un - spo - ken, that fears would force to hide,
2. As po - ets and mu - si - cians, in Pi - e - tàs of grace,
3. In var - ied forms of fam - 'ly in un - ions yet un - blessed,
4. Christ loves with - out dis - tinc - tion, both joys and sor - rows borne,

still blooms in clos - et spac - es, too strong to be de - nied.
the out - cast of our church - es cast light on Mys - t'ry's face.
as sis - ters and as bro - thers and kin with earth's op - pressed,
and wel - comes o - pen - heart - ed the ones whom oth - ers scorn.

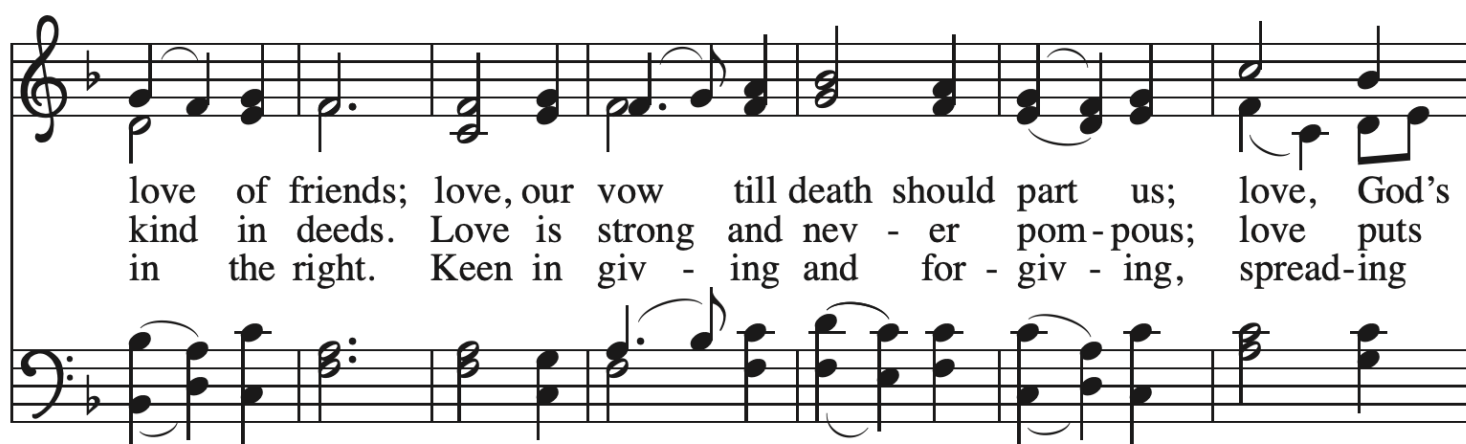
The Spir - it's wind blows free - ly to o - pen bol - ted doors,
They trans - late for our wit - ness the gifts the gos - pel brings,
all dwell with - in God's house - hold, yet some bear in - sults hurled
We shall not, then, be shack - led by need - less guilt or shame.

and beck - on in - to day - light a love that hate de - plores.
and cel - e - brate God's grand - eur in rare and dap - pled things.
to chide the so - called "bar - ren" whose chil - dren are the world's.
In Christ, the love un - spo - ken now dares to speak its name.

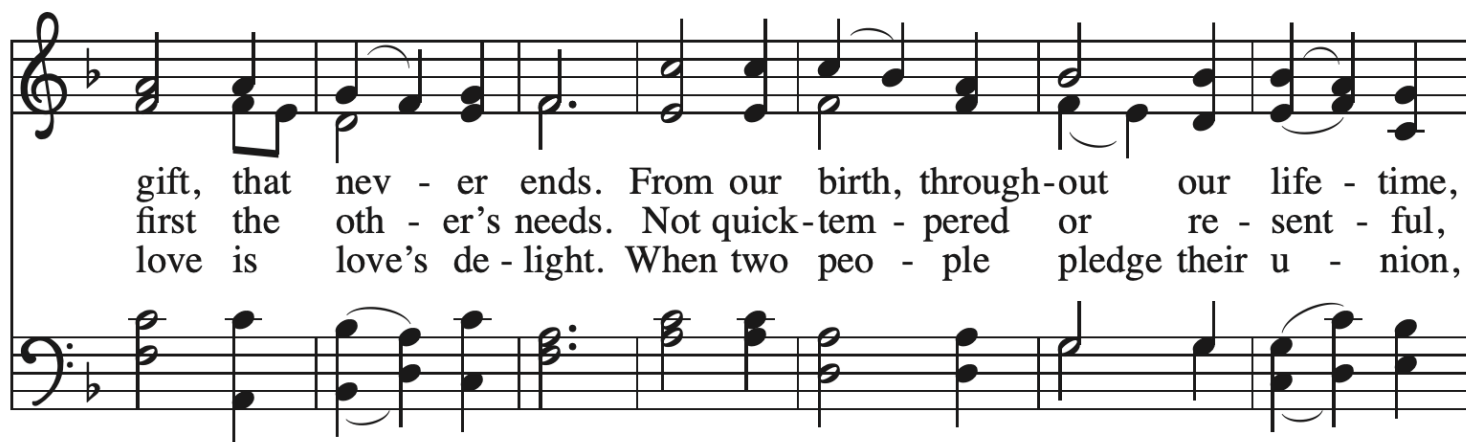
Love Has Brought Us Here Together



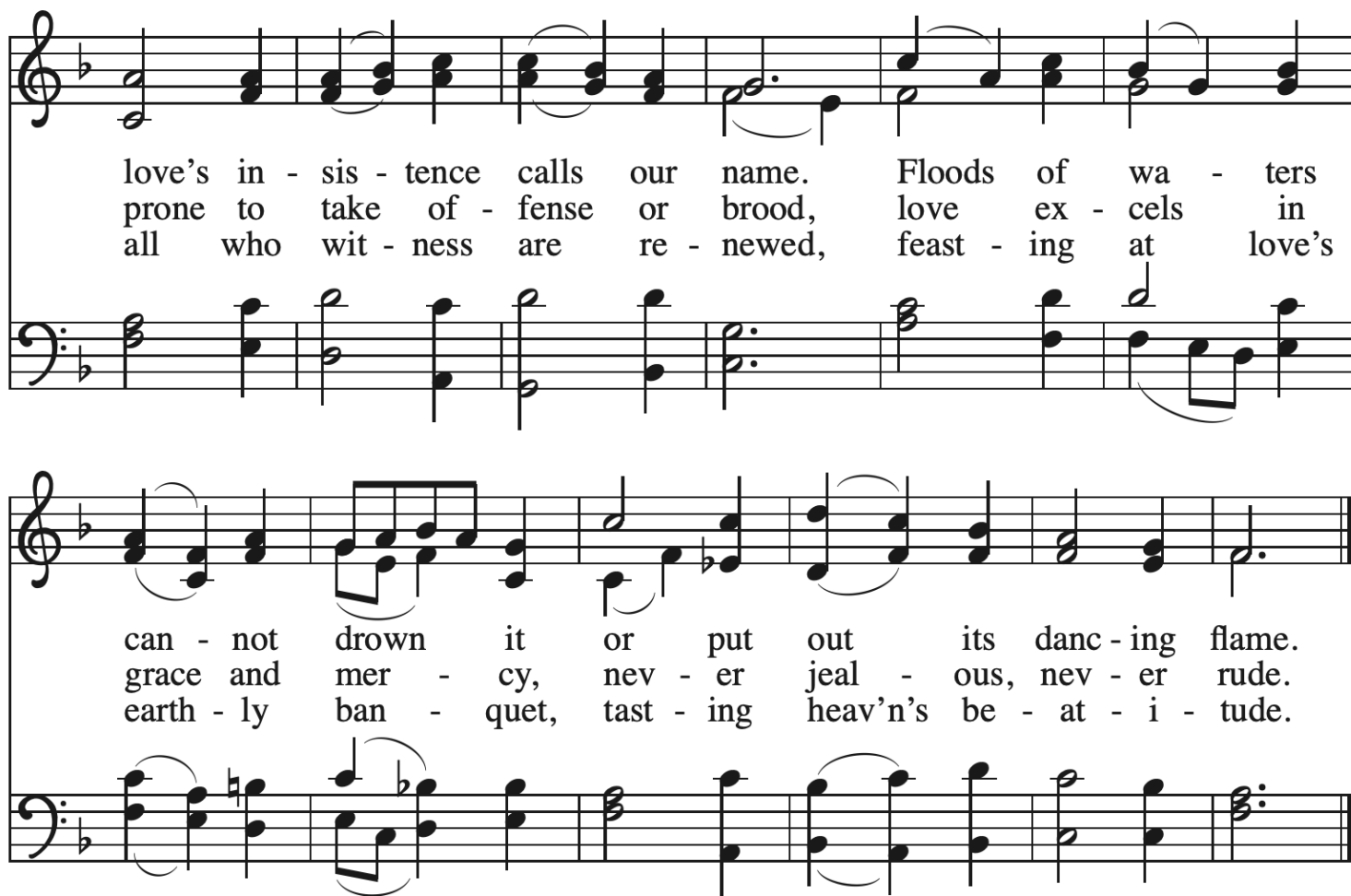
1 Love has brought us here to - geth - er; love of fam - 'ly,
2 Love is gen - tle, love is pa - tient, soft in words and
3 Love does not re - joice at e - vil; love re - joic - es



love of friends; love, our vow till death should part us; love, God's
kind in deeds. Love is strong and nev - er pom-pous; love puts
in the right. Keen in giv - ing and for - giv - ing, spread-ing



gift, that nev - er ends. From our birth, through-out our life - time,
first the oth - er's needs. Not quick-tem - pered or re - sent - ful,
love is love's de - light. When two peo - ple pledge their u - nion,



love's in - sis - tence calls our name. Floods of wa - ters
prone to take of - fense or brood, love ex - cels in
all who wit - ness are re - newed, feast - ing at love's

can - not drown it or put out its danc - ing flame.
grace and mer - cy, nev - er jeal - ous, nev - er rude.
earth - ly ban - quet, tast - ing heav'n's be - at - i - tude.

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Leading Worship Today

Minister and violinist: Rev. Sebastian Meadows-Helmer

Diaconal Minister of Music: Deacon Scott Knarr

Communion Servers: Jeanette Harrop and Linda McLellan

Broadcast: Andrew Weber

Building Monitor: Dennis Diebolt (519-571-4525)

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.
- **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

Coffee Hour: Please note there is no coffee hour for the summer, see you in September!

Upcoming Staff Holidays: Pastors Carey and Sebastian—Holidays July 28 - August 24. Pastors Carey and Sebastian will be on holidays during August. Rev'd Monika Wiesner will be leading worship on Sundays. **Deacon Scott**—Holidays July 14 - August 11. Chris Bramble will be the guest musician July 20 & 27. Bob Loeb sack will be the guest musician August 3 & 10. **Leanne**- Holidays June 30 - July 4, July 21-25, August 25-29. Please contact Pastors Sebastian or Carey or someone from the Board of Directors during this time with urgent matters. Please note, the office will be closed.

Painters Needed for various jobs around the church. If you are able to help out, please contact Ron Roeder or the church office.

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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,



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