

PENTECOST

A TIME TO GROW

St. Matthews Lutheran Church

WHERE COMMUNITY GATHERS AND GROWS

July 20, 2025

Pentecost 6
Sunday, July 20, 2025
(indicates the assembly stands)*

Gathering

Hymn Sing

Words of Welcome & Service Announcements

*Hymn 853 *"When Morning Gilds the Skies"*

Baptism of Xander Mitchell Richard Keller p. 227

Baptismal Acclamation 212 *"You Belong to Christ"*

*Baptismal Hymn 443 *"Dearest Jesus, We Are Here"*

*Greeting

*Prayer of the Day

Violin Solo *"Preludio"* J.S. Bach

Word

First Reading Genesis 18:1-10a

Psalm 15 (see page 4) *(read responsively)*

Second Reading Colossians 1:15-28

*Gospel Acclamation *"Alleluia. Lord, to Whom Shall We Go?"* p. 216

*Gospel Reading Luke 10:38-42

Sermon

*Hymn of the Day 815 *"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"*

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

*Peace

Thanksgiving

*Canticle of Thanksgiving p. 219

*Thanksgiving for the Word

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

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Sending

General Announcements

*Blessing

*Hymn 864

"Praise My Soul, the God of Heaven"

*Dismissal

A: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Perhaps the church, at its best, is "all ears." God urges the faithful, again and again, to "listen up!"—to heed the word that gives life. So it was with Abraham and Sarah, Mary and Martha, and the early church at Colossae. So it is today as we join the assembly to hear the word of God, the word of life.

Leading Worship Today

Ministers: Pastors Carey and Sebastian Meadows-Helmer

Violinist: Pastor Sebastian Meadows-Helmer

Lector: Kim Schaner

Guest Organist: Chris Bramble

Broadcast: Jason Smolak

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

Psalm 15

¹LORD, who may dwell in your ^l tabernacle?
Who may abide upon your ^l holy hill?

²Those who lead a blameless life and do ^l what is right,
who speak the truth ^l from their heart;

³they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil ^l to their friends;
they do not cast discredit up- ^l on a neighbor.

⁴In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who ^l fear the LORD.
They have sworn upon their health and do not take ^l back their word.

⁵They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes a- ^l gainst the
innocent.
Those who do these things shall never be ^l overthrown.

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.
- **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.

Worship Notes

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

Baptized today is Xander Mitchell Richard Keller born April 14, 2025, of parents Jennifer Patricia Kathleen Goodyear and Mitchell Richard Karl Keller. Xander's baptismal sponsors are Kandi and Phil Keller.

General Announcements

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.

On call July 28-31 Rev'd Ronnie Smith (St. Stephen's Kitchener) 289-387-1411.

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 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.



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



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