

PENTECOST

A TIME TO GROW

St. Matthews Lutheran Church

WHERE COMMUNITY GATHERS AND GROWS

July 27, 2025

Pentecost 7
Sunday, July 27, 2025
(indicates the assembly stands)*

Gathering

Hymn Sing

Words of Welcome & Service Announcements

*Hymn 742

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

*Greeting

*Prayer of the Day

Duet

Word

First Reading

Genesis 18:20-32

Psalm 138 (see page 4)

(spoken)

Second Reading

Colossians 2:6-15

*Gospel Acclamation

"Alleluia"

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*Gospel Reading

Luke 11:1-13

Sermon

*Hymn of the Day (see page 5)

"Ask the Complicated Questions"

*Prayers of Intercession

A: hear our prayer.

*Peace

Duet

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Meal

*Offering Hymn 689 (vs. 1, 4)

"Praise and Thanksgiving"

*Offering Prayer

*Great Thanksgiving

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*Holy, Holy, Holy	p. 153
*Thanksgiving at the Table V	
*Lord's Prayer (<i>Our Father, who art in heaven...</i>)	p. 154
Lamb of God	p. 154
Communion Hymns 494, 752	
Table Blessing	
Prayer after Communion	
Sending	
General Announcements	
*Blessing	
*Hymn 543	<i>"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"</i>
*Dismissal	
Postlude	

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Persistence in prayer is encouraged by Jesus and wins the attention of God when Abraham intercedes for Sodom. The life of the baptized—to be rooted and built up in Christ Jesus—is to be nurtured with prayer. God hears and answers prayer and so strengthens God's own. "When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me."

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 138

¹I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with ¹ my whole heart;
before the gods I will ¹ sing your praise.

²I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your
steadfast ¹ love and faithfulness;
for you have glorified your name and your word a- ¹ bove all things.

³When I called, you ¹ answered me;
you increased my ¹ strength within me.

⁴All the rulers of the earth will praise ¹ you, O LORD,
when they have heard the words ¹ of your mouth.

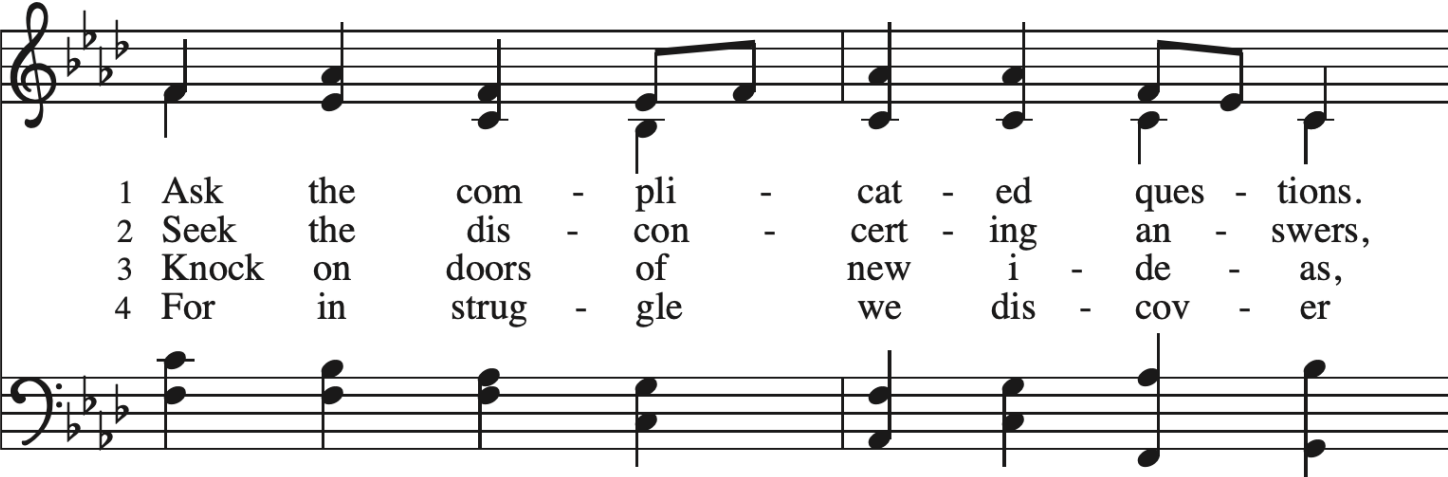
⁵They will sing of the ways ¹ of the LORD,
that great is the glory ¹ of the LORD.

⁶The LORD is high, yet cares ¹ for the lowly,
perceiving the haughty ¹ from afar.

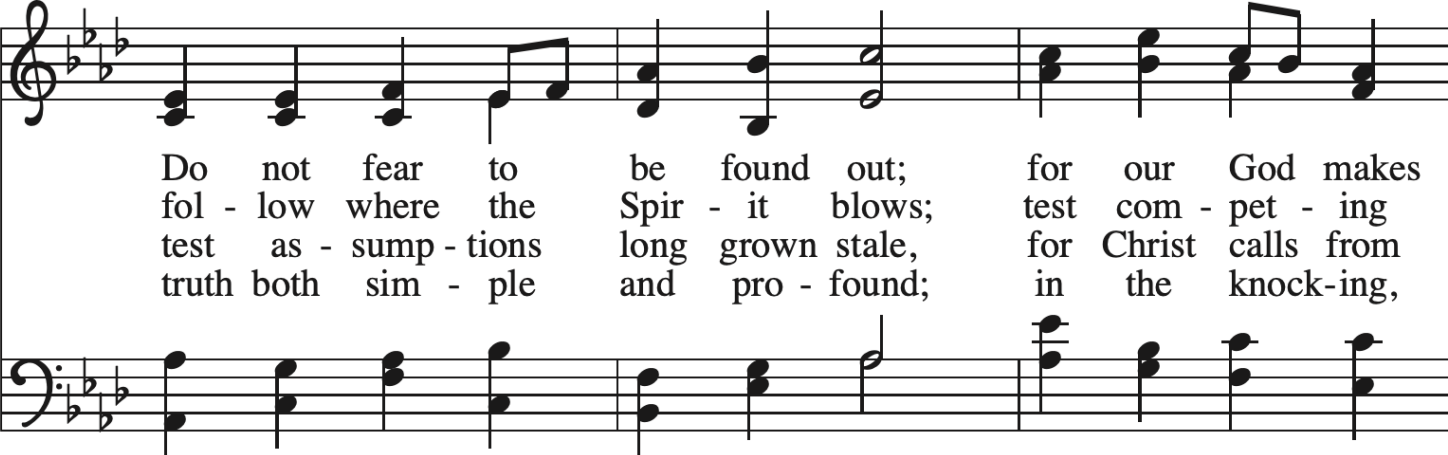
⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you ¹ keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right ¹ hand shall
save me.

⁸You will make good your pur- ¹ pose for me;
O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works ¹ of your
hands.

Ask the Complicated Questions



1 Ask the com - pli - cat - ed ques - tions.
2 Seek the dis - con - cert - ing an - swers,
3 Knock on doors of new i - de - as,
4 For in strug - gle we dis - cov - er



Do not fear to be found out; for our God makes
fol - low where the Spir - it blows; test com - pet - ing
test as - sump - tions long grown stale; for Christ calls from
truth both sim - ple and pro - found; in the knock - ing,



strong our weak-ness, forg - ing faith in fires of doubt.
truths for wis - dom, for in ten - sion new life grows.
shores of won - der, dar - ing us to try and fail.
ask - ing, seek - ing, we are o - pened, an - swered, found.

Text: David Bjorlin, b. 1984

Music: RESTORATION, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; arr. hymnal version

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Leading Worship Today

Minister: Pastor Carey Meadows-Helmer

Organist: Chris Bramble

Vocalist: Matthew Black

Pianist: Gavin Yeomans

Communion Servers Pat Gilck and Jeanette Harrop

Broadcast: Jamie Foley

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.

We thank Matthew and Gavin for sharing their musical gifts with us in worship today. They will be using the sanctuary this week to rehearse as part of the Art of Lied workshops presented by Daniel Lichti.

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

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; August 1–22 Rev'd Brian Wilker (All Sains Guelph) 519-830-8084.

Deacon Scott—Holidays July 14 - August 11. Chris Bramble will be the guest musician July 27. Bob Loeb sack will be the guest musician August 3 & 10.

Leanne- Holidays August 25-29. Please contact someone from the Board of Directors during this time with urgent matters. Please note, the office will be closed.



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