

PENTECOST

A TIME TO GROW

St. Matthews Lutheran Church

WHERE COMMUNITY GATHERS AND GROWS

August 3, 2025

Pentecost 8

Sunday, August 3, 2025

(* indicates the assembly stands)

Gathering

Hymn Sing

Words of Welcome & Service Announcements

*Hymn 793

"Be Now My Vision"

*Greeting

*Glory to God

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*Prayer of the Day

Word

First Reading

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

Psalms 49:1-12 (see page 4)

(spoken)

Second Reading

Colossians 3:1-11

*Gospel Acclamation

"Alleluia"

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*Gospel Reading

Luke 12:13-21

Sermon

*Hymn of the Day 589

"All Depends on Our Possessing"

*Prayers of Intercession

A: hear our prayer.

*Peace

Thanksgiving

*Offering Hymn 689 (vs. 1, 4)

"Praise and Thanksgiving"

Thanksgiving for the Word

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

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Sending

General Announcements

*Blessing

*Sending Hymn 678

"God Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

*Dismissal

A: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Today's texts offer instruction and encouragement for all who are occasionally overwhelmed by the "unhappy business" of life. Jesus urges us to take care and be on guard against all kinds of greed. We who have died with Christ in holy baptism have also been raised with him and are encouraged to elevate our thinking, seeking the "things that are above." To that end we seek the sustenance of the Lord's supper and the encouragement of God's word.

Leading Worship Today

Minister: Rev'd Monika Weisner

Organist: Bob Loeb sack

Lector: Rev'd Dr. Allen Jorgenson

Broadcast: Jason Smolak

Building Monitor: Ron Roeder (519-895-6833)

Psalm 49:1-12

¹Hear this, [|] all you peoples;
give ear, all you who dwell [|] in the world,

²you of high de- [|] gree and low,
rich and [|] poor together.

³My mouth shall [|] speak of wisdom,
and my heart shall meditate on [|] understanding.

⁴I will incline my ear [|] to a proverb
and set forth my riddle up- [|] on the harp.

⁵Why should I be afraid in [|] evil days,
when the wickedness of those at my [|] heels surrounds me,

⁶the wickedness of those who put their trust in [|] their own prowess,
and boast of [|] their great riches?

⁷One can never re- [|] deem another,
or give to God the ransom for an- [|] other's life;

⁸for the ransom of a life [|] is so great
that there would never be e- [|] nough to pay it,

⁹in order to live forev- [|] er and ever
and never [|] see the grave.

¹⁰For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stu- [|] pid they perish
and leave their wealth to those who come [|] after them.

¹¹Their graves shall be their homes forever, their dwelling places from generation to [|]
generation,
though they had named lands af- [|] ter themselves.

¹²Even though honored, they cannot [|] live forever;
they are like the [|] beasts that perish.

Worship Notes

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

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

Parking Notice: Please be advised that signed/numbered parking spots (along the railing of the parking lot) are not available for church member use on weekdays. These spaces are reserved for paid parkers for weekday usage. However, you are welcome to use the parking spots in the evenings and all day on Sundays. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we work to ensure that our parking is used efficiently throughout the week.



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

Deacon Scott—Holidays July 14 - August 11. 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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Space for your notes on today's service, for your personal reflection.

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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