

PENTECOST

A TIME TO GROW

St. Matthews Lutheran Church

WHERE COMMUNITY GATHERS AND GROWS

August 17, 2025

Pentecost 10

Sunday, August 17, 2025

(* indicates the assembly stands)

Gathering

Hymn Sing

Words of Welcome & Service Announcements

*Hymn 796 (see page 4)

"How Firm a Foundation"

*Greeting

*Glory to God

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*Prayer of the Day

Word

First Reading

Jeremiah 23:23-29

Psalms 82 (see page 5)

(spoken)

Second Reading

Hebrews 11:29–12:2

*Gospel Acclamation

"Alleluia"

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*Gospel Reading

Luke 12:49-56

Sermon

*Hymn of the Day 704 (see page 6)

"When Pain of the World Surrounds Us"

*Prayers of Intercession

A: Your mercy is great.

*Peace

Thanksgiving

*Offering Hymn 691 (see page 7)

"Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring"

*Thanksgiving for the Word

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

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Sending

General Announcements

*Blessing

*Sending Hymn 815 (see page 8)

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

*Dismissal

A: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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The word of God is a refining fire. Jesus is the great divide in human history. He invites our undivided attention and devotion. Today in worship we are surrounded by a great "cloud of witnesses." In the word and in holy communion we are invited yet again to look to Jesus, "the pioneer and perfecter of our faith."

Leading Worship Today

Minister: Rev'd Monika Weisner

Diaconal Minister of Music: Deacon Scott Knarr

Lector: Kim Schaner

Broadcast: Jason Smolak

Building Monitor: Bob Karn (519-577-3060)

How Firm a Foundation

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,
 3 "When through fi - 'ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,
 4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove

is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!
 for I am your God and will still give you aid;
 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.
 my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;

What more can he say than to you he has said
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
 The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
 and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,

who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."
 your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."
 like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

Text: J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, alt.
 Music: FOUNDATION, Early American

Psalm 82

¹You have been gracious to your [|] land, O LORD;
you have restored the good for- [|] tune of Jacob.

²**You have forgiven the iniquity [|] of your people
and blotted out [|] all their sins.**

³You have withdrawn [|] all your fury
and turned yourself from your wrathful [|] indignation.

⁴**Restore us then, O [|] God our Savior;
let your anger de- [|] part from us.**

⁵Will you be displeased with [|] us forever?
Will you prolong your anger from [|] age to age?

⁶**Will you not give us [|] life again,
that your people may re- [|] joice in you?**

⁷Show us your steadfast [|] love, O LORD,
and grant us [|] your salvation.

⁸**I will listen to what the LORD [|] God is saying;
for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their [|] hearts to
you.**

⁹Truly, your salvation is very near to [|] those who fear you,
that your glory may dwell [|] in our land.

¹⁰**Steadfast love and faithfulness have [|] met together;
righteousness and peace have [|] kissed each other.**

¹¹Faithfulness shall spring up [|] from the earth,
and righteousness shall look [|] down from heaven.

¹²**The LORD will indeed [|] grant prosperity,
and our land will [|] yield its increase.**

¹³Righteousness shall go be- [|] fore the LORD
and shall prepare for [|] God a pathway.

When Pain of the World Surrounds Us



1 When pain of the world sur - rounds us with dark - ness and de -
 2 We see with . . fear and trem - bling our ach - ing world in
 3 The church is a ho - ly ves - sel the liv - ing wa - ters
 4 We praise you . . for our jour - ney and your a - bun - dant



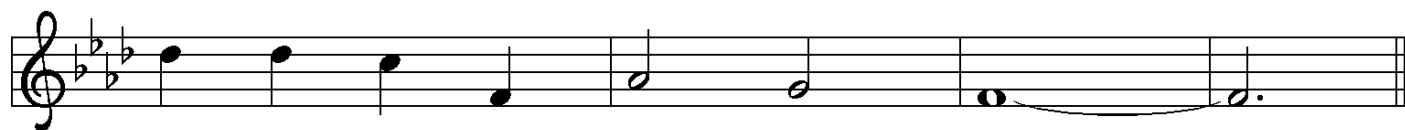
spair, when search - ing just con - founds us with
 need, con - fess - ing to each oth - er our
 fill to nour - ish all the peo - ple, God's
 grace, your sav - ing word that guid - ed a



false hopes ev - 'ry - where, when lives are starved for mean - ing and
 waste - ful - ness and greed. May we with stead - fast car - ing the
 pur - pose to ful - fill. May we with hum - ble cour - age be
 strug - gling hu - man race. O God, with all cre - a - tion, your



des - ti - ny is bare, we are called to fol - low Je - sus and
 hun - gry chil - dren feed. We are called to fol - low Je - sus and
 o - pen to God's will. We are called to fol - low Je - sus and
 fu - ture we em - brace. We are called to fol - low Je - sus and



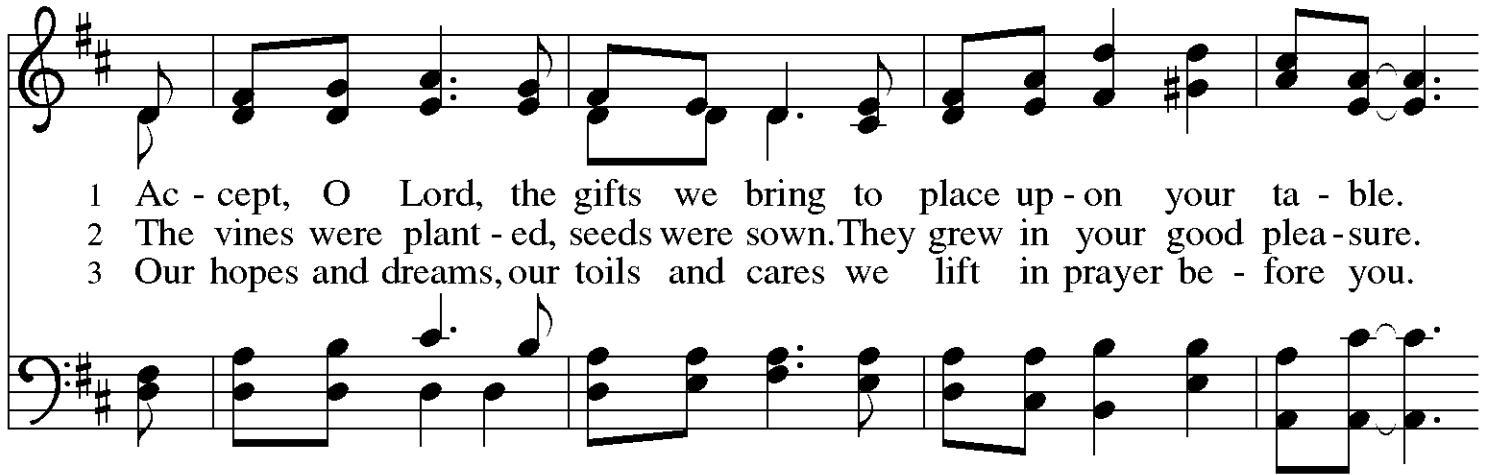
let God's heal - ing flow through us.
 let God's jus - tice flow through us.
 let God's Spir - it flow through us.
 let God's chang - es flow through us.

Text: Jim Strathdee, b. 1941

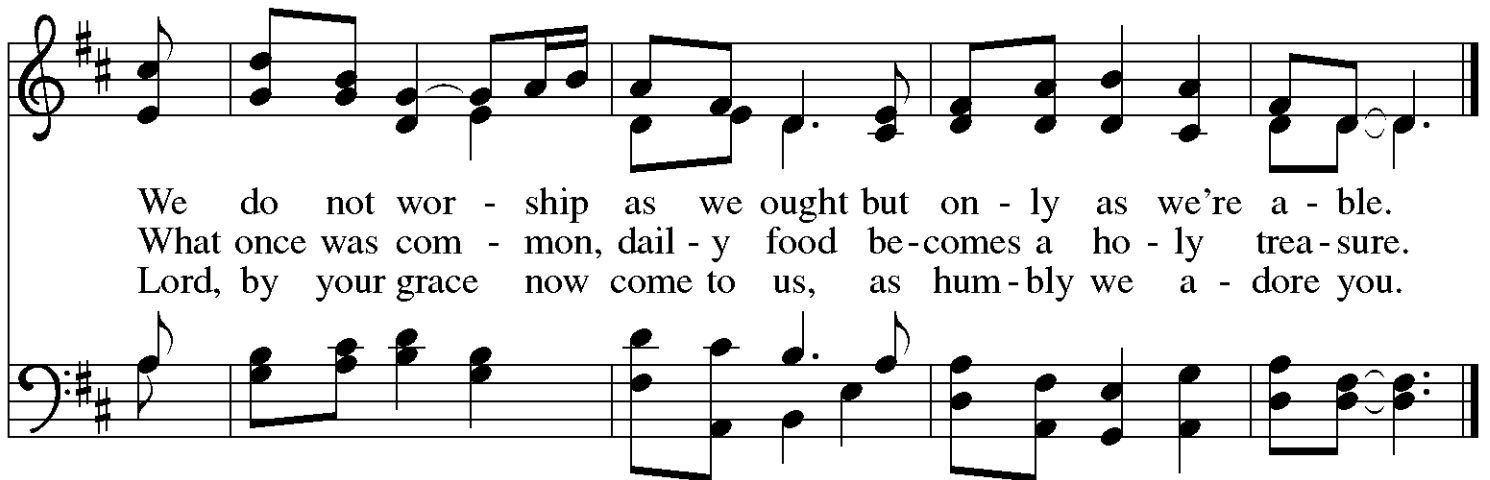
Music: CALLED TO FOLLOW, Jim Strathdee

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Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring



1 Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up - on your ta - ble.
2 The vines were plant - ed, seeds were sown. They grew in your good plea - sure.
3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer be - fore you.



We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.
What once was com - mon, dail - y food be - comes a ho - ly trea - sure.
Lord, by your grace now come to us, as hum - bly we a - dore you.

Text: Beth Bergeron Folkemer, b. 1957

Music: BARBARA ALLEN, English folk tune; arr. Alice Parker, b. 1925

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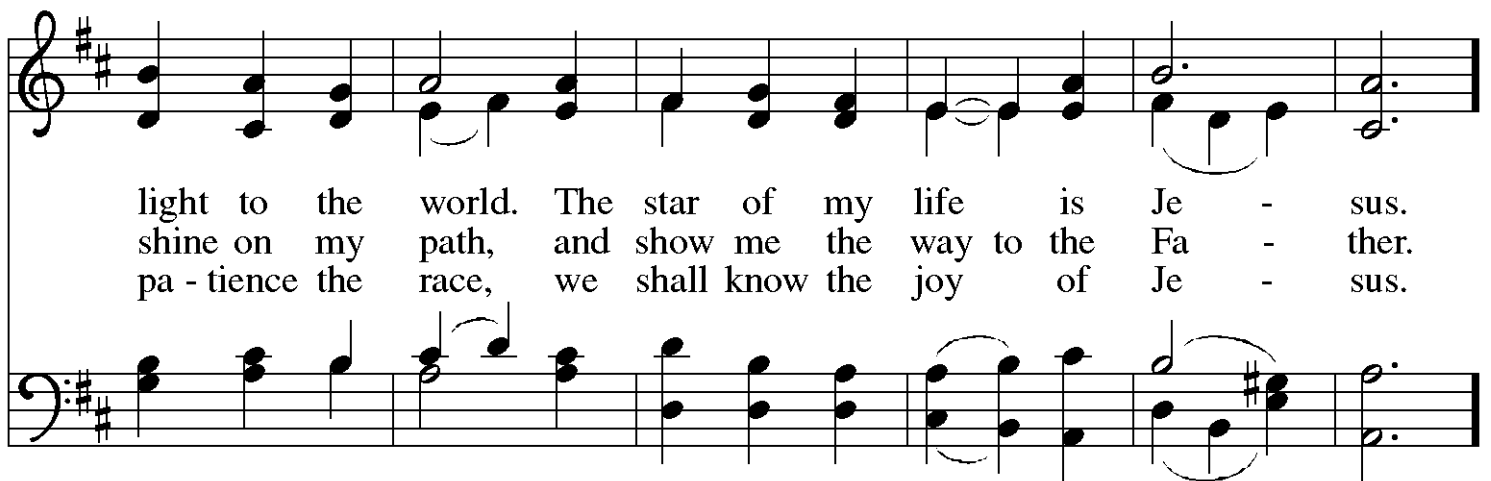
I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light



1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to
2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to
3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to



fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give
look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous - ness,
be with Je - sus. When we have run with



light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.
shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain

In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the

The first system of musical notation for the refrain. It consists of a treble and a bass staff, both in the key of D major (two sharps). The melody is written in the treble staff, and the accompaniment is in the bass staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the

The second system of musical notation for the refrain. It continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

The third system of musical notation for the refrain. It concludes the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

Text: Kathleen Thomerson, b. 1934
Music: HOUSTON, Kathleen Thomerson
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Worship Notes

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

Due to the extreme heat we've been experiencing this summer, it has been challenging to maintain a comfortable temperature in the Sanctuary. The extended forecast shows no relief from this extreme heat for the rest of this week, so we will therefore move the worship service to the Community Hall this Sunday, where the temperature is much cooler. We will monitor the weather going forward and if the heat persists, we will continue to worship in the Community Hall.

Please note that the Community Hall is not equipped to broadcast services online. If you are attending worship from home, please listen to a previously recorded service here: [Audio Archive](#). We appreciate your patience with this shift for the benefit of those who are attending in person, to make the Worship Service more comfortable.

Yours in Christ, The Board of Directors

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 August 1—22 Rev'd Brian Wilker (All Saints Guelph) 519-830-8084; August 23-24 Rev'd Laurie Sauder (St. Peter's Cambridge) 519-703-0643.

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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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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