

PENTECOST

A TIME TO GROW

St. Matthews Lutheran Church

WHERE COMMUNITY GATHERS AND GROWS

August 24, 2025

Pentecost 11
Sunday, August 24, 2025
(indicates the assembly stands)*

Gathering

Hymn Sing

Words of Welcome & Service Announcements

*Hymn 556 *"Morning Has Broken"*

*Greeting

*This is the Feast p. 149

*Prayer of the Day

Solo *"Never Forget to be Thankful"* N. Sleeth

Word

First Reading Isaiah 58:9b-14

Psalm 103:1-8 (see page 4) *(spoken)*

Second Reading Hebrews 12:18-29

*Gospel Acclamation *"Alleluia"* p. 151

*Gospel Reading Luke 13:10-17

Sermon

*Hymn of the Day 610 *"O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come"*

*Prayers of Intercession **A: Your mercy is great.**

*Peace

Meal

*Offering Hymn 691 *"Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring"*

*Offering Prayer

*Great Thanksgiving p. 152

*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 Hymn 484	<i>"You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"</i>
Table Blessing	
Prayer after Communion	
Sending	
General Announcements	
*Blessing	
*Sending Hymn 733	<i>"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"</i>
*Dismissal	

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Remember the sabbath day. Call the sabbath a delight. This is the Lord's day, and the Lord will do for us what the Lord does: feed us, forgive us, help and heal us. Rejoice at all the wonderful things God is doing.

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 103:1-8

¹ Bless the LORD, [|] O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless God's [|] holy name.

² Bless the LORD, [|] O my soul,
and forget not [|] all God's benefits—

³ who forgives [|] all your sins
and heals all [|] your diseases;

⁴ who redeems your life [|] from the grave
and crowns you with steadfast [|] love and mercy;

⁵ who satisfies your desires [|] with good things
so that your youth is renewed [|] like an eagle's.

⁶ O LORD, you provide [|] vindication
and justice for all who [|] are oppressed.

⁷ You made known your [|] ways to Moses
and your works to the chil- [|] dren of Israel.

⁸ LORD, you are full of compas- [|] sion and mercy,
slow to anger and abounding in [|] steadfast love.

Leading Worship Today

Minister: Rev'd Monika Weisner

Diaconal Minister of Music: Deacon Scott Knarr

Vocal Solo: Thea Marie Becker

Communion Servers: Lynda Karn and Pat Gielck

Broadcast: Jason Smolak

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

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 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.

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

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