

PENTECOST

A TIME TO GROW

St. Matthews Lutheran Church

WHERE COMMUNITY GATHERS AND GROWS

August 31, 2025

Pentecost 12
Sunday, August 31, 2025
(* indicates the assembly stands)

Gathering

Hymn Sing

Words of Welcome & Service Announcements

*Confession and Forgiveness p. 116

*Hymn 532 *"Gather Us In"*

*Greeting

*Prayer of the Day

Solo *"Assagio #2 in G minor: Con Spirito"* J.H. Roman

Word

First Reading Proverbs 25:6-7a

Psalm 112 (see page 4) *(read responsively)*

Second Reading Hebrews 13:1-8,15-17

*Gospel Acclamation *"Alleluia"* p. 151

*Gospel Reading Luke 14: 1,7-14

Sermon

*Hymn of the Day 712 *"Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service"*

*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 461	<i>"All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"</i>
Table Blessing	
Prayer after Communion	
Sending	
General Announcements	
*Blessing	
*Sending Hymn 547	<i>"Sent Forth By God's Blessing"</i>
*Dismissal	A: Thanks be to God.
Postlude	

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Invited and inviting—that is the nature of the church. By God's grace in holy baptism we have a place at Christ's banquet table. When, by the power of that same Spirit, humility and mutual love continue among us, the church can be more inviting still.

Leading Worship Today

Minister and Violinist: Pastor Sebastian Meadows-Helmer

Diaconal Minister of Music: Deacon Scott Knarr

Communion Servers: Jeanette Harrop and Linda McLellan

Broadcast: Andrew Weber

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

Psalm 112

¹ Hallelujah! Happy are they who [|] fear the LORD
and have great delight in [|] God's commandments!

² **Their descendants will be mighty [|] in the land;
the generation of the upright [|] will be blessed.**

³ Wealth and riches will be [|] in their house,
and their righteousness will [|] last forever.

⁴ **Light shines in the darkness [|] for the upright;
the righteous are merciful and full [|] of compassion.**

⁵ It is good for them to be gener- [|] ous in lending
and to manage their af- [|] fairs with justice.

⁶ **For they will nev- [|] er be shaken;
the righteous will be kept in everlast- [|] ing remembrance.**

⁷ They will not be afraid of any [|] evil rumors;
their heart is steadfast, trusting [|] in the LORD.

⁸ **Their heart is established and [|] will not shrink,
until they see their desire up- [|] on their enemies.**

⁹ They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands [|] fast forever;
they will hold up their [|] head with honor.

¹⁰ **The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and [|] pine away;
the desires of the wick- [|] ed will perish.**

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.



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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.

ST. MATTHEWS LUTHERAN CHURCH

COMMUNITY BBQ

& ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS



SEPTEMBER 21

AFTER WORSHIP 10:30 AM

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 parker's 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.

Fall Save-the-dates!

Sunday September 21: Kids Sunday School

Sunday, October 5 at 3 pm : Full House Brass Concert

Wednesday, October 15 (11 am -2 pm): Oktoberfest Social

Wednesday December 3 (11 am -2 pm): Christmas Social

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