

PENTECOST

A TIME TO GROW

St. Matthews Lutheran Church

WHERE COMMUNITY GATHERS AND GROWS

September 7, 2025

Pentecost 13
Sunday, September 7, 2025
(indicates the assembly stands)*

Gathering

Prelude	<i>"Tierce en taille"</i>	F. Couperin
Words of Welcome & Service Announcements		
*Hymn 685		<i>"Take my Life, That I May Be"</i>
*Greeting		
*Prayer of the Day		
Duet	<i>"Preludio, Allemanda & Gavotta"</i>	A. Corelli

Word

First Reading		Deuteronomy 30:15-20
Psalm 1 (see page 4)		<i>(read responsively)</i>
Second Reading		Philemon 1-21
*Gospel Acclamation	<i>"Alleluia. Lord, to Whom Shall We Go?"</i>	p. 216
*Gospel Reading		Luke 14:25-33
Sermon		
*Hymn of the Day 798		<i>"Will You Come and Follow Me"</i>
*Apostles' Creed		p. 217
Special Music	<i>"Calm to the Waves"</i>	A. Krentz Organ
*Prayers of Intercession		A: hear our prayer
*Peace		

Thanksgiving

*Hymn of Thanksgiving 512		<i>"Lord, Let my Heart Be Good Soil"</i>
*Thanksgiving for the Word		

Sending

General Announcements

*Blessing

*Hymn 810

"O Jesus, I Have Promised"

*Dismissal

A: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

"Plein Jeu"

F. Couperin

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Called to contemplate the cost of discipleship, we might be helped by translating Paul's request to Philemon into our prayer of the day: Refresh my heart in Christ. Strengthened by the company and forgiveness of Christ in holy communion and recalling God's grace in remembrance of baptism, we can be strengthened in this hour to "choose life"—to choose life in God as our own.

Leading Worship Today

Minister: Pastor Sebastian Meadows-Helmer

Diaconal Minister of Music: Deacon Scott Knarr

Lector: Bob Loeb sack

Flutes: Julia Crnko, Pauline Finch

Broadcast: Jason Smolak

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

Psalm 1

¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel [|] of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats [|] of the scornful!

²Their delight is in the law [|] of the LORD,
and they meditate on God's teaching [|] day and night.

³They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with
leaves that [|] do not wither;
everything they [|] do shall prosper.

⁴It is not so [|] with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind [|] blows away.

⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when [|] judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council [|] of the righteous.

⁶For the LORD knows the way [|] of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall [|] be destroyed.

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.

Worship Notes

In our prayers Kevin, Betty, Anneke, Judy, 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.
- **Please join us for Fellowship Time** after worship in the Community Hall. Use any of the staircases (Narthex, west stair tower, parking lot tower) to go down.
- **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

St. Matthews Choir: As our September routines begin once again you are encouraged to consider supporting our music ministry by joining the choir. Choir practice begins on Thursday, September 18 at 7:30 pm. We'd love to have you sing with us!

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.

Upcoming Events at St. Matthews

Sunday September 21: Kids Sunday School

Sunday, September 28: Orange Shirt Sunday

Sunday, October 5: Congregational Workshop: Principles & Participants

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

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

Sunday, October 26: Congregational Workshop: Priorities

Sunday, November 30: Advent Carol Service at 7 pm

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

ST. MATTHEWS LUTHERAN CHURCH

COMMUNITY BBQ

& ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS



SEPTEMBER 21

AFTER WORSHIP 10:30 AM

Church Breakfast Group: Join us on **Tuesday, September 16 at 9:00 a.m.** at **Kypreos Restaurant**, 305 Lancaster St. W., Kitchener. Attendees will order from the menu and pay for their own meals. Everyone is welcome to enjoy the great food, conversation and learning! Our speaker will be **John Neufeld**, executive director of **House of Friendship**. Looking ahead, our October speaker will be Susan Kadwell from Canadian Food for Children.

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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.





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