

PENTECOST

A TIME TO GROW

St. Matthews Lutheran Church

WHERE COMMUNITY GATHERS AND GROWS

September 21, 2025

Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

Sunday, September 21, 2025

(* indicates the assembly stands)

Gathering

Prelude "Mein junges Leben hat ein End" J. P. Sweelinck

Words of Welcome & Service Announcements

*Hymn 427 "For All Your Saints, O Lord"

*Greeting

*This is the Feast p. 149

*Prayer of the Day

Solo "Adagio" J. Haydn

Children's Message

Word

First Reading Ezekiel 2:8-3:11

Psalms 119:33-40 (see page 4) (sung responsively)

Second Reading Ephesians 2:4-10

*Gospel Acclamation "Alleluia" p. 151

*Gospel Reading Matthew 9:9-13

Sermon

*Hymn of the Day 421 (v.1, 20 and Last) "By All Your Saints"

*Nicene Creed p. 104

*Prayers of Intercession A: your mercy is great.

*Peace

Meal

*Offering Hymn 184 "Let the Vineyards"

*Offering Prayer

*Great Thanksgiving		p. 152
*Holy, Holy, Holy		p. 153
*Thanksgiving at the Table VI		p. 66
*Lord's Prayer (<i>Our Father, who art in heaven...</i>)		p. 154
Lamb of God		p. 154
Special Music	<i>"Ave Verum"</i>	A. Grimaldi
Communion Hymns 401, 676		
Table Blessing		
Prayer after Communion		
Sending		
General Announcements		
*Blessing		
*Hymn 428	<i>"Give Thanks for the Saints"</i>	
*Dismissal	A: Thanks be to God.	
Postlude	<i>"Trio Sonata in C: Allegro"</i>	J.S. Bach

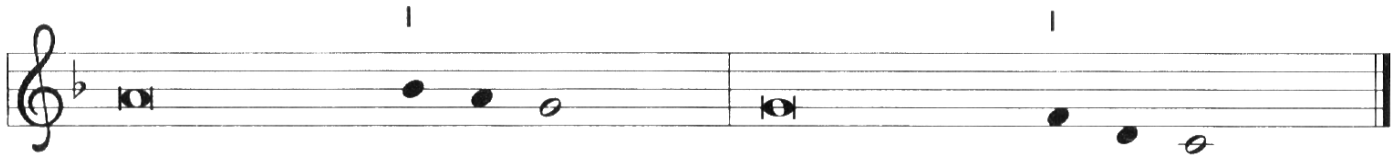
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Tax collectors were agents of the oppressive empire, and they also had a reputation for extorting more than they had to collect. Jesus' calling Matthew to follow him showed that Jesus not only associated with "bad guys," he welcomed them into his inner circle. His sharing a meal with Matthew and other tax collectors and "sinners" was an enacted parable of the mercy of God. The meal we share at Jesus' table is to be such a parable too.

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 119:33-40

Tone 2



³³Teach me, O LORD, the way [|] of your statutes,
and I shall keep it [|] to the end.

³⁴Give me understanding, and I shall [|] keep your teaching;
I shall keep it with [|] all my heart.

³⁵Lead me in the path of [|] your commandments,
for that is [|] my desire.

³⁶Incline my heart to [|] your decrees
and not to [|] unjust gain.

³⁷Turn my eyes from be- [|] holding falsehood;
give me life [|] in your way.

³⁸Fulfill your promise [|] to your servant,
which is for [|] those who fear you.

³⁹Turn away the reproach [|] that I dread,
because your judg- [|] ments are good.

⁴⁰Behold, I long for [|] your commandments;
by your righteousness en- [|] liven me.

Leading Worship Today

Minister and Violinist: Pastor Sebastian Meadows-Helmer

Assisting Minister: Bob Loeb sack

Diaconal Minister of Music: Deacon Scott Knarr

Cross Bearer: Paul Gross

Choral Scholars: Nicole Hamilton, Hannah Swiderski, Dylan Siebert,
Drew Aarssen

Broadcast: Jamie Foley

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

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

Congregational Workshop October 5: Please mark your calendars for the next workshop happening after service on Sunday, October 5th. We will be discussing

the results of the September survey, and fine-tuning our congregation's "pillars, and principles" as well as determining who the participants need to be to determine our congregation's goals and priorities. Free lunch will be served! Many thanks to those who participated in the Spring workshops, and we hope you will continue attending. If you missed the Spring sessions, please still consider attending this one, as your input into the strategic direction of our congregation is very important!

The musical joke's on you on Oct 5 at 3 pm!! Full House Brass presents a program of compositions which poke fun at musicians and audiences through the ages. From Pink Panther to the Liberty Bell March there is something for everyone. Bring your grandchildren, 14 and under free admission. Save on extra service charges and buy your tickets at the Centre in the Square box office in person, or from Deacon Scott

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.

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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Upcoming Events at St. Matthews

Sunday September 21: Kids Sunday School & Community BBQ

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 19: Foundation Sunday

Sunday, October 26: Congregational Workshop: Priorities

Sunday, November 2: All Saints Sunday

Sunday, November 30: Advent Carol Service at 7 pm

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



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