

# PENTECOST



**St. Matthews Lutheran Church**

WHERE COMMUNITY GATHERS AND GROWS

September 28, 2025

# Pentecost 16 / Truth and Reconciliation Sunday

Sunday, September 28, 2025

(\* indicates the assembly stands)

## Gathering

Prelude "Elegy" G. Thalben-Ball

Land Acknowledgment

Words of Welcome & Service Announcements

\*Confession and Forgiveness (see page 4)

\*Hymn 532 "Gather Us In"

\*Greeting

\*Prayer of the Day

Anthem "A Cree Lullaby (The Sleepy Song)" S. Sewepagaham

Children's Message

## Word

First Reading Amos 6:1a, 4-7

Psalms 146 (see page 5) (sung responsively)

Second Reading 1 Timothy 6:6-19

\*Gospel Acclamation "Alleluia" p. 151

\*Gospel Reading Luke 16:19-31

Sermon

\*Hymn of the Day 1062 (see page 6) "Build a Longer Table"

\*Presentation of a New Member (see page 7)

\*Prayers of Intercession A: receive our prayer.

\*Peace

## Meal

\*Offering Hymn 184 "Let the Vineyards"

*Offering Prayer	
*Great Thanksgiving	p. 152
*Holy, Holy, Holy	p. 153
*Thanksgiving at the Table VIII	p. 67
*Lord's Prayer ( <i>Our Father, who art in heaven...</i> )	p. 154
Lamb of God	p. 154
Communion Hymns 966 (see page 8), 729	
Table Blessing	
Prayer after Communion	
<b>Sending</b>	
General Announcements	
*Blessing	
*Hymn 641	<i>"All Are Welcome"</i>
*Dismissal	<b>A: Thanks be to God.</b>
Postlude	<i>"Fugue a la Handel"</i> A. Guilmant

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**Consideration of and care for those in need** (especially those “at our gate,” visible to us, of whom we are aware) is an essential component of good stewardship. It is in the sharing of wealth that we avoid the snare of wealth. It is the one whom death could not hold—who comes to us risen from the dead—who can free us from the death grip of greed.

**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.

## Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be ...

Merciful and loving God,

**A: we are your stiff-necked people.**

**We trample on the needy.**

**We grumble about your grace to others.**

**We turn away from the poor.**

**Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.**

**Rejoice over us as ones who were lost  
and have been found.**

**Amen.**

### **Upcoming Events at St. Matthews**

**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)**

# Psalm 146

## Tone 16



<sup>1</sup>Hal- | lelujah!

Praise the LORD, | O my soul!

<sup>2</sup>I will praise the LORD as long | as I live;  
I will sing praises to my God while I | have my being.

<sup>3</sup>Put not your | trust in rulers,  
in mortals in whom there | is no help.

<sup>4</sup>When they breathe their last, they re- | turn to earth,  
and in that day | their thoughts perish.

<sup>5</sup>Happy are they who have the God of Jacob | for their help,  
whose hope is in the | LORD their God;

<sup>6</sup>who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that | is in them;  
who keeps promis- | es forever;

<sup>7</sup>who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to | those who hunger.  
The LORD sets the | captive free.

<sup>8</sup>The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who | are bowed  
down;  
the LORD | loves the righteous.

<sup>9</sup>The LORD cares | for the stranger;  
the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way | of the wicked.

<sup>10</sup>The LORD shall | reign forever,  
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. | Hallelujah!

# Build a Longer Table



1 Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,  
 2 Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;  
 3 Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.  
 4 When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,



feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.  
 where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.  
 Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.  
 Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.



Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,  
 For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,  
 When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,  
 So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.



Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.  
 Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.  
 Christ tears down our fenc - es; all are wel - come here.  
 None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.

Text: David Bjorlin, b. 1984

Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol

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## Presentation of a New Member

P.: ...With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**A: I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.\*  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

P.: ...People of God,  
do you promise to support and pray for this new member in her life in Christ?

**A: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

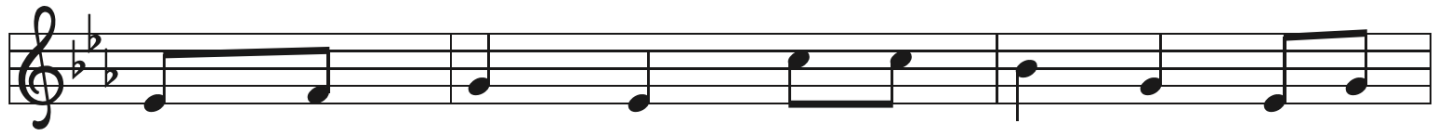
P.: Let us welcome this sister in Christ to this community of faith.

**A: We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.  
Together we will give thanks and praise to God  
and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

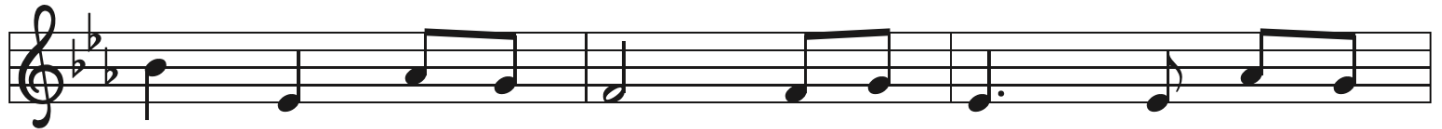
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Today we welcome Deacon Sherry Coman as a new member at St. Matthews. She is transferring from Trinity Lutheran, New Hamburg. Sherry is the founding director of Martin Luther University College's [Centre for Spirituality and Media](#), has a column in Canada Lutheran and is the creator/curator of the Lutherans Connect online devotions. At Luther, she teaches four courses a year on a range of themes including media & film and spirituality and faith. She also helps to plan the weekly worship service Open Door on Wednesdays.

# Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken



1 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken by the  
2 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken in a  
3 Loaves are bro - ken, words are spo - ken, as in  
4 By the loaves you break and give us, send us



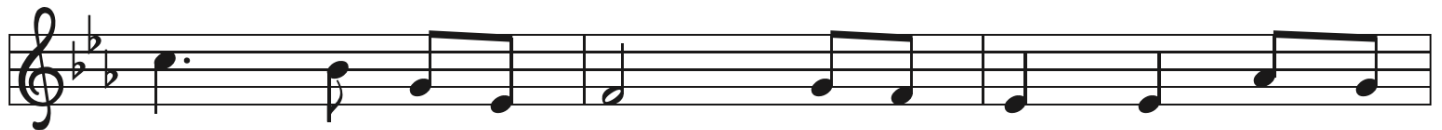
Gal - i - le - an shore. Je - sus, Bread of life from  
qui - et room one night. In the bread and wine you  
faith we gath - er here. Je - sus speaks a - cross the  
in your name to share bread for which the mil - lions



heav - en, was their food for - ev - er - more.  
gave them, Christ, you came as Light from Light.  
a - ges: "I am with you; do not fear!"  
hun - ger, words that tell your love and care.



*Refrain*  
By your bod - y bro - ken for us, by your



wine of life out - poured, Je - sus, feed a - gain your



peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., 1923–2007

Music: JOYOUS LIGHT, Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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## Leading Worship Today

**Minister:** Pastor Sebastian Meadows-Helmer

**Assisting Minister:** Scott Kuschnereit

**Diaconal Minister of Music:** Deacon Scott Knarr

**Land Acknowledgement:** Karen Farrell

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

**Communion Server:** Lynda Karn

**Broadcast:** Jason Smolak

**Building Monitor:** Dennis Diebolt (519-571-4525)

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## Worship Notes

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

**Sherryl Sewepagaham** is of Cree-Dene ancestry from the Little Red River Cree Nation in northern Alberta. She holds a Bachelor of Music Therapy (Capilano University), a Bachelor of Education and Master of Education (University of Alberta) and is composer of traditional and contemporary First Nations drum songs. A Cree Lullaby is also titled A Sleepy Song, with Cree text: Nipa, kisâkihitiin (Go to sleep, I love you.) This original composition was created in the spirit of Sherryl's great-grandmother's lullaby to soothe the spirit and the child within us.

## 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!

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at <https://www.stmatthewscentre.ca>

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which you can “follow” to get updates.





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