

# THANKSGIVING

WORSHIP THE LORD WITH GLADNESS

## **St. Matthews Church**

WHERE COMMUNITY GATHERS AND GROWS

October 12, 2025

**Day of Thanksgiving**  
**Sunday, October 12, 2025**  
(\* indicates the assembly stands)

**Gathering**

Prelude	<i>"In Strength and Service"</i>	M. Helman
Words of Welcome & Service Announcements		
*Hymn 881		<i>"Let All Things Now Living"</i>
*Greeting		
*This is the Feast		p. 149
*Prayer of the Day		
Anthem	<i>"We Give Thanks to You, O God"</i>	K. Hildebrand

**Word**

First Reading		Deuteronomy 26:1-11
Psalm 100 (see page 4)		
Second Reading		Philippians 4:4-9
*Gospel Acclamation	<i>"Alleluia"</i>	p. 151
*Gospel Reading		John 6:25-35
Sermon		
*Hymn of the Day 485		<i>"I Am the Bread of Life"</i>
*Prayers of Intercession		<b>A: Your mercy is great.</b>
*Peace		

**Meal**

*Offering Hymn 691	<i>"Accept, O Lord the Gifts We Bring"</i>	
*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 Hymns 461, 682	
*Table Blessings	
*Prayer after Communion	
<b>Sending</b>	
General Announcements	
*Blessing	
*Sending Hymn 840	<i>"Now Thank We All Our God"</i>
*Dismissal	
Postlude	<i>"Now Thank We All Our God"</i> S. Karg-Elert

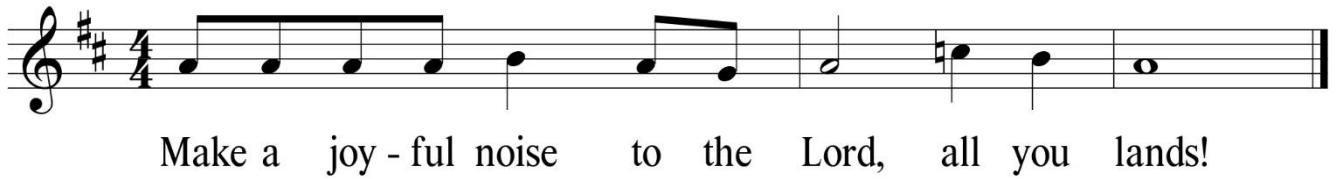
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**Every gathering for worship has elements of thanksgiving.** When we are nourished with God's bounty in holy communion, when we partake of Jesus' word that gives life to the world, and even when two or three of us simply join our hearts in prayer to make our requests known to God, we do so "with thanksgiving." Let us give thanks to God, who is good and whose mercy endures forever.

**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 100



## Refrain

<sup>1</sup> Make a joyful noise to the LORD, | all you lands!

<sup>2</sup> Serve the LORD with gladness; come into God's presence | with a song.

<sup>3</sup> Know that the LORD is God, our maker to whom | we belong;  
we are God's people and the sheep | of God's pasture.

## Refrain

4 Enter the gates of the LORD with thanksgiving and the | courts with praise;  
give thanks and bless God's | holy name.

<sup>5</sup> Good indeed is the LORD, whose steadfast love is | everlasting,  
whose faithfulness endures from | age to age.

## Refrain

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## **Leading Worship Today**

**Minister:** Pastor Carey Meadows-Helmer

**Assisting Minister:** Bob Loeb sack

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

**Choir Director:** Corey Linforth

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

**Celebration Bells:** Julia Crnko, Jamie Cross, Mikala Hunt, Gwenanne Jorgenson, Kim Schaner, Christine Klaver-Schmidt, Linda McLellan, Sam Schmidt, Simon Thompson, Mary-Ellen Winkler

**Lector:** Sonia Groh

**Out of the Cold Presentation:** Kevin Ernst

**Broadcast:** Jamie Foley

**Building Monitor:** Don Robins (519-502-2099)

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## **Worship Notes**

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

**All are welcome at the meal** where Jesus is present loving and forgiving us. For the wine, the 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. -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**

**Please note, there will be no Coffee Hour** this Sunday. See you next week!

**Remembrance Sunday, November 9** - This year, we will celebrate Remembrance Sunday, (likely for the first time since 2003) commemorating the 80th anniversary of the conclusion of WWII. We will remember military personnel, and particularly those who served or fell in the conflicts of the past hundred years. Rev. Hans Borch, retired Lutheran military chaplain, will be the guest speaker. If you have any names that you would like to have remembered as part of the service, please pass them on to Pastor Sebastian or Leanne by November 5th.

**Church Breakfast Group** - We meet next on Tuesday, October 21 at 9:00 a.m. at Kypreos Restaurant, 305 Lancaster St. W. Kitchener. Susan Kadwell will be speaking to us about Canadian Food For Children. This name is a bit of a misnomer as both food and physical items are sent to people who live in developing countries where items are not available to be purchased. Virtually all work for this registered charity is undertaken by volunteers. Local volunteers sort donated items at the Guelph St. Kitchener depot.

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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.



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

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

**Saturday, October 18:** Valley of the Birdtail Art Workshop (9:30 - 11:30 am)

**Sunday, October 19:** Foundation Sunday

**Sunday, October 19:** Blessing of the Pets (12:30 pm)

**Sunday, October 19:** Gentle Vibes Yoga in the Sanctuary (2:00 pm)

**Sunday, October 26:** Baptism, Sunday School, Congregational Workshop &  
Luncheon: Priorities

**Sunday, November 2:** All Saints Sunday, Sunday School, Confirmation

**Sunday, November 9:** Remembrance Sunday

**Sunday, November 30:** Advent Carol Service at 7 pm

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

**Sunday, December 14:** Sunday School Pageant

**Wednesday, December 24:** German Language Christmas Eve Service (5:00pm)

**Wednesday, December 24:** English Language Christmas Eve Service (7:30 pm)

**Thursday, December 25:** Christmas Day Service (9:30 am)

**Wednesday, December 31:** New Year's Eve Service (4:30 pm)



St. Matthews

# OKTOBERFEST

**OCTOBER 15, 2025**

**11:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

OKTOBERFEST SAUSAGE,  
SAUERKRAUT, PRETZELS,  
FESTIVE MUSIC

MEAL AT NOON

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relaxing, gentle yoga experience in the  
Sanctuary at St Matthews.

# *Gentle Vibes* Yoga in the Sanctuary

*Join Angela & Zac*  
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Sunday Oct 19 at 2pm  
Friday Nov 7 at 7pm  
Saturday Dec 6 at 7pm



## ELCJHL APPEAL FOR CRISIS IN THE HOLY LAND

# Song of Sorrow... Sounds of Hope

Together, the *ELCIC* and *Eastern Synod* are launching an appeal to support the ministries of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land (ELCJHL). **Our goal is to raise \$50,000 to assist in supporting this vital work that embodies faith, resilience and hope of a just peace. You are invited to be a part of this support.**



PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND THIS SPECIAL SERVICE AT

**Trillium Lutheran Church**

*22 Willow Street, Waterloo*

**October 26, 2025 at 3 pm**

**We will be raising funds and awareness of this appeal.**

*Bishop Carla will present information from her recent trip to the Holy Land. The joint choir and hand bell choir are made up of members from local area churches. To view the live-stream, please use this link:*

<https://www.youtube.com/@trilliumlutheranchurch8329/streams>



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