

PENTECOST

A TIME TO GROW

St. Matthews Lutheran Church

WHERE COMMUNITY GATHERS AND GROWS

September 21, 2025

October 19, 2025

~~Sunday, October 17, 2025~~

(* indicates the assembly stands)

Gathering

Prelude

"Melody"

W. France

Words of Welcome & Service Announcements

*Hymn 656

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

*Greeting

*Prayer of the Day

Anthem	<i>"O Lord, Increase My Faith"</i>	H. Loosemore
Word		
First Reading		Genesis 32:22-31
Psalm 121 (see page 4)		<i>(assembly sings refrain)</i>
Second Reading		2 Timothy 3:14-4:5
*Gospel Acclamation	<i>"Alleluia. Lord, to Whom Shall We Go?"</i>	p. 216
*Gospel Reading		Luke 18:1-8
Sermon		
*Hymn of the Day 769	<i>"If You but Trust in God to Guide You"</i>	
Healing		
Introduction		
Prayers of Intercession		A: hear us, O God.
Laying on of Hands		
Hymns during Laying on of Hands 220, 613		
*Blessing		
*Peace		
Thanksgiving		
* Hymn 748		<i>"O God in Heaven"</i>
*Thanksgiving for the Word		
*Lord's Prayer (<i>Our Father in heaven...</i>)		p. 221
Sending		
General Announcements		
*Blessing		
*Hymn 720		<i>"We Are Called"</i>
*Dismissal		A: Thanks be to God.
Postlude	<i>"Trumpet Tune in A Major"</i>	D. Ouchterlony

Pray always. Do not lose heart. This is Christ's encouragement in the gospel today. Wrestle with the word. Remember your baptism again and again. Come regularly to Christ's table. Persistence in our every encounter with the divine will be blessed.

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 121 refrain

Hal H. Hopson



Leading Worship Today

Minister: Pastor Sebastian Meadows-Helmer

Diaconal Minister of Music: Deacon Scott Knarr

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

Lector: Kim Schaner

Broadcast: Jamie Foley

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

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

Music notes: The composer of this morning's organ prelude is William France, longtime organist of Dominion-Chalmers United Church in Ottawa. The postlude was composed by David Ouchterlony, for many years organist at Timothy Eaton Memorial Church in Toronto. The choir anthem was attributed to Orlando Gibbons for most of the 20th century, though recent scholarship points to the work originating with his contemporary Henry Loosemore, who served as organist at King's College, Cambridge.

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

Members of our choir will be joined by several of our handbell ringers and musicians at Trillium Lutheran next Sunday afternoon for a special service to highlight the appeal for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land. Please join us October 26, 2025, at 3 pm at Trillium, 22 Willow St, Waterloo.

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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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

Today: Foundation Sunday

Today: Blessing of the Pets (12:30 pm)

Today: 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)



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