

EPIPHANY

CHRIST OUR LIGHT

St. Matthews Church

WHERE COMMUNITY GATHERS AND GROWS

January 25, 2026

Sunday, January 25, 2026

(indicates the assembly stands)*

Gathering

Prelude	<i>"Klavierstück Op. 12, No. 4"</i>	M. Bruch
Words of Welcome & Service Announcements		
*Hymn 525		<i>"You Are Holy"</i>
*Greeting		
*Prayer of the Day		
Anthem	<i>"The Light of Glory"</i>	J. Martin
Children's Message		

Word

First Reading	Isaiah 9:1-4
Psalm 27: 1, 4-9 (see page 4)	<i>(sung responsively)</i>

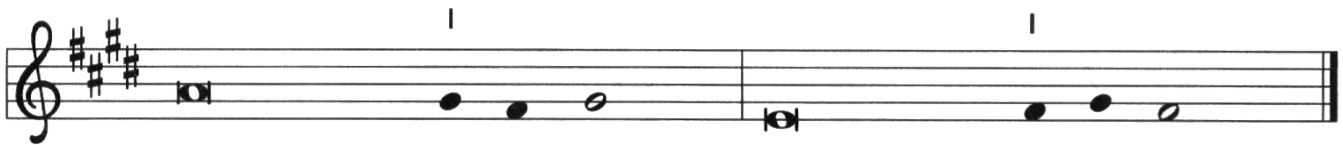
Second Reading	1 Corinthians 1:10-18
*Gospel Acclamation	<i>"Alleluia"</i> p. 188
*Gospel Reading	Matthew 4:12-23
Sermon	
*Hymn of the Day 787	<i>"On Eagle's Wings"</i>
Healing	
Introduction	
Prayers of Intercession	A: hear us, O God
Laying on of Hands	
Hymns during Laying on of Hands 221, 612	
*Blessing	
*Peace	
Meal	
*Offering Hymn 810 v. 1, 4	<i>"O Jesus, I have Promised"</i>
*Offering Prayer	
*Great Thanksgiving	p. 190
*Holy, Holy, Holy	p. 190
*Thanksgiving at the Table X	p. 69
*Lord's Prayer (<i>Our Father in heaven...</i>)	p. 191
Lamb of God	p. 191
Communion Hymns 494, 661	
Table Blessing	
Prayer after Communion	
Sending	
General Announcements	
*Blessing	
*Sending Hymn 671	<i>"Shine, Jesus, Shine"</i>
*Dismissal	A: Thanks be to God.

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Jesus begins his public ministry by calling fishers to leave their nets and follow him. In Jesus the kingdom of God has come near. We who have walked in darkness have seen a great light. We see this light most profoundly in the cross—as God suffers with us and all who are oppressed by sickness, sin, or evil. Light dawns for us as we gather around the word, the font, and the holy table. We are then sent to share the good news that others may be “caught” in the net of God’s grace and mercy.

Psalm 27: 1, 4-9

Tone 5



¹The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then I shall I fear?
The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

⁴One thing I ask of the LORD; one I thing I seek;
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek God I in the temple.

⁵For in the day of trouble God will I give me shelter,
hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high up- I on a rock.

⁶Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies I who surround me.
Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing;
I will sing and make music I to the LORD.

⁷Hear my voice, O LORD, I when I call;
have mercy on me and I answer me.

⁸My heart speaks your message— I “Seek my face.”
Your face, O LORD, I I will seek.

⁹Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your ser-^lvant in anger.
Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not,
O God of^l my salvation.

Leading Worship Today

Minister: Rev. Sebastian Meadows-Helmer

Diaconal Minister of Music: Deacon Scott Knarr

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

Communion Servers: Pat Gielck and Lynda Karn

Broadcast: Andrew Weber

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

In our prayers, Marjorie, 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

122nd Anniversary Service: Sunday, Feb. 8th. Our guest preacher will be our old pastor Rev. Katherine Gohm (Altenburg), who is now an Assistant to the Bishop of

the Eastern Synod, as well as a Vice-President of the Lutheran World Federation.

food4kids Volunteer Opportunity: The need to feed children in the Waterloo Region has never been greater. We are currently feeding 1400 every week through 129 elementary schools in our region. As we grow in capacity, we are in need of more volunteers and I'm hoping that your church community can help. We are looking for a group of 4-6 people to clean and inventory the delivery bins every Monday. This task will take up to 2 hours. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Kim at president@stmattskw.com

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.

Upcoming Events at St. Matthews

Saturday, January 31: Spirituality & Healthy Ageing at 10 am

Sunday, February 8: 122nd anniversary with guest preacher Rev. Katherine Gohm (Altenburg)

Friday, February 13: Dinner & Games at 5:30 pm

Tuesday, February 17: Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper at 5 pm

Wednesday, February 18: Ash Wednesday Service at 7 pm

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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 www.stmatthewscentre.ca.

The St. Matthews Centre also has a Facebook page, which you can “follow” to get updates.



LOVE GATHERS HERE
A ST. VALENTINE'S EVENT FOR ALL AGES

DINNER & GAMES

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2026

DINNER 5:30 PM & GAMES 6:30 PM

BAKED ZITI, SALAD, DESSERT (GF, DF, VEG OPTIONS)
BOARD GAMES, VOLLEYBALL

RSVP BY FEB. 10 TO THE
OFFICE OR PASTOR CAREY

SHROVE TUESDAY DINNER

FEBRUARY 17, 2026

Dinner 5 pm - 7 pm

PANCAKES, SAUSAGE, FRUIT, BEVERAGES

COMMUNITY HALL

ENTRY OFF OF BENTON STREET PARKING LOT



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