

EPIPHANY

CHRIST OUR LIGHT

St. Matthews Church

WHERE COMMUNITY GATHERS AND GROWS

February 8, 2026

Epiphany 5/ 122nd Anniversary Sunday

Sunday, February 8, 2026

(* indicates the assembly stands)

Gathering

Prelude "Waltz No. 9 in A minor" F. Chopin

Words of Welcome & Service Announcements

*Thanksgiving for Baptism p. 97

*Hymn 715 "Christ Be Our Light"

*Greeting

This is the Feast p. 187

*Prayer of the Day

Celebration Bells "Rigaudon" A. Campra

Word

First Reading Isaiah 58:1-9a

Anthem "You Are the Light of the World" S. Schwartz

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 2:1-12

*Gospel Acclamation "Alleluia" p. 188

*Gospel Reading Matthew 5:13-20

Sermon

*Hymn of the Day 710 "Let Streams of Living Justice"

*Apostles' Creed p. 127

*Prayers of Intercession **A: receive our prayer.**

*Peace

Meal

*Offering Hymn 717 "Let Justice Flow Like Streams"

*Offering Prayer		
*Great Thanksgiving		p. 190
*Holy, Holy, Holy		p. 190
*Thanksgiving at the Table VII		p. 67
*Lord's Prayer (<i>Our Father in heaven...</i>)		p. 191
Lamb of God		p. 191
Communion Hymns 479, 535		
Table Blessing		
Prayer after Communion		
Sending		
General Announcements		
Choral Blessing	<i>"God Be in My Head"</i>	J. Enns
*Blessing		
*Sending Hymn 546		<i>"To Be Your Presence"</i>
*Dismissal		A: Thanks be to God.
Postlude	<i>"Grand Choeur"</i>	T. Dubois

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Light shines in the darkness for the upright, the psalmist sings. Isaiah declares that when we loose the bonds of injustice and share our bread with the hungry, the light breaks forth like the dawn. In another passage from the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus, the light of the world, calls his followers to let the light of their good works shine before others. Through baptism we are sent into the world to shine with the light of Christ.

Leading Worship Today

Guest Preacher: Rev. Katherine Gohm, Assistant to the Bishop, Eastern Synod of the ELCIC

Presiding Minister: Rev. Sebastian Meadows-Helmer

Assisting Minister: Bob Loeb sack

Diaconal Minister of Music: Deacon Scott Knarr

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

Piano: Mikala Hunt

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

Communion Server: Rev. Dr. Allen Jorgenson

Broadcast: Jamie Foley

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

Worship Notes

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

Church Breakfast Group meets next on Tuesday, February 17 at 9:00 a.m. at Kypreos Restaurant, 305 Lancaster St. W. Kitchener. Attendees order from the menu and pay for their own meals. Everyone is welcome. The speaker will be Dr. Kristine Lund the Principal-Dean at Martin Luther University College in Waterloo. Dr. Lund will speak to us about its transition to Martin Luther University College and its current mission of providing education for a life of meaning and service by considering a rapidly evolving world through theological lenses.

Upcoming Events at St. Matthews

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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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



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.





ST. MATTHEWS
presents



Organ Recitals and Soup

begins on

Wednesday, February 25, 2026 at 12 noon

Music at 12; Soup at 12:30pm

recitals every other Wednesday

Freewill Offering

February 25

Sebastian Meadows-Helmer, baroque violin

Pauline Finch, baroque flute

Scott Knarr, harpsichord & organ

March 11

Corey Linforth, vocalist

Peter Nikiforuk, organ & piano

March 25

Bruce Gremo, flute

Corinne Dutton, organ

April 8

Sherry Coman, spoken word

Scott Knarr, organ

April 22

Sebastian Meadows-Helmer, Lana Moses, violins

Scott Knarr, organ

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.



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