



GOOD FRIDAY

UNBOUND
Longing for Solidarity

Even in darkness,
we are not alone.

APRIL 3, 2026

Good Friday
Longing for Solidarity
Friday, April 3, 2026

(indicates the assembly stands)*

All Gather in Silence

Prayer of the Day

Reading

Hebrews 10:16-25

*Hymn 353

"Were You There"

Gospel Reading

Mark 14:1 –15:47

Reading

Mark 14:1–9

Choir

"Processional to Calvary"

J. Stainer

Reading

Mark 14:10-25

Choir

"God So Loved the World"

J. Stainer

Reading

Mark 14:26-15:5

Hymn 347 vs. 1-3

"Go to Dark Gethsemane"

Reading

Mark 15:6-39

Choir

"The Appeal of the Crucified"

J. Stainer

Reading

Mark 15:40-47

Reflection

*Hymn of the Day 351

"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

Bidding Prayer

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*Lord's Prayer *"Our Father, who art in heaven..."*

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*Glory to the Cross

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* Sending Hymn 349

"Ah, Holy Jesus"

All Depart in Silence

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Good Friday confronts every false promise of safety or success by revealing a God who refuses to be distant from human suffering. In Jesus' crucifixion, the powers that bind us - violence, abandonment, shame—are exposed and broken open by a love that chooses solidarity over escape.

Leading Worship Today

Minister: Rev. Carey Meadows-Helmer

Diaconal Minister of Music: Deacon Scott Knarr

Lectors: Kim Schaner, Rev. Dr. Allen Jorgenson

Choir Director: Corey Linforth

Tenor Solo: Dylan Siebert

Bass Solo: Drew Aarssen

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

Broadcast: Jason Smolak

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

Worship Notes

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

Today's choir music was composed in the 19th century by British organist John Stainer in his larger work "The Crucifixion: A Meditation on the Sacred Passion of the Holy Redeemer".

Information for today's worship

- **Offering:** Please place your offering in one of the offering plates in the Narthex (entranceway) upon entering. Undesignated and loose offerings will be donated to Out of the Cold.
- **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.

Upcoming Events at St. Matthews

Sunday, April 5: Easter Sunday with Craft for Children

Wed., April 8: St. Matthews Presents: Organ Recital (noon), and Soup (12:30)

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ST. MATTHEWS LUTHERAN CHURCH

Spring Social

WEDNESDAY APRIL 15TH

11:30 AM GUEST SPEAKER WRPS
FRAUD & SCAMS AFFECTING SENIORS

LUNCH AT NOON

COMMUNION

*RSVP TO
THE
OFFICE*



ST. MATTHEWS
presents

Organ Recitals and Soup

Wednesdays at 12 noon

April 8

Sherry Coman, spoken word
Scott Knarr, organ

April 22

Sebastian Meadows-Helmer, Lana Moses, violins
Scott Knarr, organ

ANNUAL MEETING

APRIL 26, 2026



FOLLOWING WORSHIP



Join Feather & Cross Bus Trip for



Mohawk Institute

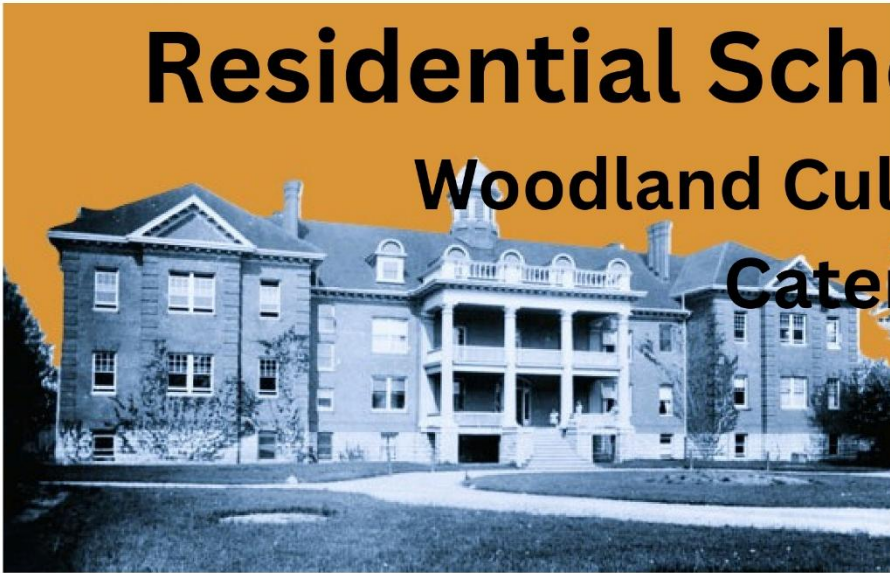
Residential School Tour

Woodland Cultural Museum

Catered lunch and

Sharing Circle

Irocrafts



Saturday April 18, 2026

8am-4pm

sign up and pay via
Eventbrite



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For complete
information see
itinerary on website

1 Pick up in Kitchener,
1 pick up in Cambridge

Suggested age 14-adult. spaces limited to 20



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