



EASTER

UNBOUND

Longing for Wholeness

APRIL 5, 2026

Resurrection of Our Lord: “Longing for New Life”

Sunday, April 5, 2026

(* indicates the assembly stands)

Gathering

Prelude *“Menuet gothique”* L. Boellman

Words of Welcome & Service Announcements

*Easter Greeting

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

A: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

*Processional Hymn 365

“Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

*Greeting

*This is the Feast

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*Prayer of the Day

Children’s Message

Anthem

“Christ is Alive!”

A. Pote

Word

First Reading

Jeremiah 31:1-6

Anthem

“The Stone is Rolled Away”

J.S. Bach /arr. S. Knarr

Second Reading

Acts 10:34-43

*Gospel Acclamation

“Alleluia”

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*Gospel Reading

Matthew 28: 1-10

Sermon

*Hymn of the Day 361

“The Day of Resurrection!”

*Nicene Creed

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*Prayers of Intercession

A: receive our prayer.

*Peace

Meal

Offering Music	<i>“Easter Bells”</i>	M. Ryan
*Offering Hymn 885	<i>“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”</i>	
*Offering Prayer		
*Great Thanksgiving		p. 152
*Holy, Holy, Holy		p. 153
*Thanksgiving at the Table IV		p. 133
*Lord’s Prayer (<i>Our Father, who art in heaven...</i>)		p. 154
Lamb of God		p. 154

Communion Hymns 934 (see page 4), 474, 380

Table Blessing

Prayer after Communion

Sending

General Announcements

*Blessing

*Recessional Hymn 385 *“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!”*

*Dismissal **A: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude *“Toccata”* L. Boellman

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Easter is God’s definitive “no” to every force that binds us and God’s “yes” to a wholeness more expansive than we imagined.

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.

Christ Is Living

1 ¡Cris - to vi - ve, fue - ra el llan - to, los la - men - tos y el pe - sar!
 1 Christ is liv - ing! Gone with sor - row! Tears and ter - ror, be no more.
 2 For if Christ is not a - ris - en there is noth - ing to be - lieve.
 3 Death is swal - lowed up in vic - t'ry; sin has lost its poi - son sting.

Ni la muer - te ni el se - pul - cro lo han po - di - do su - je - tar.
 Death and grave, you now are noth - ing; Christ is free of ev - 'ry pow'r.
 Je - sus' prom - ise is ac - comp - lished: "Since I live, you too shall live."
 Life will blos - som from the grain sown, Christ the first fruits of the spring.

No bus - quéis en - tre los muer - tos al que siem - pre ha de vi - vir.
 Why then seek the liv - ing Sav - ior in the haunts of death and fear?
 Dust we are, to dust re - turn - ing, but in Christ we are re - stored.
 For the sure - ness of sal - va - tion let us sing, "Thanks be to God!"

¡Cris - to vi - ve! es - tas nue - vas por do - quier de - jad o - ir.
 Christ is ris - en! Shout the good news so that all the world may hear.
 Doubt dis - pel - ling, claim the tri - umph: Je - sus is the liv - ing Lord!
 Christ is ris - en! We are liv - ing! Spread the word of grace a - broad.

2 *Que si Cristo no viviera,
 vana fuera nuestra fe;
 mas se cumple su promesa:
 "Porque vivo, viveréis."
 Si en Adán entró la muerte,
 por Jesús la vida entró;
 no temáis, el triunfo es vuestro:
 ¡El Señor resucitó!*

3 *Si es verdad que de la muerte
 el pecado es aguijón,
 no temáis pues Jesucristo
 nos da vida y salvación.
 Gracias demos al Dios Padre
 que nos da seguridad,
 que quien cree en Jesucristo
 vive por la eternidad.*

Leading Worship Today

Minister: Rev. Sebastian Meadows-Helmer

Assisting Minister: Scott Kuschnereit

Diaconal Minister of Music: Deacon Scott Knarr

Choir Director: Corey Linforth

Trumpets: Paul Mitchell, Kevin Swinden

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

Choir Members: Julia Crnko, Lana Moses, Erika Sattler, Bev Roeder, Jim Sattler, Tim Schaner

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

Communion Servers: Lynda Karn, Pat Giiilck, Sue Laking

Broadcast: Jamie Foley

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

Worship Notes

In our prayers, Marjorie, 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, there is a 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. Gluten-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:** Offering plates will be passed out today during the Offering solo.
- **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.

Upcoming Events at St. Matthews

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

Wednesday, April 15: Spring Social at Noon. RSVP to the office.

Wednesday, April 22: St. Matthews Presents: Organ Recital (noon), and Soup (12:30)

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presents

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Wednesdays at 12 noon

April 8

Sherry Coman, spoken word
Scott Knarr, organ

April 22

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

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

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.



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