

# EASTER

JESUS IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!

## **St. Matthews Church**

WHERE COMMUNITY GATHERS AND GROWS

April 12, 2026

# Easter 2

Sunday, April 12, 2026

(\* indicates the assembly stands)

## Gathering

Prelude	<i>"His Eye Is on the Sparrow"</i>	M. Hayes
Words of Welcome & Service Announcements		
*Thanksgiving for Baptism (see page 4)		
*Hymn 363	<i>"Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain"</i>	
*Greeting		
*This is the Feast		p. 187
*Prayer of the Day		
Solo	<i>"Deep Purple"</i>	P. De Rose

## Word

First Reading		Acts 2:14a, 22-32
Psalm 16 (see page 5)		<i>(sung responsively by whole verse)</i>
Second Reading		1 Peter 1:3-9
*Gospel Acclamation	<i>"Alleluia"</i>	p. 188
*Gospel Reading		John 20:19-31
Sermon		
*Hymn of the Day 635		<i>"We Walk by Faith"</i>
*Nicene Creed		p. 104
*Prayers of Intercession		<b>A: receive our prayer.</b>
*Peace		

## Meal

*Offering Hymn 388		<i>"Be Not Afraid"</i>
*Offering Prayer		
*Great Thanksgiving		p. 190

*Holy, Holy, Holy	p. 190
*Thanksgiving at the Table IV	p. 111
*Lord's Prayer ( <i>Our Father in heaven...</i> )	p. 191
Lamb of God	p. 191
Communion Hymns 379, 381	
Table Blessing	
Prayer after Communion	
<b>Sending</b>	
General Announcements	
*Blessing	
*Hymn 376	<i>"Thine is the Glory"</i>
*Dismissal	<b>A: Thanks be to God.</b>
Postlude	<i>Trumpet Voluntary on "Llanfair"</i> F. Ashdown

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**In today's gospel the risen Christ** appears to the disciples and offers them the gift of peace. Even amid doubts and questions, we experience the resurrection in our Sunday gathering around word and meal, and in our everyday lives. Throughout the coming Sundays of Easter the first two readings will be from the Acts of the Apostles and the first letter of Peter. Even as the early Christians proclaimed the resurrection, we rejoice in the new birth and living hope we receive in baptism.

**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.

## Thanksgiving for Baptism

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**A: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P: Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!

**A: Amen.**

P: Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Merciful God,

you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come.

You lead us beside still waters.

We thank you for the waters of creation:

morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves.

We thank you for the waters that nourish us (...).

Blessed are you.

**A: You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

P: Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys.

We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection.

We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow.

Blessed are you.

**A: You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

P: Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows.

Break down barriers that divide us.

Fill us with the breath of peace.

Blessed are you.

**A: You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

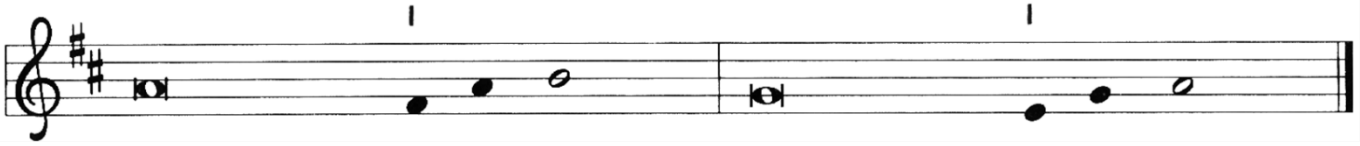
P: Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation.

We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever.

**A: Amen.**

# Psalm 16

## Tone 1



<sup>1</sup>Protect me, O God, for I take ref- | uge in you;  
I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my good a- | bove all other."

<sup>2</sup>All my delight is in the godly that are | in the land,  
upon those who are noble a- | mong the people.

<sup>3</sup>But those who run after | other gods  
shall have their troubles | multiplied.

<sup>4</sup>I will not pour out drink offerings | to such gods,  
never take their names up- | on my lips.

<sup>5</sup>O LORD, you are my portion | and my cup;  
it is you who up- | hold my lot.

<sup>6</sup>My boundaries enclose a | pleasant land;  
indeed, I have a | rich inheritance.

<sup>7</sup>I will bless the LORD who | gives me counsel;  
my heart teaches me night | after night.

<sup>8</sup>I have set the LORD al- | ways before me;  
because God is at my right hand, I shall | not be shaken.

<sup>9</sup>My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spir- | it rejoices;  
my body also shall | rest in hope.

<sup>10</sup>For you will not abandon me | to the grave,  
nor let your holy one | see the pit.

<sup>11</sup>You will show me the | path of life;  
in your presence there is fullness of joy,  
and in your right hand are pleasures for- | evermore.

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## Leading Worship Today

**Minister & violinist:** Rev. Sebastian Meadows-Helmer

**Diaconal Minister of Music:** Deacon Scott Knarr

**Lector:** Rev. Dr. Allen Jorgenson

**Communion Servers:** Jeanette Harrop and Pat Gilck

**Broadcast:** Andrew Weber

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

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## 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:** 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

**Breakfast Group:** We meet next on Tuesday, April 21 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. Our speaker will be Debby Riepert, CEO of Trinity Village in Kitchener. Trinity Village has been serving the older adult community since 1972. They are a not-for-profit charitable organization owned and operated by Lutheran Homes K-W, a ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada. Comprising the Care Centre, the Terrace and an Adult Day Program, Trinity Village is designed to offer independent, progressive stages of living and specialized care.

### Upcoming Events at St. Matthews

**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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# 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](http://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

Music at 12; Soup Lunch at 12:30 pm

**Wed April 22**

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

*featuring Mozart's Church Sonata in D major K. 69  
and Huber's Concertino Op. 11*

Freewill Offering

[www.stmatthewscentre.ca](http://www.stmatthewscentre.ca)



# ANNUAL MEETING

**APRIL 26, 2026**

 **FOLLOWING WORSHIP**



Join Feather & Cross Bus Trip for



# Mohawk Institute

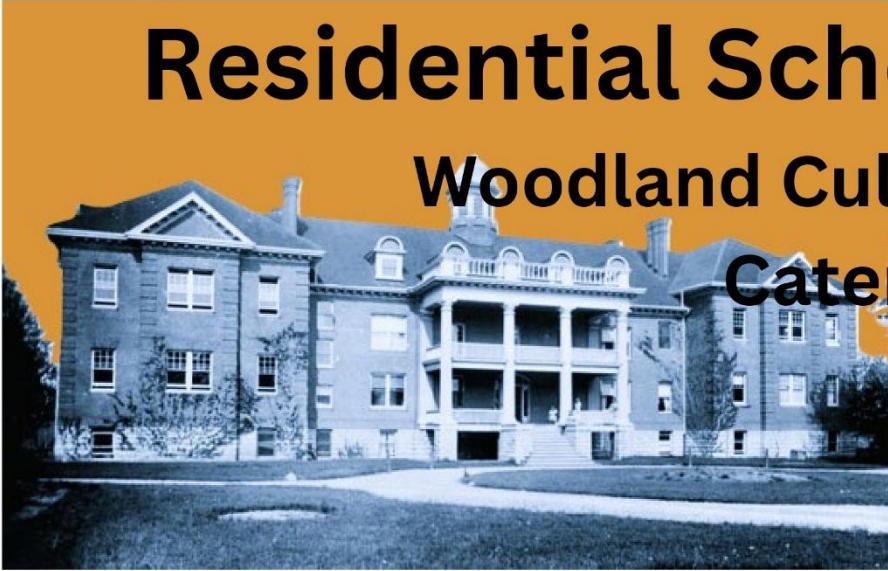
## Residential School Tour

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

A photograph of a church sanctuary. In the foreground, a wooden altar is lit with numerous yellow candles in glass holders. Two tall, thin metal stands hold bouquets of flowers. In the background, a wooden pulpit and a green altar cloth with a cross are visible. Stained glass windows with floral patterns are on the right. The ceiling is high with arched windows.

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