

# EASTER

JESUS IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!

## St. Matthews Church

WHERE COMMUNITY GATHERS AND GROWS

May 10, 2026

# Easter 6 / Mother's Day

Sunday, May 10, 2026

(\* indicates the assembly stands)

## Gathering

Prelude	<i>"Be Thou My Vision"</i>	Z. Gardonyi
Words of Welcome & Service Announcements		
*Thanksgiving for Baptism (see page 4)		
*Hymn 392		<i>"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"</i>
*Greeting		
*This is the Feast		p. 187
*Prayer of the Day		
Anthem	<i>"If ye love Me, keep My Commandments"</i>	T. Tallis

## Word

First Reading		Acts 17:22-31
Psalm 66: 8-20 (see page 5)		<i>(sung responsively by whole verse)</i>
Second Reading		1 Peter 3:13-22
*Gospel Acclamation	<i>"Alleluia"</i>	p. 188
*Gospel Reading		John 14:15-21
Sermon		
*Hymn of the Day (see page 6)		<i>"Go to the World"</i>
*Nicene Creed		p. 104
*Prayers of Intercession		<b>A: receive our prayer.</b>
*Peace		

## Meal

Offering Anthem	<i>"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring"</i>	J.S. Bach
*Offering Hymn 840, vs. 1, 2		<i>"Now Thank We All Our God"</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 384, 477		
Table Blessing		
Prayer after Communion		
<b>Sending</b>		
General Announcements		
*Blessing		
*Hymn 364		<i>"Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia"</i>
*Dismissal		<b>A: Thanks be to God.</b>
Postlude	<i>"Fugue in C"</i>	F. Mendelssohn

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**Jesus does not abandon his followers.** Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus comes to abide with his disciples of every generation. As Pentecost draws near, we are reminded that the risen Christ dwells in us as the Spirit of truth. We receive this Spirit in baptism and pray that in our gathering around the Lord's table the Spirit will transform us to be the body of the risen Christ in the world.

**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 (local waters may be named).

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.**

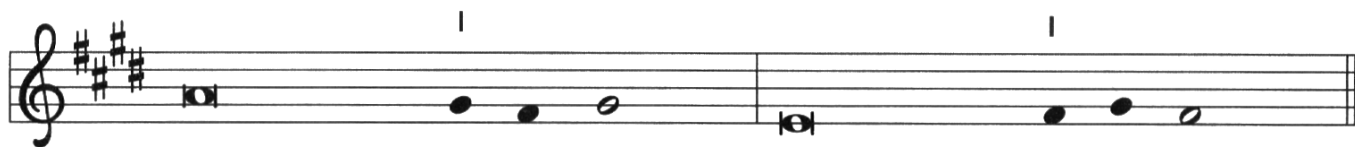
P: Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism,  
and for making us a new creation.

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

**A: Amen.**

Psalm 66: 8-20

Tone 5



*High voices* <sup>8</sup>Bless our | God, you peoples;  
let the sound of | praise be heard.

*Low voices* <sup>9</sup>**Our God has kept us a- | mong the living  
and has not allowed our | feet to slip.**

<sup>10</sup>For you, O God, have | tested us;  
you have tried us just as sil- | ver is tried.

<sup>11</sup>**You brought us in- | to the net;  
you laid heavy burdens up- | on our backs.**

<sup>12</sup>You let people ride over our heads; we went through | fire and water,  
but you brought us out into a place | of refreshment.

<sup>13</sup>**I will enter your house | with burnt offerings  
and will pay | you my vows—**

<sup>14</sup>those that I promised | with my lips  
and spoke with my mouth when I | was in trouble.

<sup>15</sup>**I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the | smoke of rams;  
I will give you ox- | en and goats.**

<sup>16</sup>Come and listen, all you | who believe,  
and I will tell you what God has | done for me.

<sup>17</sup>**I called out to God | with my mouth,  
and praised the Lord | with my tongue.**

<sup>18</sup>If I had cherished evil | in my heart,  
the Lord would | not have heard me;

<sup>19</sup>but in truth | God has heard me  
and has attended to the sound | of my prayer.

<sup>20</sup>Blessed be God, who has not reject- | ed my prayer,  
nor withheld unfailing | love from me.

## Go to the World!



1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.  
2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - 'ry place.  
3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;  
4 "Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,



Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,  
Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.  
the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.  
for I am with you till the age shall end,



bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.  
Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.  
As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.  
when all the hosts of glo - ry cry, A - men!"



Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

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## Leading Worship Today

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

**Assisting Minister:** Scott Kuschnereit

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

**Communion Server:** Sue Laking

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

**Broadcast:** Jason Smolak

**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:** Offering plates will be passed out today during the Offering anthem.
- **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

**Continuing Education:** Pastor Sebastian will be away on continuing education from May 11 to 17. Pastor Carey will be returning from her continuing education week on May 11.

**Book Discussion Group:** Pastor Sebastian invites you to participate in a 4-part discussion of the book “Naked Spirituality: a life with God in 12 simple words”, by Brian McLaren. In this 2011 book, he “reinvigorates our approach to spiritual fulfillment...—by tearing down the old dogmatic practices that hamper our spiritual growth, and leading us toward the meaningful spiritual practices that can help transform our lives.” We will meet in-person on Mondays May 25, June 1, 15 and 22 from 1.30-2.30 pm. Please register with Pastor Sebastian by **Sunday, May 10**, so he can order your book. Books will be available for pickup starting Sunday May 17.

**Seasons of Love...** musical selections from Mozart to Andrew Lloyd Webber, sung by our choral scholars including a song with the Sanctuary Choir. Join us on Saturday, May 23, 2026 at 7:30 pm for this special fundraising concert with proceeds to the St. Matthews Foundation (admission by donation). Invite your friends!

**Spring Clearing Out Event:** Bring your unwanted items to the St. Matthews parking lot on May 23 (9 am to Noon) or May 24 (8:30-9:30 am). Please see the posters in the May newsletter, posted in the church or in the weekly MailChimp for accepted items and additional details. Please contact Steve Dickin for more information.

**Church Breakfast Group:** We meet next on Tuesday, May 19 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 Carrie Guse, Community Engagement Officer for Food4Kids Waterloo Region. This organization supports children ages 1 to 14 who experience food insecurity by providing healthy food packages for weekends and school breaks. They help keep children well nourished, whether they are at home or school. We supported them in December 2025 as part of the six local Lutheran churches Advent appeal. Carrie is also the Morning Show cohost on Faith FM 93.7 and will join us shortly after 9:00 a.m. when the show ends.

### Upcoming Events at St. Matthews

**Friday, May 22:** Dinner & Games at 5:30 pm

**Saturday, May 23:** Spring Clearing Out Event 9:00 am to Noon

**Saturday, May 23:** Seasons of Love at 7:30 pm

**Sunday, May 24:** Spring Clearing Out Event 8:30 to 9:30 am

**Monday, May 25:** Book Discussion Group at 1:30 pm

**Sunday, May 31:** Spring BBQ, Sunday School & Confirmation

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# Seasons of Love

*from Mozart to Andrew Lloyd Webber*

*musical selections presented by*

**St. Matthews Choral Scholars**

with Sanctuary Choir and friends

**Saturday, May 23, 2026 at 7:30 pm**

**St. Matthews Lutheran Church**

**54 Benton Street, Kitchener**

**[stmattskw.com](http://stmattskw.com)**

**Admission: donations for the St. Matthews Foundation**

YOU ARE INVITED TO AN EVENT FOR ALL AGES

# DINNER & GAMES

FRIDAY, MAY 22, 2026

5:30 PM-7:30 PM

BBQ WITH SALADS @ 5:30 PM  
GAMES TO FOLLOW

RSVP BY MAY 20  
TO PASTOR CAREY



**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.





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