

# PENTECOST

A TIME TO GROW



**St. Matthews Lutheran Church**

WHERE COMMUNITY GATHERS AND GROWS

May 24, 2026

**Day of Pentecost**  
**Sunday, May 24, 2026**  
(\* indicates the assembly stands)

**Gathering**

Prelude	<i>"Veni Creator, Spiritus"</i>	Improvisation
Words of Welcome & Service Announcements		
*Processional Hymn 582		<i>"Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling"</i>
*Greeting		
*This is the Feast		p. 187
*Prayer of the Day		
Anthem	<i>"Momento Novo"</i>	Brazil

**Word**

First Reading		Acts 2:1-21
*Gospel Acclamation	<i>"Alleluia"</i>	p. 188
*Gospel Reading		John 20:19-23
Sermon		
*Hymn of the Day 579		<i>"Lord, You Give the Great Commission"</i>

**Healing**

Introduction		
Prayers of Intercession		<b>A: hear us, O God.</b>
Laying on of Hands		
Hymns during Laying on of Hands 221, 614		
*Blessing		
*Peace		

**Meal**

*Offering Hymn 885		<i>"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"</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
Communion Hymn (see page 4)		
Table Blessing		
Prayer after Communion		
<b>Sending</b>		
General Announcements		
*Blessing		
*Hymn 400	<i>"God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind"</i>	
*Dismissal		<b>A: Thanks be to God.</b>
Postlude	<i>"Veni Creator, Spiritus"</i>	Improvisation

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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.

# As the Wind Song



1 As the wind song through the trees, as the stir - ring of the  
2 As the rain - bow af - ter rain, as the hope that's born a -



breeze, so it is with the Spir - it of God,  
gain, so it is with the Spir - it of God,



as the heart made strange-ly warm, as the voice with - in the  
as the green in the . . . spring, as a kite on a . . .



storm, so it is with the Spir - it of God.  
string, so it is with the Spir - it of God,



Nev - er seen, ev - er known where this wind has  
mak - ing worlds that are new, mak - ing peace come



blown bring-ing life, bring-ing pow'r to the world,  
true, bring-ing gifts, bring-ing love to the world,



as the danc - ing tongues of fire, as the soul's most deep de -  
as the ris - ing of the yeast, as the wine at the . . .



sire, so it is with the Spir - it of God.  
feast, so it is with the Spir - it of God.

Text: Shirley Erena Murray, 1931-2020

Music: WAIRUA TAPU, Lim Swee Hong, b. 1963

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## Leading Worship Today

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

**Assisting Minister:** Linda McLellan

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

**Communion Server:** Rev. Dr. Allen Jorgenson

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

**Percussion:** Peter Winkler

**Broadcast:** Andrew Weber

**Building Monitor:** Dennis Diebolt (519-571-4525)

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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.

**Momento Novo** (In This New Moment) was written by a collective of young musicians in Brazil in 1982. The group included Ernesto Barros, Darlene Schutzer, Paulo Roberto Sales, Terico Junker, Dea Affini and Eder Soares. It has become a favourite of Christians throughout Latin America, including for our partner church, the Igreja Evangélica Luterana do Brasil (IELB). Deacon Scott has accompanied Brazilian deacons in the singing of this selection on several occasions. Here is the refrain text:

*Por isso vem, entra na roda co agente! Tambem voce e muito importante. Vem!*

So, will you come? Come join the circle with all people! Your voice is also very important. Come!

**Veni Creator, Spiritus** (Come, Creator Spirit) is a song or plainchant dating from approximately 900 CE. It is one of the church's historic chants for Pentecost, calling on the Holy Spirit to gather us together in God's power. You may find an English text at Evangelical Lutheran Worship #577. Deacon Scott will improvise music based on this song for the prelude and postlude this morning.

### **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.

## Upcoming Events at St. Matthews

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

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

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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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