

PRIDE
SUNDAY



St. Matthews Lutheran Church

WHERE COMMUNITY GATHERS AND GROWS

June 7, 2026

Pride Sunday

Sunday, June 7, 2026

(* indicates the assembly stands)

Gathering

Prelude/ Hymn Sing

Words of Welcome & Service Announcements

*Hymn (see page 4)

"For All the Children"

*Greeting

*Kyrie

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*Prayer of the Day

Sharing

Solo

"Fearfully, Wonderfully Made"

Crabtree & Whitehall

Word

Reading

Isaiah 43:1-2

Psalm 139 (see page 5)

*Gospel Acclamation *"Alleluia. Lord, to Whom Shall We Go"*

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*Gospel Reading

Matthew 3:16-17

Homily

*Hymn of the Day (see page 7)

"Fearfully, Wonderfully Made"

*Prayers of Intercession

A: receive our prayer.

*Peace

Thanksgiving

Sharing

*Hymn of Thanksgiving (see page 8)

"Quirky, Queer and Wonderful"

*Thanksgiving for the Word

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

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Sending

General Announcements

*Blessing

*Hymn (see page 9)

"All the Colours of the Rainbow"

*Dismissal

A: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

"Offertoire"

J.F. Dandrieu

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Today we celebrate Pride Sunday as a day to reflect, learn, turn around and give voice to the 2SLGBTQIA+ community.



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.

God, We Gather As Your People



1 God, we gath - er as your peo - ple to raise our song a -
2 Oh, we sing for all the chil - dren, that one day they be
3 Oh, we pray for all the young lives cut short by fear and
4 God, we're work - ing for the fu - ture when chil - dren far and



bove, and we dare to claim the prom - ise of your love.
free; and we sing for gen - er - a - tions yet to be,
shame, so a - fraid of who they are and whom they love.
wide can . . . live their lives with dig - ni - ty and pride.



Though the day may not yet be here, we
that they nev - er have a rea - son to
May the mes - sage now be ban - ished that your
As they grow in strength and stat - ure, may they



trust it soon will be, when your chil - dren will be free.
doubt that they are blest. May they, in your love, find rest.
love is for the few; may their faith in you re - new.
join us hand in hand, as a - gainst all hate we stand.

Refrain



Oh, may our hearts and minds be o - pened, fling the church doors o - pen



wide. May there be room e - nough for ev - 'ry - one in - side.



For in God there is a wel - come, in God we all be -



long. May that wel - come be our song.

Psalm 139

¹LORD, you have | searched me out;
O LORD, | you have known me.

²You know my sitting down and my | rising up;
you discern my thoughts | from afar.

³You trace my journeys and my | resting-places
and are acquainted with | all my ways.

⁴Indeed, there is not a word | on my lips,
but you, O LORD, know it | altogether.

⁵You encompass me, behind | and before,
and lay your | hand upon me.

⁶Such knowledge is too wonder- | ful for me;
it is so high that I cannot at- | tain to it.

⁷Where can I go then | from your Spirit?
Where can I flee | from your presence?

⁸If I climb up to heaven, | you are there;
if I make the grave my bed, you | are there also.

⁹If I take the wings | of the morning
and dwell in the uttermost parts | of the sea,

¹⁰even there your | hand will lead me
and your right hand | hold me fast.

¹¹If I say, "Surely the darkness will | cover me,
and the light around me | turn to night,"

¹²darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright | as the day;
darkness and light to you are | both alike.

¹³For you yourself created my ^l inmost parts;
you knit me together in my ^l mother's womb.

¹⁴**I will thank you because I am mar- ^l velously made;
your works are wonderful, and I ^l know it well.**

¹⁵My body was not hid- ^l den from you,
while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths ^l of the earth.

¹⁶**Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;
all of them were written ^l in your book;
my days were fashioned before they ^l came to be.**

¹⁷How deep I find your ^l thoughts, O God!
How great is the ^l sum of them!

¹⁸**If I were to count them, they would be more in number ^l than the sand;
to count them all, my life span would need to ^l be like yours.**

¹⁹Oh, that you would slay the wick- ^l ed, O God!
You that thirst for blood, de- ^l part from me.

²⁰**They speak spiteful- ^l ly against you;
your enemies take your ^l name in vain.**

²¹Do I not hate those, O ^l LORD, who hate you?
And do I not loathe those who rise ^l up against you?

²²**I hate them with a ^l perfect hatred;
they have become ^l my own enemies.**

²³Search me out, O God, and ^l know my heart;
try me and know my ^l restless thoughts.

²⁴**Look well whether there be any wicked- ^l ness in me
and lead me in the way that is ^l everlasting.**

Fearfully, Wonderfully Made

Biblical references: Psalm 139: 1, 13-15,
Matthew 3:16-17, Isaiah 43:1-2

Nathan Crabtree and Erik Whitehill



1. You were known, known be - fore birth, wo - ven deep,
2. You be - long, — you are re - deemed. Loved by God,
3. When you walk, walk through the flame. God is there,



deep in the earth. You were formed from star - dust. Sing praise! You are
God is well pleased. Now em - brace — what God has or - dained: You are
call - ing your name. God has said, — "Do not be a - fraid." You are



fear - ful - ly, won - der - fllly made — Yes you are



fear - ful - ly, won - der - fllly made. —

Quirky, Queer and Wonderful

Refrain

Quirk - y, queer and won - der - ful, dis - tinct, u - nique, and odd,

5

all of our hu - ma - ni - ty re - veals the face of — God. No
From
To
In
The

9

"nor - mal" can en - com - pass or com - pre - hend the range of
Je - sus we learn rid - dles; he said the last are first. He
Pet - er God pre - sent - ed un - touch a - ble — cui - sine and
Christ the false di - vi - sions of gen - der, class, and race, can
man - y parts that form us each serve a dif - f'rent role. In

13

all the kinds of — peo - ple that — God cre - a - ted — strange!
tweaked re - eived re - li - gion with roles that he re - versed.
said Do not call dir - ty what I de - clare is — clean.
ne - ver sep - a - rate us from God's a - bun - dant grace.
Christ we are one bod - y, made ho - ly, good and whole.

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All the Colors of the Rainbow

Carl P. Daw

ABBOT'S LEIGH
Cyril V. Taylor

1. All the co - lours of the rain-bow live un - seen in dai - ly light,
2. All the bo - dy's parts are wan - ted, nor can one de - spise the rest:
3. Ev - ery lang - uage gains more mu - sic when the words for peace ap - pear:
4. Teach us, God, our need of oth - ers; through them help us ful - ly live.

but their splen - dors find ex - pres - sion when re - leased to hu - man sight;
head and hand must work to - get - ther, as must eye and ear and chest;
Pax, Sa - laam, Ei - ri - ni, Hei - wa, Pa - ce, San - ti, Frie - den, Mir.
Wean us from our sel - fish hab - its; let us list - en, learn, for - give.

so the church re - veals most beau - ty where di - ver - si - ty is real:
so the church needs all its mem - bers for a range of min - i - stries:
Though our tongues make sounds that va - ry all be - speak a com - mon home:
May we see your longed - for im - age in each hu - man heart and face,

breadth of race and class and gen - der, room for doubt and space to heal.
var - ied gifts with one great mis - sion, "Do this for the least of these."
long - ing for the end of con - flict and a new life in God's Sha - lom.
and be - hold how those a - round us can be chan - nels of your grace.

Leading Worship Today

Minister: Rev. Carey Meadows-Helmer

Diaconal Minister of Music: Deacon Scott Knarr

Speakers: Hannah Swiderski, Deacon Sherry Coman

Lector: John McLellan

Choral Scholar: Hannah Swiderski

Broadcast: Jamie Foley

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

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.

Worship Notes

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

General Announcements

Breakfast Group - We meet next on Tuesday, June 16 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 Jenny Weickert from Our Farm at KW Habilitation. For over 50 years KW Habilitation has been helping people live a good life. They provide a wide range of individualized services focused on the firm belief that our community can and should be a place where everyone belongs and participates. Their Our Farm programme builds a community of people connected to the land, food and each other through sustainable agriculture. It provides food to people in their housing projects, other organizations and the general public.

Upcoming Events at St. Matthews

Sunday, June 14: Volunteer Recognition Worship & Breakfast

Sunday, June 21: Indigenous Peoples' Sunday

Wednesday, June 24: Christian Unity Gathering at 7 pm

Friday, June 26: PD Day Camp

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CELEBRATING ST. MATTHEWS'

VOLUNTEERS

WE THANK YOU ALL!



Sunday, June 14

Worship & Breakfast After Worship

Volunteers are the living stones of the church. You are St. Matthews! Let's celebrate you. Come and relax. This is your time to be celebrated.

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.

