

PENTECOST

A TIME TO GROW

St. Matthews Lutheran Church

WHERE COMMUNITY GATHERS AND GROWS

June 14, 2026

Pentecost 3/ Recognition of Ministries Sunday

Sunday, June 14, 2026

(* indicates the assembly stands)

Gathering

Prelude: Hymn Sing

Words of Welcome & Service Announcements

*Hymn 719

"Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"

*Greeting

*Prayer of the Day

Duet

"Violin Sonata in G minor: Adagio, Vivace"

G.P. Telemann

Word

First Reading

Exodus 19:2-8a

Psalm 100 (see page 4)

(read responsively by whole verse)

Second Reading

Romans 5:1-8

*Gospel Acclamation

"Alleluia"

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*Gospel Reading

Matthew 9:34-10:8

Sermon

*Hymn of the Day 576

"We All Are One in Mission"

Installation of the Board of Directors

*Prayers of Intercession

A: hear our prayer.

*Peace

Meal

*Offering Hymn 575 v. 1, 2

"In Christ Called to Baptize"

*Offering Prayer

*Great Thanksgiving

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*Holy, Holy, Holy

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*Thanksgiving at the Table B

*Lord's Prayer (<i>Our Father in heaven...</i>)	p. 191
Lamb of God	p. 191
Communion Hymn 824	<i>"This is My Father's World"</i>
Table Blessing	
Prayer after Communion	
Sending	
General Announcements	
Recognition of Ministries in the Congregation	
*Blessing	
*Hymn 859	<i>"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"</i>
*Dismissal	A: Thanks be to God.
Postlude	<i>"Voluntary in D Major"</i> J. Stanley

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Moses tells the Israelites that they are called to be a priestly kingdom and a holy people. Jesus sends out the disciples as laborers into the harvest. In baptism we too are anointed for ministry, sharing God's compassion with our needy world. From the Lord's table we go forth to proclaim the good news, to heal the sick, and to share our bread with the hungry.

Psalm 100

¹Make a joyful noise to the LORD, | all you lands!

²**Serve the LORD with gladness; come into God's presence | with a song.**

³Know that the LORD is God, our maker to whom | we belong;
we are God's people and the sheep | of God's pasture.

⁴**Enter the gates of the LORD with thanksgiving and the | courts with praise;
give thanks and bless God's | holy name.**

⁵Good indeed is the LORD, whose steadfast love is | everlasting,
whose faithfulness endures from | age to age.

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** for a special Volunteer Appreciation breakfast 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.

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.

Leading Worship Today

Minister and violinist: Rev. Sebastian Meadows-Helmer

Diaconal Minister of Music: Deacon Scott Knarr

Communion Servers: Jeanette Harrop and Pat Giilck

Broadcast: Andrew Weber

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

Worship Notes

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

General Announcements

Christian Unity Gathering Wednesday June 24th at 7pm. Join 5 other congregations worshipping in our building for a BBQ, fellowship and informal worship. Come meet our Christian neighbours at 54 Benton!



Congratulations on your retirement! Our bookkeeper, Rick Kitchen, who has been with us since March 2022, is retiring June 30. We wish him all the best in his next chapter and thank him for his dedication in these years of change for our congregation. We also thank him for his support as we transition to the new bookkeeping services during June, to [churchbookkeeping](#).

Volunteers Needed for Evening Security Checks: We are looking for volunteers who may be interested in helping with evening security checks at the church. This would only be on a part time basis when Larry is sick or on holidays. This role involves coming to the church, typically at 9:00 p.m. or later, to do a brief walk-

through of the building. Duties include ensuring fire doors are closed, checking that windows are secure, turning off any lights that have been left on, and setting the alarm before leaving. If you are interested in learning more or would like to volunteer, please contact the Ron Roeder for more information. Thank you for considering this important ministry of care for our church building.

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.

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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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.



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.

SUMMER CELEBRATION

JK to Grade 8

Email: camps@stmattskw.com

or

Register Online: www.stmattskw.com

PD Day Camp

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**FRIDAY, JUNE 26
9 AM - NOON**

COST: PAY WHAT YOU CAN

54 BENTON ST, KITCHENER

