

# PENTECOST

A TIME TO GROW

**St. Matthews Lutheran Church**

WHERE COMMUNITY GATHERS AND GROWS

June 28, 2026

**Pentecost 5**  
**Sunday, June 28, 2026**  
(\* indicates the assembly stands)

**Gathering**

Prelude: Hymn Sing

Words of Welcome & Service Announcements

\*Confession and Forgiveness (see page 4)

\*Hymn 802

*“Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus”*

\*Greeting

\*Prayer of the Day

Solo

*“Lobt Gott, ihr Christen allzugleich”*

D. Buxtehude

**Word**

First Reading

Jeremiah 28: 5-9

Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18 (see page 5)

*(read responsively by full verse)*

Second Reading

Romans 6:12-23

\*Gospel Acclamation

*“Alleluia”*

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\*Gospel Reading

Matthew 10:40-42

Sermon

\*Hymn of the Day 592

*“Just as I Am, Without One Plea”*

\*Prayers of Intercession

**A: hear our prayer.**

\*Peace

**Meal**

\*Offering Hymn 522 v. 1

*“As We Gather at Your Table”*

\*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 598		<i>"For by Grace You Have Been Saved"</i>
Table Blessing		
Prayer after Communion		
<b>Sending</b>		
General Announcements		
*Blessing		
*Hymn 546		<i>"To Be Your Presence"</i>
*Dismissal		<b>A: Thanks be to God.</b>
Postlude	<i>"Prelude in C BWV 545"</i>	J.S. Bach

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**The welcome of baptism is for all God's children.** This baptismal gift sets us free from the power of sin and death. In today's gospel, Christ promises that the disciple who gives a cup of cold water to the little ones serves Christ himself. From worship we are sent on our baptismal mission: to serve the little ones of this world and to be a sign of God's merciful welcome.

**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.

## Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
whose compassion endures forever.

**A: Amen.**

Let us confess our sin to God.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Compassionate God,

**A: we confess to you all our sins.**

**Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.**

**In your mercy, call us back to you.**

**Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.**

**Restore us to dwell in your peace.**

**In Christ's name we pray,**

**Amen.**

P: Jesus says, "Come to me,

all you who are weary

and are carrying heavy burdens,

and I will give you rest."

In the name of God,

Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,

your sins are forgiven.

Rest in God's love.

**A: Amen.**

Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18

<sup>1</sup>Your love, O LORD, forever | will I sing;  
from age to age my mouth will pro- | claim your faithfulness.

<sup>2</sup>For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is estab- | lished forever;  
you have set your faithfulness firmly | in the heavens.

<sup>3</sup>"I have made a covenant with my | chosen one;  
I have sworn an oath to Da- | vid my servant:

<sup>4</sup>**I will establish your | line forever,  
and preserve your throne for all | generations."**

<sup>15</sup>Happy are the people who know the | festal shout!  
They walk, O LORD, in the light | of your presence.

<sup>16</sup>**They rejoice daily | in your name;  
they are jubilant | in your righteousness.**

<sup>17</sup>For you are the glory | of their strength,  
and by your favor our might | is exalted.

<sup>18</sup>**Truly, our shield belongs | to the LORD;  
our king to the Holy | One of Israel.**

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**Leading Worship Today**

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

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

**Communion Servers:** Rev. Dr. Allen Jorgenson, Lynda Karn

**Broadcast:** Andrew Weber

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

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## 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, Judy, Kevin, Anneke, Henry, Meaghan, Betty, Maureen and Jeanette.

## General Announcements

**Coffee Hour:** Please note this morning is the last Coffee Hour before the summer break.

**Waterloo Region Fall 2026 Election:** Simon Thompson is organizing a survey of the faith groups in our building to determine what issues are most important to residents of Waterloo Region. He will be communicating the results to the candidates and also giving a presentation at coffee hour on September 13. Surveys are available in the Narthex, or directly from Simon on June 28, July 19 and 26. The surveys can be returned directly to Simon, or placed in the St. Matthews mailbox (deadline July 26).

**Upcoming Staff Holidays: Reverends Carey and Sebastian** - Holidays July 27 - August 21. Rev. Monika Wiesner will be leading worship on Sundays. Please note, Rev. Sebastian will be away on reading week July 20 - 26 and Rev. Carey will be on reading week August 24 - 28. **Deacon Scott** - Holidays July 13 - July 27, August 10

- 24. **Leanne** - Holidays July 13 - 24, August 10-14. Please contact Pastors Sebastian or Carey or someone from the Board of Directors during this time with urgent matters. Please note, the office will be closed.

### Upcoming Events at St. Matthews

**July 6-10:** Kids Summer Camp 9am to Noon

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

The St. Matthews Centre also has a Facebook page, which you can "follow" to get updates.





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