

PENTECOST

A TIME TO GROW

St. Matthews Lutheran Church

WHERE COMMUNITY GATHERS AND GROWS

July 5, 2026

Pentecost 6
Sunday, July 5, 2026
(* indicates the assembly stands)

Gathering

Prelude: Hymn Sing

Words of Welcome & Service Announcements

*Hymn 611

"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

*Greeting

*Kyrie

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*Prayer of the Day

Solo

"Adagio"

J. Brahms

Word

First Reading

Zechariah 9:9-12

Psalms 145:8-14 (see page 4)

(read responsively by whole verse)

Second Reading

Romans 7: 15-25a

*Gospel Acclamation

"Alleluia"

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*Gospel Reading

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Sermon

*Hymn of the Day 765

"Lord of All Hopefulness"

*Prayers of Intercession

A: hear our prayer.

*Peace

Thanksgiving

*Hymn of Thanksgiving 414 v. 1, 4

"Holy God, We Praise Your Name"

*Thanksgiving for the Word

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

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Sending

General Announcements

*Blessing

*Hymn 742

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

*Dismissal

A: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

“March in F major, Op. 46 No. 5”

A. Guilmant

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The mystery of God’s ways is sometimes hidden from the wise and intelligent. Jesus associates with those often excluded from the religious community. Like Paul, we struggle with our own selfish desires and seek God’s mercy and forgiveness. We gather to be refreshed by Christ’s invitation: “Come to me, all you that are weary.” Gathered around word, water, and meal, we find rest for our souls.

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.

⁸The LORD is gracious and full [|] of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in [|] steadfast love.

⁹**LORD, you are [|] good to all,
and your compassion is over [|] all your works.**

¹⁰All your works shall praise [|] you, O LORD,
and your faithful [|] ones shall bless you.

¹¹**They shall tell of the glory [|] of your kingdom
and speak [|] of your power,**

¹²that all people may know [|] of your power
and the glorious splendor [|] of your kingdom.

¹³**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom;
your dominion endures through- [|] out all ages.
You, LORD, are faithful in all your words, and loving in [|] all your works.**

¹⁴The Lord upholds all [|] those who fall
and lifts up those who [|] are bowed down.

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.
- **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.

Leading Worship Today

Minister and violinist: Rev. Sebastian Meadows-Helmer

Diaconal Minister of Music: Deacon Scott Knarr

Lector: Kim Schaner

Broadcast: Jamie Foley

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

Worship Notes

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

General Announcements

Coffee Hour: Please note there is no coffee hour for the summer, see you in September!

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 24. 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 – 31. **Deacon Scott** - Holidays July 16 – July 30, 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.

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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.





**JULY 6-10
2026**

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to
noon**

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