

PENTECOST

A TIME TO GROW

St. Matthews Lutheran Church

WHERE COMMUNITY GATHERS AND GROWS

August 2, 2026

Pentecost 10
Sunday, August 2, 2026
(* indicates the assembly stands)

Gathering

Prelude: Hymn Sing

Words of Welcome & Service Announcements

*Hymn 689

"Praise and Thanksgiving"

*Greeting

*Prayer of the Day

Solo

"Air"

A.W. Leupold

Word

First Reading

Isaiah 55:1-5

Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21 (see page 4)

(read responsively by whole verse)

Second Reading

Romans 9: 1-5

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

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*Gospel Reading

Matthew 14:13-21

Sermon

*Hymn of the Day 515

"Break Now the Bread of Life"

*Apostles' Creed

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*Prayers of Intercession

A: hear our prayer.

*Peace

Thanksgiving

*Hymn of Thanksgiving

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*Thanksgiving for the Word

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

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Sending

General Announcements

*Blessing

*Hymn 843

"Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"

*Dismissal

A: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

"Minuet alla Haydn"

B. Cabena

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In today's first reading God invites all who are hungry or thirsty to receive food and drink without cost. Jesus feeds the hungry multitude and reveals the abundance of God. At the eucharistic table we remember all who are hungry or poor in our world today. As we share the bread of life, we are sent forth to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry.

Leading Worship Today

Minister: Rev. Monika Wiesner

Diaconal Minister of Music: Deacon Scott Knarr

Lector: John McLellan

Broadcast: Jason Smolak

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

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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.**

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

¹⁵**The eyes of all wait upon [|] you, O LORD,
and you give them their food [|] in due season.**

¹⁶You open [|] wide your hand
and satisfy the desire of every [|] living thing.

¹⁷**You are righteous in [|] all your ways
and loving in [|] all your works.**

¹⁸You are near to all who [|] call upon you,
to all who call up- [|] on you faithfully.

¹⁹**You fulfill the desire of [|] those who fear you;
you hear their [|] cry and save them.**

²⁰You watch over all [|] those who love you,
but all the wicked you [|] shall destroy.

²¹**My mouth shall speak the praise [|] of the LORD;
let all flesh bless God's holy name forev- [|] er and ever.**

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.

Worship Notes

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

General Announcements

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

Upcoming Staff Holidays: Reverends Carey and Sebastian - Holidays July 27 - August 24. Rev. Monika Wiesner will be leading worship on Sundays. Please note, Rev. Carey will be on reading week August 24 – 31. Rev. Heike Toeller (St. Luke's Kitchener, 519-212-9952) is on call for Pastoral Emergencies from July 27-August 2. Rev. Ronnie Smith (St. Stephen's Kitchener, 289-387-1411) is on call for Pastoral Emergencies from August 3-9. **Deacon Scott** - Holidays August 10 - 24. **Leanne** - Holidays 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.

Trinity Village Adult Day Program at St. Matthews. We have some wonderful news! Trinity Village will host the Adult Day Program at St. Matthews in the Fall on

Tuesdays and Thursdays. Spaces are limited. Reach out to Trinity Village (519-893-6320) for more information if this is of interest to you or for your loved one. Some more information can be found below or on their website (trinityvillage.com).

About the Program: Trinity Village offers a safe, respectful and healthy environment for adults who are 55 and older, with a chronic illness, physical disability or memory loss. The program balances social, spiritual, emotional, physical, and cognitive stimulating activities in a cheerful, accessible and friendly environment, helping clients maintain or enhance independence and self-esteem. Enrolling your partner, family member or loved one in the Adult Day Program provides respite and support for care partners. **Eligibility Criteria:** The Adult Day Program has a capacity of 18 clients each day. When program days are at capacity, clients are put on a waitlist for the next available day of service. **Hours and Cost:** The Adult Day Program will operate on Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m at a cost of \$23/day (payable monthly with preauthorized payment). **Transportation:** The program team can assist you with accessing existing community resources such as Mobility Plus, Community Support Connections, and Meals on Wheels.

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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.





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