

PENTECOST

A TIME TO GROW

St. Matthews Lutheran Church

WHERE COMMUNITY GATHERS AND GROWS

August 9, 2026

Pentecost 11
Sunday, August 9, 2026
(* indicates the assembly stands)

Gathering

Prelude: Hymn Sing

Words of Welcome & Service Announcements

*Hymn 853 *"When Morning Guilds the Skies"*

*Greeting

*Prayer of the Day

Duet *"What Wondrous Love Is This"* M. Albrecht

Word

First Reading 1 Kings 19:9-18

Psalm 85:8-13 (see page 4) *(read responsively by whole verse)*

Second Reading Romans 10:5-15

*Gospel Acclamation *"Alleluia"* p. 188

*Gospel Reading Matthew 14: 22-23

Sermon

*Hymn of the Day 817 *"You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore"*

*Prayers of Intercession **A: hear our prayer.**

*Peace

Meal

*Offering Hymn 184 *"Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful"*

*Offering Prayer

*Great Thanksgiving p. 190

*Holy, Holy, Holy p. 190

*Thanksgiving at the Table

*Lord's Prayer (*Our Father in heaven...*) p. 191

Lamb of God

p. 191

Communion Hymn 763

"My Life Flows On in Endless Song"

*Table Blessing

*Prayer after Communion

Sending

General Announcements

*Blessing

*Hymn 774

"What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine"

*Dismissal

A: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

M. Hayes

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Elijah finds the presence of God not in earthquake, wind, or fire, but in the sound of sheer silence. When the disciples face a great storm on the sea, they cry out with fear. Jesus says: "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Amid the storms of life, we gather to seek the calm presence of Christ that soothes our fears. In comforting words of scripture and in the refreshing bread and cup of the eucharist, God grants us peace and sends us forth to be a sign of God's presence to others.

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.

⁸I will listen to what the LORD¹ God is saying;
for you speak peace to your faithful people
and to those who turn their¹ hearts to you.

⁹Truly, your salvation is very near to¹ those who fear you,
that your glory may dwell¹ in our land.

¹⁰Steadfast love and faithfulness have¹ met together;
righteousness and peace have¹ kissed each other.

¹¹Faithfulness shall spring up¹ from the earth,
and righteousness shall look¹ down from heaven.

¹²The LORD will indeed¹ grant prosperity,
and our land will¹ yield its increase.

¹³Righteousness shall go be-¹ fore the LORD
and shall prepare for¹ God a pathway.

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: Rev. Monika Wiesner

Diaconal Minister of Music: Deacon Scott Knarr

Flute: Julia Crnko

Communion Servers: Jeanette Harrop and Lynda Karn

Broadcast: Andrew Weber

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

Worship Notes

In our prayers, Maureen, Anneke, Jeanette, Meaghan, Kevin 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. Ronnie Smith (St. Stephen's Kitchener, 289-387-1411) is on call for Pastoral Emergencies from August 3-9. Rev. Laura Sauder (St. Peter's Cambridge, 519-703-0643) is on call for Pastoral Emergencies August 10-23. **Deacon Scott** - Holidays August 10 - 24. **Leanne** - Holidays 10-14. Please contact 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.



ST. MATTHEWS LUTHERAN CHURCH

COMMUNITY BBQ

& ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS



SEPTEMBER 20

AFTER WORSHIP 10:30 AM



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