

PENTECOST

A TIME TO GROW

St. Matthews Lutheran Church

WHERE COMMUNITY GATHERS AND GROWS

August 16, 2026

Pentecost 12
Sunday, August 16, 2026
(* indicates the assembly stands)

Gathering

Prelude: Hymn Sing

Words of Welcome & Service Announcements

*Hymn 820

"O Savior, Precious Savior"

*Greeting

*Prayer of the Day

Organ Solo

Word

First Reading

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Psalms 67 (see page 4)

(read responsively by whole verse)

Second Reading

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

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

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*Gospel Reading

Matthew 15: [10-20] 21-28

Sermon

*Hymn of the Day 612

"Healer of Our Every Ill"

*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 785

"When Peace Like a River"

*Dismissal

A: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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In Isaiah we hear that God's house shall be a house of prayer for all people and that God will gather the outcasts of Israel. The Canaanite woman in today's gospel is a Gentile, an outsider, who is unflinching in her request that Jesus heal her daughter. As Jesus commends her bold faith, how might our church extend its mission to those on the margins of society? In our gathering around word and meal we receive strength to be signs of comfort, healing, and justice for those in need.

Leading Worship Today

Minister: Rev. Monika Wiesner

Musician: Bob Loeb sack

Lector: Deacon Sherry Coman

Broadcast: Jamie Foley

Building Monitor: Steve Dickin (519-580-8407)

Psalm 67

¹May God be merciful to | us and bless us;
may the light of God's face | shine upon us.

²**Let your way be known | upon earth,
your saving health a- | mong all nations.**

³Let the peoples praise | you, O God;
let all the | peoples praise you.

⁴**Let the nations be glad and | sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the na- | tions on earth.**

⁵Let the peoples praise | you, O God;
let all the | peoples praise you.

⁶**The earth has brought | forth its increase;
God, our own | God, has blessed us.**

⁷May God | give us blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth | stand in awe.

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.

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 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. Laura Sauder (St. Peter's Cambridge, 519-703-0643) is on call for Pastoral Emergencies August 10-23.
Deacon Scott - Holidays August 10 - 24.

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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