

PENTECOST

A TIME TO GROW

St. Matthews Lutheran Church

WHERE COMMUNITY GATHERS AND GROWS

August 23, 2026

Pentecost 13
Sunday, August 23, 2026
(* indicates the assembly stands)

Gathering

Prelude: Hymn Sing

Words of Welcome & Service Announcements

*Hymn 645 *"Christ is Made the Sure Foundation"*

*Greeting

*Prayer of the Day

Organ Solo

Word

First Reading Isaiah 51:1-6

Psalm 138 (see page 4) *(read responsively by whole verse)*

Second Reading Romans 12:1-8

*Gospel Acclamation *"Alleluia"* p. 188

*Gospel Reading Matthew 16: 13-20

Sermon

*Hymn of the Day 597 *"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"*

*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 623

"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

*Table Blessing

*Prayer after Communion

Sending

General Announcements

*Blessing

*Hymn 654

"The Church's One Foundation"

*Dismissal

A: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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In Isaiah the people are advised to look to their spiritual ancestors as the rock from which they were hewn. Jesus declares that the church will be built on the rock of Peter's bold confession of faith. God's word of reconciliation and God's mercy are keys to the church's mission. Paul urges us to not be conformed to this world but to offer our bodies as a living sacrifice, using our individual gifts to build up the body of Christ. From the table we go forth to offer our spiritual worship through word and deed.

Psalm 138

¹I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with ^l my whole heart;
before the gods I will ^l sing your praise.

²I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name,
because of your steadfast ^l love and faithfulness;
for you have glorified your name and your word a- ^l bove all things.

³When I called, you ^l answered me;
you increased my ^l strength within me.

⁴All the rulers of the earth will praise ^l you, O LORD,
when they have heard the words ^l of your mouth.

⁵They will sing of the ways ^l of the LORD,
that great is the glory ^l of the LORD.

⁶The LORD is high, yet cares ^l for the lowly,
perceiving the haughty ^l from afar.

⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you ^l keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right ^l hand shall save me.

⁸You will make good your pur- ^l pose for me;
O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever;
do not abandon the works ^l of your hands.

Leading Worship Today

Minister: Rev. Monika Wiesner

Musician: Bob Loeb sack

Communion Servers: Lynda Karn and Pat G iilck

Broadcast: Jason Smolak

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

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

Benton Street Resurfacing: The Region is resurfacing Benton Street from Courtland Avenue East to Church Street beginning on or about August 31. Throughout construction, sidewalks, two-way traffic and driveway access will be maintained but there may be periods when traffic will be controlled with flag persons. Please plan ahead and expect delays.

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.. **Eligibility**

Criteria: The Adult Day Program has a capacity of 18 clients each day. **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.

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.

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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.





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