

PENTECOST

A TIME TO GROW

St. Matthews Lutheran Church

WHERE COMMUNITY GATHERS AND GROWS

August 30, 2026

Pentecost 14
Sunday, August 30, 2026
(* indicates the assembly stands)

Gathering

Prelude: Hymn Sing

Words of Welcome & Service Announcements

*Confession and Forgiveness p. 116

*Hymn 656 *"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"*

*Greeting

*Prayer of the Day

Solo *"A tempo giusto & Allegro in G minor"* J.H. Roman

Word

First Reading Jeremiah 15:15-21

Psalm 26:1-8 (see page 4) *(read responsively by full verse)*

Second Reading Romans 12:9-21

*Gospel Acclamation *"Alleluia"* p. 188

*Gospel Reading Matthew 16: 21-28

Sermon

*Hymn of the Day 710 *"Let Streams of Living Justice"*

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

*Peace

Meal

*Offering Hymn 691 *"Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring"*

*Offering Prayer

*Great Thanksgiving p. 190

*Holy, Holy, Holy p. 190

*Thanksgiving at the Table B

*Lord's Prayer (<i>Our Father in heaven...</i>)	p. 191
Lamb of God	p. 191
Communion Hymn 798	<i>"Will You Come and Follow Me"</i>
Table Blessing	
Prayer after Communion	
Sending	
General Announcements	
*Blessing	
*Hymn 808	<i>"Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song"</i>
*Dismissal	A: Thanks be to God.
Postlude	<i>"Recessional on the Ash Grove"</i> M. Sedio

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The prophet Jeremiah speaks of the incurable wound of his suffering yet finds in God's words the delight of his heart. When Peter doesn't grasp Jesus' words about suffering, Jesus tells the disciples they will find their lives in losing them. Such sacrificial love is described by Paul when he urges us to associate with the lowly and not repay evil with evil. In worship we gather as a community that we might offer ourselves for the sake of our suffering world.

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.

Psalm 26:1-8

¹Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived | with integrity;
I have trusted in the LORD and | have not faltered.

²Test me, O | LORD, and try me;
examine my heart | and my mind.

³For your steadfast love is be- | fore my eyes;
I have walked faith- | fully with you.

⁴I have not sat | with the worthless,
nor do I consort with | the deceitful.

⁵I have hated the company of | evildoers;
I will not sit down | with the wicked.

⁶I will wash my hands in inno- | cence, O LORD,
that I may go in procession | round your altar,

⁷singing aloud a song | of thanksgiving
and recounting all your won- | derful deeds.

⁸LORD, I love the house in | which you dwell
and the place where your glo- | ry abides.

Leading Worship Today

Minister and violinist: Rev. Sebastian Meadows-Helmer

Diaconal Minister of Music: Deacon Scott Knarr

Communion Servers: Jeanette Harrop and Rev. Dr. Allen Jorgenson

Broadcast: Andrew Weber

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

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, Judy, Kevin, Gary, Anneke, Meaghan, Maureen, and Jeanette.

General Announcements

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

Upcoming Events at St. Matthews

Wednesday, September 2: Noontime Oasis Resumes

Sunday, September 6: Final Hymn Sing

Sunday, September 13: Fellowship Time Resumes

Sunday, September 20: Sunday School Resumes

Sunday, September 20: Community BBQ following worship

Thursday, September 24: Choir Resumes

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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.

ST. MATTHEWS CHURCH

COMMUNITY

SEPT
20

BBQ

FREE

10:30 AM AFTER WORSHIP





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