

PENTECOST

A TIME TO GROW

St. Matthews Lutheran Church

WHERE COMMUNITY GATHERS AND GROWS

October 4, 2026

Pentecost 19
Sunday, October 4, 2026
(* indicates the assembly stands)

Gathering

Prelude	<i>"Fugue in C"</i>	J. Pachelbel
Words of Welcome & Service Announcements		
*Hymn 520		<i>"Dearest Jesus, at Your Word"</i>
*Greeting		
*Glory to God		p. 213
*Prayer of the Day		
Anthem	<i>"Rejoice in the Lord"</i>	A. Steffani

Word

First Reading		Isaiah 5:1-7
Psalm 80: 7-15 (see page 4)		(sung responsively)
Second Reading		Philippians 3:4b-14
*Gospel Acclamation	<i>"Alleluia. Lord, to Whom Shall We Go?"</i>	p. 216
*Gospel Reading		Matthew 21:33-46
Sermon		
*Hymn of the Day 678	<i>"God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"</i>	
*Apostles' Creed		p. 217
*Prayers of Intercession		A: Your mercy is great.
*Peace		

Thanksgiving

*Canticle of Thanksgiving		p. 219
*Thanksgiving for the Word		p. 220
*Lord's Prayer (Our Father in heaven...)		p. 221

Sending

General Announcements

*Blessing

*Hymn 825

"You Servants of God"

*Dismissal

A: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

"Scherzo"

A. Ridout

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In today's gospel reading, Jesus tells a vineyard parable, which serves as an image of Israel, the prophets' mission, and Christ's death. For Christians, the vineyard also speaks of God's love poured out in the blood of Christ, given to us for the forgiveness of sin. Grafted onto Christ the vine at baptism, we are nourished with wine and bread so that we may share Christ's sufferings and know the power of his resurrection.

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 80: 7-15

Tone 6



⁷ Restore us, O | God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved.

⁸ You have brought a vine | out of Egypt;
you cast out the nations and | planted it.

⁹ You cleared the | ground for it;
it took root and | filled the land.

¹⁰ The mountains were covered | by its shadow
and the towering cedar trees | by its boughs.

¹¹ You stretched out its tendrils | to the sea
and its branches | to the river.

¹² Why have you broken | down its wall,
so that all who pass by pluck | off its grapes?

¹³ The wild boar of the forest has | ravaged it,
and the beasts of the field have | grazed upon it.

¹⁴ Turn now, O | God of hosts,
look | down from heaven;

¹⁵ behold and | tend this vine;
preserve what your right | hand has planted.

Leading Worship Today

Minister: Rev. Sebastian Meadows-Helmer

Diaconal Minister of Music: Deacon Scott Knarr

Lector: John McLellan

Choral Scholars: Nicole Hamilton, Hannah Swiderski, Lindsay Scott, Drew Aarssen

Broadcast: Jason Smolak

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.
- **Please join us for Fellowship Time** after worship in the Community Hall. Use any of the staircases (Narthex, west stair tower, parking lot tower) to go down.
- **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, Kevin, Maureen, Jeanette, Meaghan, Gary, Anneke and Judy.

General Announcements



Volunteers Needed: We are looking for volunteers to help with maintenance of the gardens around the church. If you are

interested, please let contact Ron Roeder (519-895-6833) or the church office.
Thank you.

Upcoming Events at St. Matthews

October 4: Orchestrating Peace through Music at 3 pm

October 16: World Food Day Service at 7 pm

October 18: Foundation Sunday and Sunday School

October 21: Oktoberfest Social at 11 am

October 25: Intergenerational Confirmation Sunday

October 28: Organ Recital & Soup at Noon

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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.



Join us to mark
World Food Day
Friday, October 16



Let's End World Hunger: Setting the Table for Peace

**World Food Day Worship Service
with Inshallah Singing Community**

Friday, October 16th at 7:00 p.m. ET

St. Matthews Lutheran Church | 54 Benton Street, Kitchener, ON

All are welcome! Please consider bringing a non-perishable food item to donate to 519 Community Collective to help those dealing with food insecurity in Waterloo.

Learn more or sign up for the livestream at untilallarefed.ca/join-us



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