

THANKSGIVING

WORSHIP THE LORD WITH GLADNESS

St. Matthews Church

WHERE COMMUNITY GATHERS AND GROWS

October 11, 2026

Thanksgiving Sunday

Sunday, October 11, 2026

(* indicates the assembly stands)

Gathering

Prelude	<i>"Aria and Dance on Nun Danket"</i>	J. Overduin
Words of Welcome & Service Announcements		
*Processional Hymn 693	<i>"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"</i>	
*Greeting		
*This is the Feast		p. 101
*Prayer of the Day		
Anthem	<i>"Sing to the Lord of Harvest"</i>	H. Willan

Word

First Reading		Deuteronomy 8:7-18
Psalm 65 (see page 4)		(sung responsively)
Second Reading		2 Corinthians 9:6-15
*Gospel Acclamation	<i>"Alleluia"</i>	p. 102
*Gospel Reading		Luke 17:11-19
Sermon		
*Hymn of the Day 881	<i>"Let All Things Now Living"</i>	
*Apostles' Creed		p. 105
Duet	<i>"Thou Visitest the Earth"</i>	M. Greene
*Prayers of Intercession		A: hear our prayer.
*Peace		

Meal

*Offering Hymn 879 v.1-3	<i>"For the Beauty of the Earth"</i>	
*Offering Prayer		
*Great Thanksgiving		p. 107

*Holy, Holy, Holy	p. 108
*Thanksgiving at the Table I	p. 108
*Lord's Prayer (<i>Our Father in heaven...</i>)	p. 112
Lamb of God	p. 112
Communion Hymns 483, 856	
Table Blessing	
Prayer after Communion	
Sending	
General Announcements	
*Blessing	
*Hymn 840	<i>"Now Thank We All Our God"</i>
*Dismissal	A: Thanks be to God.
Postlude	<i>"Nun danket alle Gott"</i> S. Karg-Elert

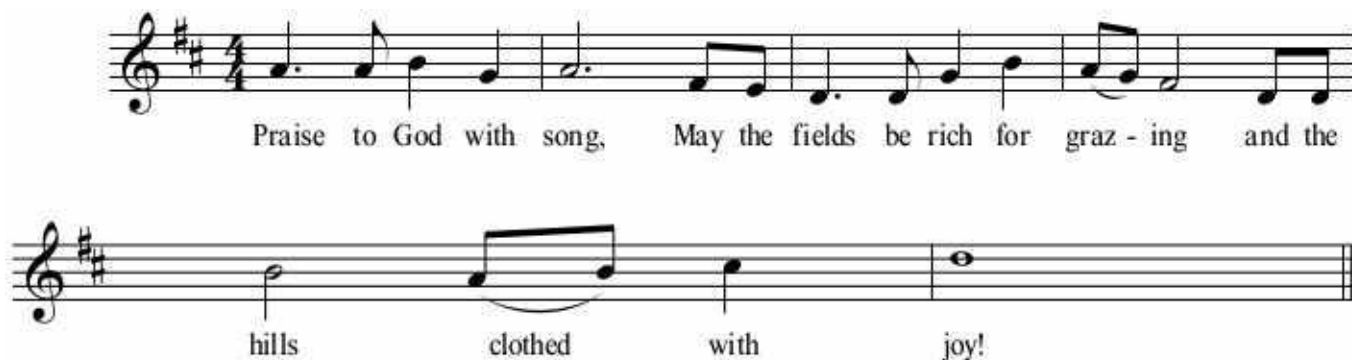
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At harvest time we join the psalmist in offering thanksgiving to God: "You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty." We are grateful for the abundance of the good things of God's creation. Paul reminds us that our thanksgiving overflows into generosity. As the body of Christ in the world, we give ourselves away as bread for the hungry.

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 65

Refrain:



Tone 14:



¹ You are to be praised, O [|] God, in Zion;
to you shall vows [|] be fulfilled.

² To you, the one [|] who answers prayer,
to you all [|] flesh shall come.

³ Our sins are strong- [|] er than we are,
but you blot out [|] our transgressions.

⁴ Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your [|] courts to dwell there!
They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house,
by the holiness [|] of your temple. *Refrain*

⁵ Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness,
O God of [|] our salvation,
O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the oceans [|] far away.

⁶ You make firm the mountains [|] by your power;
you are girded a- [|] bout with might.

⁷ You still the roaring | of the seas,
the roaring of their waves, and the clamor | of the peoples.

⁸ Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your | marvelous signs;
you make the dawn and the dusk to | sing for joy. *Refrain*

⁹ You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous;
the river of God is | full of water.
You prepare the grain, for so you provide | for the earth.

¹⁰ You drench the furrows and smooth | out the ridges;
with heavy rain you soften the ground and | bless its increase.

¹¹ You crown the year | with your goodness,
and your paths over- | flow with plenty.

¹² May the fields of the wilderness be | rich for grazing,
and the hills be | clothed with joy.

^{2nd half} ¹³ May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,
and the valleys cloak them- | selves with grain;
let them shout for | joy and sing. *Refrain*

Leading Worship Today

Minister: Rev. Sebastian Meadows-Helmer

Assisting Minister: Scott Kuschnereit

Diaconal Minister of Music: Deacon Scott Knarr

Choral Scholars: Hannah Swiderski, Lindsay Scott, Xander Bechard, Drew Aarssen, Caroline Schmidt

Duet: Xander Bechard and Drew Aarssen

Lector: Sonia Groh

Communion Server: Pat Giilck

Broadcast: Jason Smolak

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

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

All are welcome at the meal where Jesus is present loving and forgiving us. For the wine, there is a common cup station and a pouring chalice station (please take an empty small glass). There is also a small tray of pre-poured grape juice glasses. Gluten-free wafers are also available; please indicate this request to the Pastor. If you would (also) like to receive a blessing, please approach the Pastor with your arms crossed over your chest. If you'd like to receive Communion in your pew, the pastor will come to you. Please let an usher or the pastor know before worship if possible.

Upcoming Events at St. Matthews

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

General Announcements

Coffee Hour: There is no coffee hour this week, Happy Thanksgiving and we will see you October 18.

Church Breakfast Group: Join us on Tuesday, October 20 at 9:00 a.m. at Kypreos Restaurant, 305 Lancaster St. W. Kitchener to learn more about connections that turn spaces into places as Waterloo Region Community Foundation's Eric Avner speaks to our group. Attendees will order from the menu and pay for their own meals. Everyone is welcome.

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