

PENTECOST

A TIME TO GROW



St. Matthews Lutheran Church

WHERE COMMUNITY GATHERS AND GROWS

August 13, 2023

Pentecost 11
Sunday, August 13, 2023
(indicates the assembly stands)*

Gathering

Hymn Sing

Words of Welcome & Service Announcements

*Hymn 842

"Oh, Worship the King"

*Greeting

*Prayer of the Day

Word

First Reading

1 Kings 19:9-18

Psalm 85:8-13 (see page 4)

(read responsively by full verse)

Second Reading

Romans 10:5-15

*Gospel Acclamation

"Alleluia!"

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*Gospel Reading

Matthew 14:22-33

Sermon

*Hymn of the Day 763

"My Life Flows on in Endless Song"

*Prayers of Intercession

A: Your mercy is great.

*Peace

Meal

*Offering Hymn 794

"Calm to the Waves"

*Offering Prayer

*Great Thanksgiving

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*Holy, Holy, Holy

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*Thanksgiving at the Table V

*Lord's Prayer (*Our Father, who art in heaven...*)

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Lamb of God

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Communion Hymns

773, 774

Table Blessing

Prayer after Communion

Sending

General Announcements

*Blessing

*Hymn 767

“Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me”

*Dismissal

A: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Elijah finds the presence of God not in earthquake, wind, or fire, but in the sound of sheer silence. When the disciples face a great storm on the sea, they cry out with fear. Jesus says: “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.” Amid the storms of life, we gather to seek the calm presence of Christ that soothes our fears. In comforting words of scripture and in the refreshing bread and cup of the eucharist, God grants us peace and sends us forth to be a sign of God’s presence to others.

Psalm 85:8-13

⁸I will listen to what the LORD¹ God is saying;

for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their¹ hearts to you.

⁹Truly, your salvation is very near to¹ those who fear you,
that your glory may dwell¹ in our land.

¹⁰Steadfast love and faithfulness have¹ met together;
righteousness and peace have¹ kissed each other.

¹¹Faithfulness shall spring up¹ from the earth,
and righteousness shall look¹ down from heaven.

¹²The LORD will indeed¹ grant prosperity,
and our land will¹ yield its increase.

¹³Righteousness shall go be-¹ fore the LORD
and shall prepare for¹ God a pathway.

Leading Worship Today

Guest Minister: Rev. Monika Wiesner

Diaconal Minister of Music: Deacon Scott Knarr

Lector and Communion Server: Kim Schaner

Broadcast: Gary Pootz

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

Worship Notes

In our prayers Meaghan, Henry, Marie, Grace, Maureen, Bernice and John.

All are welcome at the meal where Jesus is present loving you and forgiving you. The pastor will distribute communion wafers using tongs. Gluten-free wafers are also available; please indicate this request to the Pastor. You may then take a pre-poured wine cup from the larger tray or a juice cup from the smaller tray. 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.

General Announcements

West Tower Door for Emergency Only. Due to the ongoing construction planning, when going in to the church house or washrooms, use the west stair tower door and stay on that floor. Use the hallway by the office to the stairway to the floor below. The stairs in the west tower are closed to the lower level sanctuary and should only be used in case of an emergency to exit the building.

Important 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.
- **The Peace:** We support people's choices for passing of the peace.
- **Exiting:** At the end of the service, please remain in place until the end of the postlude.

Space for your notes on today's service, for your personal reflection.

Fire Exits: All Sanctuary fire exits remain operational during lower-level demolition and renovations. This includes the three Narthex (Entrance) doors, the mid-tower door (half-way up the right side), and the staircase at the front left, piano side.

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.

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