

PENTECOST

A TIME TO GROW

St. Matthews Lutheran Church

WHERE COMMUNITY GATHERS AND GROWS

October 15, 2023

Foundation Sunday/ Intergenerational Service / Pentecost 20

Sunday, October 15, 2023

(* indicates the assembly stands)

Gathering

Prelude "Sonata" B. Pasquini

Words of Welcome & Service Announcements

*Hymn 521 "O Day of Rest and Gladness"

*Greeting

*Prayer of the Day

Anthem "Canon of Praise" J. Pachelbel / arr. H. Hopson & S. Knarr

Children's Message

Word

Psalm Hymn 780 (Assembly sings Refrain)

*Gospel Reading Matthew 22:1-14

Sermon

*Hymn of the Day 486 "God Extends an Invitation"

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

*Peace

Music for Reflection "Trio Sonata in D Major: Largo" C.P.E. Bach

Thanksgiving

*Hymn of Thanksgiving 885 "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"

*Thanksgiving for the Word

*Lord's Prayer (Our Father, who art in heaven...) p. 112

Sending

General Announcements

*Blessing

*Hymn 1062 (see page 4) "Build a Longer Table"

*Dismissal

A: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

“Fantasia all marcia”

D. Bédard

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In Jesus’ parable about a great banquet, those invited do not come, so the invitation is extended to others. In our liturgy God spreads a table before us. Even amid anxiety and hardship we rejoice in the peace of God which surpasses all understanding. With great joy we feast at the table of the Lord, and we go forth to share the wonderful invitation with others hungering and thirsting for the abundant life of God.

Leading Worship Today

Minister and violinist: Rev. Sebastian Meadows-Helmer

Diaconal Minister of Music: Deacon Scott Knarr

Lector: Sonia Groh

Recorder: Pauline Finch

Choral Scholars: Nicole Hamilton, Hannah Swiderski, Dylan Siebert, John Waterfield

Broadcast: Jason Smolak

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

Build a Longer Table



1 Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,
2 Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;
3 Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.
4 When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,



feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.
where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.
Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.
Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.



Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,
For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,
When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,
So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.



Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.
Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.
Christ tears down our fenc - es: all are wel - come here.
None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.

Text: David Bjorlin, b. 1984

Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol

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Worship Notes

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

Of note... the composer of the recorder, violin and harpsichord trio heard today was not a typo! Carl Philipp Emanuel Bach was the fifth child and second surviving son of the well-known Johann Sebastian Bach. C.P.E. Bach followed his godfather Georg Philipp Telemann as Kapellmeister of Hamburg and wrote over 200 keyboard sonatas as well as chamber works for a variety of instruments.

General Announcements

Foundation Sunday 40th Anniversary Coffee Hour: Come join us in celebrating the 40th Anniversary of the St. Matthews Foundation after this morning's service in the Fellowship Hall. To mark this momentous occasion, the Foundation Sunday Coffee Hour will be providing delectable food & drink, special entertainment, and NO long-winded presentation to distract you from your enjoyment of the event.....Foundation President Scott Kuschnereit's personal gift to you! Please help us celebrate this milestone, and all those who have contributed throughout the past four decades in making the St. Matthews Foundation an important part of our church's life.

New washroom open and ready for use! The washroom on the 2nd floor by the office is now ready for use, and it is an all-gender washroom. Special thanks to the volunteers who help make this possible. Steve Dickin, who did most of the demolition and installing the floor; Terry Kavelman, who was awesome for getting most of the carpentry and drywall installed; Don Robins, who did all the electrical changes and a friend of mine who volunteered and did all the plumbing. The help of these volunteers made this project very possible. Thank you, Ron Roeder.

West Tower Door for Emergency Only. Due to the ongoing construction plan-

ning, 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.
- **Please join us for Fellowship Time** after worship in the Fellowship Hall! Use the door nearest to the piano, and follow the signs.

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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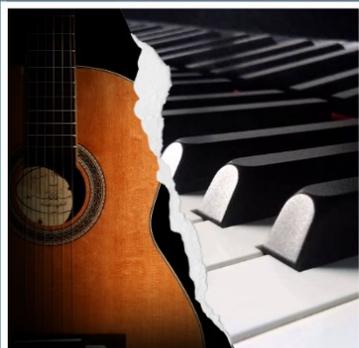
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