

FIRST READING. Amos 6:1a, 4-7

Alas for those who are at ease in Zion.
Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory,
and lounge on their couches,
and eat lambs from the flock,
and calves from the stall;
who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp,
and like David improvise on instruments of music;
who drink wine from bowls,
and anoint themselves with the finest oils,
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!
Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile,
and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

GOSPEL. Luke 16:19-31

‘There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, “Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.” But Abraham said, “Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.” He said, “Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house—for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.” Abraham replied, “They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.” He said, “No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.” He said to him, “If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.” ’

From the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible Copyright 1989 by the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A.



The Wealth God Gives

“In response to God’s love, St. Matthew’s is a faith community welcoming all to grow in faith, to worship Christ and to reach out to everyone.”

Welcome!

We hope our worship will be a blessing to you. Our Lord’s Supper is being celebrated today. Everyone is welcome to receive this Holy Sacrament.
We strongly recommend that everyone wears a mask.

Baptism

Today Eleanor Meagan Secord, daughter of Mariah Bott and Jordan Secord, is being baptized into the family of God. Sponsors are Meagan Bott, Kaitlyn Bott-Finamore and Brad Finamore.
"Welcome, Ellie!"

Flowers

The flowers are placed by Janet Bott and family to the Glory of God in honour of her granddaughter Ellie's baptism and in loving memory of her parents Cecil and Arlean McGill.

If you missed last week’s sermon, it is available on our website.

St. Matthew’s Evangelical Lutheran Church

57 Griffith Street • Welland, Ontario
email: stmatts@cogeco.net • stmatthewswelland.com
Pastor: Reverend Bart ColemanCell Phone (call or text) 289-821-9025
Home Phone289-820-7713
Emailbartsterc@gmail.com
Council Chairperson: Jennifer Rusk
Vice-Chairperson: Bob Hansen
Church Secretary: Jennifer Allcorn905-734-4746
Organist: Lily Jasinskas

Psalm 146 – Tune: 490 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
The lines of the Psalm printed in bold font are sung in unison to the tune of a familiar hymn. The lines in plain font are read by the leader.
Leader: Hallelujah! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,
The King of creation.**

I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life.

**O my soul, praise him,
For he is your health and salvation.**

Do not put your trust in rulers; no human being can save you. When they breathe their last, they return to the dust; on that day all their plans come to an end.

**Let all who hear
Now to his temple draw near.**

Happy are those whose help is in the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God, who made heaven and earth, the sea and all that is in them. He always keeps his promises.

Join now in glad adoration!

The Lord executes justice for the oppressed and gives food to the hungry; he sets the prisoners free.

**Praise to the Lord, who will
Prosper your work and defend you.**

The Lord opens the eyes of the blind, and lifts up those who are bowed down.

**Surely his goodness and mercy
Shall daily attend you.**

The Lord loves the righteous. He watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

**Ponder anew
What the Almighty can do**

The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord!

If with his love he befriend you.

Dates to Remember

TODAY	Church Council meeting after the service
Sept 30	Orange Shirt Day
Oct 2	Praise Appeal Sunday
Oct 9	Thanksgiving Sunday
Oct 16	We welcome Rev. Adam Snook to lead a shared service at St. Matthew’s with our friends from First Lutheran, followed by lunch.
Oct 30	Reformation Sunday



What is Praise Appeal Sunday? The ELCIC Praise Appeal allows congregations the opportunity to better highlight different aspects of the ministry of the wider church. All donations designated to the ELCIC Praise Appeal are an excellent way for us to reach out to everyone. On Sunday, October 2 let’s take the opportunity to learn about the “compassionate justice” work of the ELCIC, and support the work of the National Church!

After nearly two and a half years, **Pickleball has now resumed on Tuesday and Friday mornings at 9:30!** We are limiting the number of players who attend each day. If you would like to play please contact the church office or Margaret Kleinsmith. There may still be some openings available for Tuesday.

All types of food donations are welcome at Open Arms Mission.
OAM Donation focus for September: Granola Bars

**Evangelical Lutheran Worship
Holy Communion Setting 4 - Page 147**
Prelude and Announcements

GATHERING
Greeting: *“The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.”*
Response: **“And also with you.”**

Gathering Song532 Gather Us In
Order of Holy BaptismPage 227
Welcome Song.....“You Are a New Creation”
Prayer of the Day

WORD
First ReadingAmos 6:1a, 4-7
Psalm 146printed in bulletin
Gospel AcclamationPage 151
“Glory to you, O Lord.”
GospelLuke 16:19-31
“Praise to you, O Christ.”

Sermon
Hymn of the Day ...715 Christ Be Our Light
Prayers of Intercession
Prayer Response ... **“hear our prayer.”**
Peace (non-contact gestures)

MEAL
Offering Prayer
Great Thanksgiving.....Page 152
Eucharistic Prayer
The Lord’s PrayerPage 154
Communion
“Lamb of God”Page 154
Communion Hymns712, 479
Prayer after Communion

SENDING
Blessing
Sending Song723 Canticle of the Turning

Dismissal:
Go in peace, with Christ beside you.
Thanks be to God.