

FIRST READING. Isaiah 66:10-14 <sup>10</sup> Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her; rejoice with her in joy, all you who mourn over her—<sup>11</sup> that you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast, that you may drink deeply with delight from her glorious bosom. <sup>12</sup> For thus says the Lord: I will extend prosperity to her like a river and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream, and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm and bounced on her knees. <sup>13</sup> As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice; your bodies shall flourish like the grass, and it shall be known that the power of the Lord is with his servants, and his indignation is against his enemies.

SECOND READING. Galatians 6:[1-6] 7-16 [<sup>1</sup> My brothers and sisters, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. <sup>2</sup> Bear one another’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. <sup>3</sup> For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. <sup>4</sup> All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor’s work, will become a cause for pride. <sup>5</sup> For all must carry their own loads. <sup>6</sup> Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher.] <sup>7</sup> Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. <sup>8</sup> If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh, but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. <sup>9</sup> So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. <sup>10</sup> So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all and especially for those of the family of faith. <sup>11</sup> See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! <sup>12</sup> It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh who try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. <sup>13</sup> Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. <sup>14</sup> May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me and I to the world. <sup>15</sup> For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything, but a new creation is everything! <sup>16</sup> As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

GOSPEL. Luke 10:1-11, 16-20 <sup>1</sup> After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. <sup>2</sup> He said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. <sup>3</sup> Go on your way; I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. <sup>4</sup> Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. <sup>5</sup> Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace to this house!’ <sup>6</sup> And if a person of peace is there, your peace will rest on that person, but if not, it will return to you. <sup>7</sup> Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. <sup>8</sup> Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; <sup>9</sup> cure the sick who are there, and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’ <sup>10</sup> But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, <sup>11</sup> ‘Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.’ <sup>16</sup> “Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me.” <sup>17</sup> The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, “Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!” <sup>18</sup> He said to them, “I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. <sup>19</sup> Indeed, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing will hurt you. <sup>20</sup> Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

# Fourth Sunday After Pentecost



## Sunday July 6, 2025

### 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.

*You are invited to come forward via the centre aisle and form a single line across from the steps leading to the altar area. Once you have communed and the pastor has spoken the communion blessing, you may place your used wine glass into the bowl on the stand near the side aisle. Then you may return to your seat via the side aisle.*

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

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Weekly Calendar:

- Monday:** Pastor’s day off
- Tuesday:** Pickleball 9:30 am to 11:30 am  
Pastor in Port Colborne
- Wednesday:** Pickleball 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm  
Rose City Quilters 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm (first of the month)  
Pastor in Welland
- Thursday:** Pastor in Welland
- Friday:** Pickleball 9:30 am to 11:30 am  
Pastor in Port Colborne
- Saturday:** Pickleball 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Upcoming Events & Dates To Remember

Please join us (and tell your family, friends and neighbours) about our **Summer Celebration** which will take place here at the Church on Saturday July 12 from 2:00 to 5:00 pm, rain or shine. You can read more details on our message boards (email also sent to all members).

Please keep your hard plastic lids from cottage cheese or yogurt containers for our Summer Celebration craft. Thank you.

Next Executive Committee of the Church Council is Thursday July 10 @ 10:00 am.

Next Church Council Meeting is Thursday July 24 @ 10:00 am.

***We are looking forward to having the daughter of Veronic Gagne-Huntingdon and Kyle Huntingdon, Eloise Rose Huntingdon, baptized on July 20<sup>th</sup> and becoming a member of St. Matthew’s Church.***

Worship leaders, ushers and counters for this week’s service:

Scripture Reader Linda Borland  
Prayers Bobbye Goldenberg  
Usher/Greeter Bob Hansen  
Counters Bob Hansen & Carole McLeod

Worship leaders, ushers and counters for next week’s service:

Scripture Reader Bobbye Goldenberg  
Prayers Marilyn Schultz  
Usher/Greeter Norm & Carole McLeod  
Counters Bob Hansen & Carole McLeod

Attendance Sunday June 29 – 9, last year 16.



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GATHERING

Gathering Hymn.....**ELW # 838**  
“Beautiful Savior”  
Prayer of the Day

WORD

First Reading..... Isaiah 66:10-14  
Psalm 66:1-9..... **ELW**  
Second Reading..... Galatians 6:[1-6] 7-16  
Gospel Acclamation.....**ELW** Page 205  
“Glory to you, O Lord”  
Gospel ..... Luke 10:1-11, 16-20  
“Praise to you, O Christ”

Sermon  
Hymn of the Day.....**ELW # 659**  
“Will You Let Me Be Your Servant”  
Prayers of Intercession  
Sharing the Peace

MEAL

Great Thanksgiving (sung).....ELW Page 206  
Sanctus “Holy, Holy”..... ELW Page 207  
Eucharistic Prayer  
The Lord’s Prayer ..... ELW Page 208  
O Lamb of God .....ELW Page 208  
Communion Hymns.....ELW # **528 & 396**  
Prayer after Communion

SENDING

Announcements  
Blessing  
Sending Hymn.....**ELW # 535**  
“Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises”

Dismissal: Go in peace. Live in hope.  
“Thanks be to God”