

FIRST READING: Genesis 32:22-31 22 The same night [Jacob] got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. 23 He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. 24 Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. 25 When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket, and Jacob’s hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. 26 Then he said, “Let me go, for the day is breaking.” But Jacob said, “I will not let you go, unless you bless me.” 27 So he said to him, “What is your name?” And he said, “Jacob.” 28 Then the man said, “You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans and have prevailed.” 29 Then Jacob asked him, “Please tell me your name.” But he said, “Why is it that you ask my name?” And there he blessed him. 30 So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, “For I have seen God face to face, yet my life is preserved.” 31 The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 3:14—4:5 14 But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it 15 and how from childhood you have known sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. 16 All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, 17 so that the person of God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. 4:1 In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: 2 proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage with the utmost patience in teaching. 3 For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound teaching, but, having their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires 4 and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. 5 As for you, be sober in everything, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

GOSPEL: Luke 18:1-8 1 Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. 2 He said, “In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. 3 In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, ‘Grant me justice against my accuser.’ 4 For a while he refused, but later he said to himself, ‘Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, 5 yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.’ ” 6 And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. 7 And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? 8 I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”



Sunday October 19, 2025
Welcome Everyone!

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 9:30 am to 3:30 pm
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

Pray always. Do not lose heart. This is Christ’s encouragement in the gospel today. Wrestle with the word. Remember your baptism again and again. Come regularly to Christ’s table. Persistence in our every encounter with the divine will be blessed.

Sundays and Seasons.



Upcoming Events & Dates To Remember

The first Sunday in November is a very special time at St. Matthew’s Church. It is a festive day for us called **All Saints’ Sunday**. During worship on this day we remember loved ones who have gone on to join the church triumphant.

If there is a hymn or song that has a special meaning for you and your family, that reminds you of your loved one, we would be happy to try to incorporate it into our service. Please let us know the title and name of that hymn as soon as you can. If the hymn or song is not in our hymnal, please contact the church office at 905-734-4746, or our organist Lily at jasinskaslily@gmail.com to see if the request is possible.

We look forward to honouring the individuals by offering prayers and expressing our hope in the resurrection by lighting a memorial candle.

Please join us for our **Congregational Christmas Dinner** which will take place on Wednesday December 10, 6:00 pm at The Blue Star Restaurant. Please RSVP to Rona in the Church office if you and a guest plan to attend, email stmatts@cogeco.net. Or call 905-734-4746.

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

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

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

Scripture Reader Linda Borland
Prayers Marilyn Schultz
Usher/Greeter Bob Hansen
Counters Bob Hansen & Carole McLeod

Last week’s attendance 16, last year’s attendance 21

GATHERING

Order of Confession.....ELW 94
Gathering Hymn.....ELW # 790
“Day by Day”
Prayer of the Day

WORD

First Reading Genesis 32:22-31
Psalm 121..... ELW
Second Reading2 Timothy 3:14—4:5
Gospel Acclamation.....ELW Page 205
“Glory to you, O Lord”
Gospel Luke 18:1-8
“Praise to you, O Christ”
Sermon
Hymn of the Day.....ELW # 770
“Give Me Jesus”
The Apostles’ Creed
Prayers of Intercession
“Receive our prayer”
Sharing the Peace
Receiving the Offering and Offering Prayer

MEAL

Great ThanksgivingELW Page 206
Sanctus “Holy, Holy”..... ELW Page 207
Eucharistic Prayer
The Lord’s Prayer ELW Page 208
O Lamb of GodELW Page 208
Communion HymnsELW # 402 & 512
Prayer after Communion

SENDING

Announcements
Blessing
Sending Hymn.....ELW # 624
“Jesus, Still Lead On”
Dismissal: Go in peace. Live in hope.
“Thanks be to God”