

October 18, 2026

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21st Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading: Isaiah 45:1-7 ¹ Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and to strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him—and the gates shall not be closed: ² I will go before you and level the mountains; I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron; ³ I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the Lord, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. ⁴ For the sake of my servant Jacob and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name; I give you a title, though you do not know me. ⁵ I am the Lord, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, ⁶ so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the Lord, and there is no other. ⁷ I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the Lord do all these things.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 ¹ Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. ² We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³ remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵ because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶ And

you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy from the Holy Spirit, ⁷ so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸ For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹ For they report about us what kind of welcome we had among you and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God ¹⁰ and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-22 ¹⁵ The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. ¹⁶ So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷ Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?” ¹⁸ But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹ Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰ Then he said to them, “Whose head is this and whose title?” ²¹ They answered, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s and to God the things that are God’s.” ²² When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went away.

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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.

We live and serve on land that for thousands of years, Indigenous peoples have walked. We live on the traditional territory of several Indigenous peoples, including the Neutrals, the Mississauga, the Anishnaabe and the Haudenosaunee. We acknowledge their continuing stewardship of this land and we also honour the heritage and gifts of the Métis people.

St. Matthew’s Evangelical Lutheran Church
Blessing our neighbourhood since 1876

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Our Mission Statement:

“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.”

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Coming January 17, 2027: By Living Waters!

By Living Waters: The Ministry School at Luther is launching its first publicly available courses for lay and rostered leaders. Our first offerings include *Living Word*, *Collaborative Leadership for Ministry*, *Community Engagement for Churches*, and *Community Care: Visitation*.

Practical, accessible learning grounded in the realities of ministry today. Watch for registration information coming later this fall!

Learn more at <https://luther.wlu.ca/future-students/by-living-waters-ministry-school.html> or contact BLWMS@wlu.ca with questions.

As We Celebrate Holy Communion Together:

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.

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

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

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

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

Attendance Sunday October 11 - 13, one year ago 23.

Upcoming Events:

The next Church Council meeting will be Thursday October 22nd.

A congregational meeting has been called for **Sunday, October the 25th** (after the Service) to approve the inspection of our building by the Fire Department and the Health Department to approve its suitability for use by a Montessori daycare.

Psalm 96:1-9 ELW # 663 Spread, Oh, Spread, Almighty Word

Sing to the Lord a new song.

**To the Lord a new song sing;
He has done a wondrous thing.**

*Tell of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all peoples.*

**All on earth, your songs employ;
Praise our God with songs of joy.**

*For the Lord is great, and greatly to be praised; he is to be honored more
than all the gods. The gods of all other nations are only idols, but the Lord
created the heavens. Glory and majesty surround him; power and beauty
fill his sanctuary.*

**To the Lord a new song sing;
He has done a wondrous thing.**

*Praise the Lord, all people on earth; praise his glory and might. Praise the
Lord's glorious name; bring an offering and come into his courts. Bow
down before the Holy One when he appears; tremble before him, all the
earth!*

**All on earth, your songs employ;
Praise our God with songs of joy.**

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GATHERING

Gathering Hymn.....ELW # **526**
“**God is Here!**”

Greeting
Prayer of the Day

WORD

First Reading.....Isaiah 45:1-7
Psalm (printed in Bulletin).....96:1-9
Second Reading.....
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Gospel Acclamation...ELW page **151**
“**Glory to you, O Lord**”
Gospel.....Matthew 22:15-22
“**Praise to you, O Christ**”

Sermon
Hymn of the Day.....ELW # **583**
“**Take My Life, That I May Be**”

Prayers of the Church
Sharing the Peace

MEAL

Offering Prayer
Great Thanksgiving....ELW page **152**
Sanctus “**Holy, Holy**”..ELW page **153**
Eucharistic Prayer
Lord’s Prayer.....ELW page **154**
Lamb of God.....ELW page **154**
Communion
Communion Hymns**690 & 696**
Prayer after Communion

SENDING

Announcements
Blessing
Sending Hymn.....ELW # **705**
“**God of Grace and God of Glory**”
Dismissal: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
“**Thanks be to God**”