

Psalm 25:1-10 – Tune: 597 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less (Melita)

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.
I trust you, God, to make me whole.

Reader: Let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies’ triumph over me. Let none who look to you be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

**Show me, O Lord, the way to go;
Teach me your righteous paths to know.**

Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation. I always trust in you.

**In steadfast love remember me.
Your paths of goodness let me see.**

Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions. According to your steadfast love remember me for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.
I trust you, God, to make me whole.

Because the Lord is righteous and good, he teaches sinners the path they should follow. He leads the humble in the right way and teaches them his will.

**Show me, O Lord, the way to go;
Teach me your righteous paths to know.**

All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness to those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

In steadfast love remember me.

Your paths of goodness let me see.

Table grace to be sung during procession to Fellowship Hall.

“Be present at our table Lord. Be here and everywhere adored. These mercies bless and grant that we be strengthened for thy service be.” Amen.



Sunday September 27, 2026
Welcome Everyone on our 150th anniversary!

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.

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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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Scripture Reader Marilyn Schultz
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Today’s offering:

An offering plate is located at the back of the worship space and you may place your offering there.

A Free Will Offering basket will be located in the Fellowship Hall. A portion of that offering will be used for Hospice Niagara Walker House. If you wish a receipt for your Walker House donation (only), please fill out one of the envelopes provided. Thank you for your support of both the special appeal and the ongoing ministry of St. Matthew’s Lutheran Church.

Today’s Dinner:

The main meal is provided by Chef Paul’s Catering, and the roast beef is from Pupo’s Food Market. Any leftovers will go to St. Matthew’s Social Ministry.

150th Anniversary Choir:

I am **overjoyed** to have a choir with us today to help us celebrate 150 years of this lovely little Lutheran community. Choir members are made up of current St. Matt's members, former St. Matt's singers, members of our sister congregation, First Lutheran in Port Colborne as well as friends and family of these. We have had three rehearsals in preparation for today's service and, in the great Lutheran tradition of congregational singing, I hope you enjoy and sing with us!
We are blessed today by the following voices:
Beth Armitage, Howard Bogust, Sheila Brown Cora Lee Cardinal, Merv Fretz, Mikayla Leger, Judy Meyton, Donna Rosbak, John Rosbak and Jenn Rusk.
With much joy and many thanks,
Lily Jasinskas, music director, St. Matthew's

Welcome:

We extend a warm welcome to all our special guests today: Bishop Carla Blakley, Eastern Synod, ELCIC; former Pastors Kevin McLeod and Keith Crouse, former Pastors' children Judy Lindeman and Debbie Lindeman and Ted Crouse and former members Donna and John Rosbak, singing in the choir. We are appreciative, too, of the other guests who have joined us: members from Faith, St. Catharines; First Lutheran, Port Colborne; St. Luke's, Ridgeway. Welcome, everyone!

Congratuations St. Matthew’s!

We were 150 years old on February 24th, 2026. It was on February 24, 1876 that 12 German speaking settlers organized into St. Matthew’s German Evangelical Lutheran Church. The original Church building was built on our current site, 59 Griffith St., on property purchased for \$75. The Church’s cornerstone was laid on May 7, 1876, and the cost of the building was \$650. That building was sold for \$225 and moved to the corner of Empire and East Main Streets, and a new Church was built, its cornerstone being laid August 19, 1928....and, as they say... all the rest is history!
TO GOD BE THE GLORY!

As We Celebrate Holy Communion Together:

You are invited to join one of two lines coming forward by way of the centre aisle. Everyone will receive bread from the bishop who will be standing at the base of the steps leading to the altar area. Once you have received bread, you can proceed to the assistant serving wine. This person will be on the side of the worship space closest to the section where you are seated. Once you have communed, 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.

Thank you:

A very special thank you to Elaine Hunter for her hard work and dedication in beautifying our flower bed outside around our Church sign. It looks lovely and we truly appreciate your kindness.

**Now the Feast & Celebration - Hymnal Supplement
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“**Thanks be to God**”