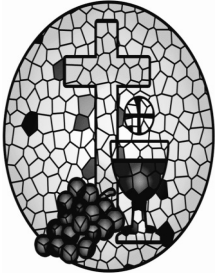


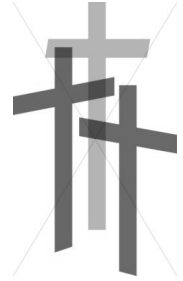
# FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 17, 2024

## ORDER OF WORSHIP



Hymns: LSB 435,427,637,918  
Choir will sing: "Here I Am Lord"  
Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34  
Epistle: Hebrews 5:1-10  
Holy Gospel: Mark 10: 32-45



Thank you Pastor Keith Knupp for leading us in service today.

## WELCOME TO ST MATTHEW!

The Lord richly bless your time here this morning as we receive Christ in the liturgy, hymns, and preaching. There are guest cards and envelopes in the pews. All guests are encouraged to fill these out. The envelopes are provided for guests to contribute during the offering.

There will be one Worship Service at 9:00am. Holy Communion will be celebrated the 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month. Please announce your intention to commune by signing the sheet in the narthex. If you would like to receive communion in your pew please check the box after your name on the announcement sheet .



## COME TO THE TABLE

God willing, The Lord's Supper will be celebrated this morning for the remission of sins and the double assurance of our Heavenly Father's forgiving love. **If you would like to be an honored guest at The Lord's Table please sign the communion sheet in the narthex next to the office. If you have a prayer request fill out the request sheet in the narthex and place in the offering plate as it is passed.**

## The Power of Prayer

Amanda Allen	Joan Baroudi
Kelly Benedict	Christiana Brenon
Bob Burton	Bill & Pat Doebler
Michele Durick	Toni Durick
Tom Essenburg	Joy Jenks
Pastor Jorg	Hannah Koepsell
Florence Lindaman	Gary Majewski
Doris Matheis	Phil Moldenhauer
Jeffrey Morrison	Jason Painter
Renee Patton	Diane Pieper
Marc Schultz	Jacquelyn Scott
Mary Smith	Ron Waliszewski

Our Shut Ins

## HOME VISITS

**Pastor Ken Craig** is available to bring Holy Communion to the home of any member desiring a visit. You may also call him, regardless of the time, if any congregation member is in need of pastoral care. This is particularly important when there is a serious illness, an accident, a hospitalization and when death approaches or occurs.

cell: 716-946-5725

home;716-693-1373

email: [pastorklc@verizon.net](mailto:pastorklc@verizon.net)

## TODAY IN THE CHURCH YEAR:

### In the Holy Sacraments, We Share the Glory of the Cross of Christ

Jesus catechizes His disciples in the way of the cross, revealing that He will be condemned and put to death "and after three days he will rise" (Mark 10:33-34). But the Twelve do not understand. Instead, they argue among themselves about who will be the greatest, with James and John requesting the places of honor on either side of Jesus in His glory. However, Jesus has come to make Himself the "slave of all" and "to give his life as a ransom for many" (Mark 10:43-45). He shares the true glory of His cross with all who are baptized with His Baptism and with those who drink His cup of salvation, the New Testament in His blood (Mark 10:39). By these Holy Sacraments, the Lord makes Himself known to all His people, forgiving their sins "from the least of them to the greatest" (Jer. 31:33-34). Though He is the very Son of God, "he learned obedience through what he suffered" and so became our great High Priest, that we may enter His glory by the way of His sacrifice (Heb. 5:8-10).

### SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Sunday School will start at 10:00am. We will continue to stay till 11:30. This way we can get through our lessons and crafts. We will not be having class on March 24th, Palm Sunday or Easter Sunday, March 31st. We will resume class on April 7th.



**Niagara Hospice Floral Bouquets** will be available for pick up this morning. Kim will have them in the Narthex before and after church. Thanks to all for your kind donations. Any questions please contact Kim Binkley at 716-909-6310.

### NO SARB TODAY DUE TO VOTERS MEETING

We **will** have SARB on Sunday, March 24th . Linda R and Sheryl E will be on for that day. No SARB on Easter Sunday.

### EASTER FLOWERS

Bill Olczak will be taking orders for Easter flowers in the Brides Room after service. There will be a mix of flowers ordered. The price will be \$10 each.

There will be a "**CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**" on Easter Sunday morning at 8:00 A.M in the lower fellowship hall. Please join us for fellowship and light refreshments of pastries, coffee cakes and fruit, coffee, tea and juice. Thank You, Linda Robinson – Breakfast Chairman

### LENTEN DINNER UPDATE

As you are aware, due to circumstances beyond our control our Lenten Dinner Caribbean Children's Foundation Tuition Fund Mission Project had to be cancelled short of our scheduled completion goal. We will be scheduling a "Welcome Spring" Luncheon on a Sunday after worship service sometime in April to help achieve our donation goal. We will serve Barbecued Burgers; Hot Dogs & Cheesy Potatoes. \*Watch future bulletins for more details!

Thank You, Linda Robinson, Mission Chairman

### THRIVENT MEMBERS

**You have 2 weeks to designate your portion of Choice Dollars from 2023.** You only have until March 31st. You can call Thrivent Member Care Services at 800-847-4836. You can also assign your Choice Dollars on the website. After you login, there is a large button in the left column that says Direct Choice Dollars. Choice Dollars are a part of Thrivent's charitable giving program, and are your way to help designate some of the money to support our church. After March 31st, any money left in Choice Dollars programs may be directed or spent at Thrivent's discretion.

### MEN'S RETREAT

Lutheran Laymen's League Men's Retreat will be held May 31 & June 1 & 2, 2024. Registration forms for the Men's Retreat are available on the bulletin table. Please see Bill Bundy if you have any questions.

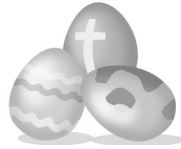
### THANK YOU FROM HOSPICE

We can not thank you enough for the beautiful Valentine's Day bags you put together & donated to our patients. We know coordinating a project like this takes a lot of time, talents & hard work. We so appreciated it! To see the joy your gifts brought to our patients was so wonderful! Your friends at Niagara Hospice.

**YCC ACTIVITIES FOR MARCH  
WILL BE ON SATURDAYS FROM 6-8**

Any Questions contact Breanna Gerner Youth Director at 716-525-6953, bgerner22@gmail.com.

**30th-Easter Egg Hunt**



**HELP FILL OUR FOOD PANTRY**

St. Matthew Food Pantry has a great need of **ALL NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS. Please place the items in the bushel basket in the narthex.** If you know of a neighbor, friend or family in need, please contact the church office at 716-692-6862. Thank you.

**N. T. FOOD PANTRY**

The North Tonawanda Food Pantry is need of **cleaning supplies.** They are always in need of shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes and deodorant (personal care items). Put the items in the blue tote in the Quilting room. Thank you for your generosity.



**ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS YTD**

Attendance 3/10/2024		75
Offering for 3/10/2024		\$3,279.00
Week Ending 3/16/2024		YTD
Budget	\$4,365.00	\$43,650.00
Received	<u>\$3,279.00</u>	<u>\$37,529.00</u>
	-1,086.00	-\$6,121.00
Capital Improvements YTD		\$165.00

**MEETINGS & EVENTS AT ST. MATTHEW  
MARCH 17, 2024**

Sun: 9:00am-Worship Service w/Communion  
10:00am-Sunday School  
10:30am-SARB

Wed: 5:45pm-Choir Rehearsal



**MICHELE'S CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

Mon: 9:00am-1:00pm  
Tue: Off  
Wed: Off  
Thu: 9:00am-1:00pm  
Fri: 9:00am-11:00am

When God puts  
something on your heart,  
that means it's on His heart, too.



**SERVING IN THE LORD'S HOUSE  
TO-DAY**

Elders: Craig Heigl, Rob Pidanick  
Vestrymen: James Fretthold, Bill Bundy  
Ushers: Dave Urtel, Tank Jorg, Tim Jorg  
Greeters: Toni Durick, Linda Pascucci  
Sunshine Committee: Open  
Organist: Tom Goodrich  
Sr. Choir Director: Open  
Male Chorus Director: Open  
Chimes: Open  
Offering Counters: Team 6  
SARB (Linda Robinson) Sheryl Essenberg