

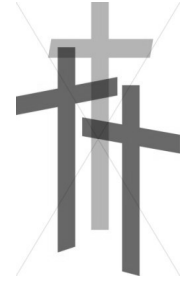
PALM SUNDAY

MARCH 24, 2024

ORDER OF WORSHIP



Hymns: LSB 442,441,443
 Choir will sing: "Lift High The Cross"
 Old Testament Reading: Zechariah 9:9-12
 Epistle: Philippians 2:5-11
 Holy Gospel: John 12:20-43



Thank you Rev. Michael Dobler for leading us in service today.
Palms are available in the narthex

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 .



The flowers on the altar today are in loving memory of Paul Durick's birthday on March 28th with love from his family.



A gift was given to St. Matthew Lutheran Church in memory of Ora Ganschow from Kathleen Warsocki and the Park's Family.

THE NEW COPY OF "PORTAL OF PRAYERS" ARE AVAILABLE ON THE BULLETIN TABLE.



PRAYER CHURCH PRAYER LIST

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

TODAY IN THE CHURCH YEAR:

The Son of David Ascends His Throne and Reigns in Love from His Cross

The Son of David comes in gentle humility, "sitting on a donkey's colt," yet as the King of Israel "in the name of the Lord" (John 12:13-15). He comes to be lifted up in glory on the cross in order to cast out "the ruler of this world" and draw all people to Himself (John 12:23-32). The Church is thus called to "rejoice greatly," because her King comes with salvation, and "he shall speak peace to the nations" (Zech. 9:9-10). As He is anointed "beforehand for burial" (Mark 14:8), He also ascends His royal throne as "the King of the Jews" by way of His Passion (Mark 15:2, 17-19, 26). He goes "as it is written of him," wherefore "you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power" (Mark 14:21, 62). For the glory of God is love, which crescendos in the humble obedience and voluntary self-sacrifice of the Son of God for the salvation of sinners. So, God the Father has "highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name" (Phil. 2:9), that He might reign over us in love with the forgiveness of His cross.

HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Maundy Thursday Worship Service with Holy Communion will be at **5pm** lead by Pastor Ken Craig.

Good Friday Worship will be at **7pm** lead by Pastor Knupp.

Easter Sunday Worship will be held at **9am** lead by Pastor Knupp.

LAST DAY TO ORDER 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. Please remember to take them with you after Easter Sunday Worship.



Pioneer on the Lake has sent out a newsletter of up coming activities and important dates. This will be posted on the bulletin board in the hall.

EASTER BREAKFAST PREPARATIONS: SATURDAY, MARCH 30TH @ 9:00 A.M.

We will be setting up for our Easter Continental Breakfast. If you are available we will be dressing the tables, and putting together the pastry trays, as well as the fresh fruit trays. If you can spare about 1 hour it would be greatly appreciated. We are also looking for donations of coffee cake, muffins, etc. to serve. We will not be doing hard-boiled decorated Easter Eggs or cereal this year.

Please contact me if you have any questions @ (716)622-1255 -Linda Robinson.

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

ALL ARE INVITED

"Come, O Faithful, and take light from the light that never fades; come and glorify Christ who is risen from the dead." Immanuel Lutheran Church located at 107 Scott St. in Tonawanda, NY extends an invitation to all to come and gather for a joyful experience for the celebration of Easter, our Lord's Resurrection at our Easter Vigil on Saturday, March 30th at 7:40pm (sunset). Our hope is that as you recount and meditate on God's mighty acts through the centuries that you would meet your Easter day refreshed, renewed, and inspired.

THRIVENT MEMBERS

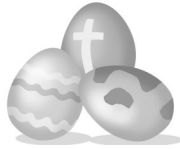
You have 1 weeks to designate your portion of Choice Dollars from 2023. You only have until March 31st. You can call Thrivent Member Care Services at 800-847-4836. You can also assign your Choice Dollars on the website. After you login, there is a large button in the left column that says Direct Choice 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.

Niagara Zone LWML will be hosting the Spring Gathering Celebration. See the bulletin board for more information.

**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 n and peas, Soup and canned fruit. 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 3/17/2024		83
Offering for 3/17/2024		\$4,324.00
Week Ending 3/23/2024		YTD
Budget	\$4,365.00	\$48,015.00
Received	<u>\$4,324.00</u>	<u>\$41,853.00</u>
	-\$41.00	-\$6,162.00
Capital Improvements YTD		\$165.00

**MEETINGS & EVENTS AT ST. MATTHEW
MARCH 24, 2024**

Sun: 9:00am-Worship Service
10:30am-SARB

Wed: 5:45pm-Choir Rehearsal

5:00pm-Maundy Thursday Worship w/Communion

7:00pm-Good Friday Worship Service

8:00am-Easter Continental Breakfast

9:00am-Easter Sunday Worship Service
w/Communion

MICHELE'S CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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



Today is Palm Sunday which marks Jesus triumphal entry into Jerusalem. It is the beginning of Holy Week.

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

Elders: Siggy Barke, John Patton
Vestrymen: Tom Hromowyk
Ushers: Eric Berg, Justin Hromowyk,
Mark Lemke
Greeters: Joe Durick,
Sunshine Committee: Open
Organist: Tom Goodrich
Sr. Choir Director: Open
Male Chorus Director: Open
Chimes: Open
Offering Counters: Team 1
SARB (Linda Robinson) Sheryl Essenberg