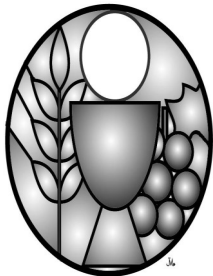


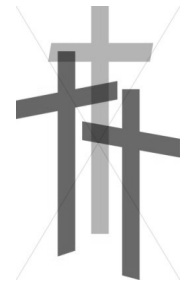
# EASTER SUNDAY

## APRIL 7, 2024

### ORDER OF WORSHIP



Hymns: LSB 480,470 v.v.1-8,623,921  
Old Testament Reading: Acts 4:32-35  
Epistle: 1 John 1:—2:2  
Holy Gospel: John 20:19-31



Thank you Pastor Ken Craig 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.**

## 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
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:

### The Risen Christ Breathes His Peace in the Holy Absolution

The crucified and risen Lord Jesus appeared to His apostles on the first Easter Sunday. He "came and stood among them," and with His Word and the wounds in "his hands and his side," He granted them His peace (John 20:19–20). He sent them as ministers of the Gospel in His name to bestow the life-giving Holy Spirit for us and for His whole Church through the forgiveness of sins (John 20:21–23). Through this apostolic ministry, He calls us to believe that He "is the Christ, the Son of God," so that by such faith we "may have life in his name" (John 20:31). The apostles "have seen and heard" this divine life manifested in the flesh of Christ, and those who succeed them in this apostolic ministry now proclaim that same Absolution to us, so that we "too may have fellowship" with the risen Christ, with the apostles and "with one another" (1 John 1:1–7). The one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church lives by "their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus," and all who believe this Word are "of one heart and soul," because in Him they truly have "everything in common" (Acts 4:32–33)



### THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR TODAY ARE IN CELEBRATION OF:

Richard and Sharon Engler's 60th wedding anniversary on April 3rd.

John and Ellie Grichen's 65th wedding anniversary on April 4th

God's Blessings to each of you.



Please have your articles for the May/June Communicator into the office no later than Monday, April 15th.



**Bible Brunch-April 9th** at 10am. Kristen J. will have lesson #7, Toni D. will bring dessert.

**Church Council Meeting-April 9th** at 6:30pm

**Ladies Guild Meeting-April 12 will meet at 2:00pm.** Time to restock our kitchen. See Communicator for items needed.

**YCC-Saturday, April 13** at 6pm.



Young At Heart, we will enjoy a game of miniature golf at the Dome on **Sunday, April 21 at 3 pm** with dinner afterwards. We will meet at church at 2:30. Sign-up sheet will be on the stand on the way out of church or contact Carol Wilczak at 716-693-1837.

### PIONEER ON THE LAKE



**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. Each month we will post fliers with the activities and information they would like to share. The "PIONEER ON THE LAKE " flyers will be posted to the right of the office door.

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

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

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

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

**13th-Pirate Night  
27th-Team Games**



**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 3/31/2024		129
Offering for 3/31/2024		\$5,424.00
Week Ending 3/30/2024		YTD
Budget	\$4,365.00	\$56,745.00
Received	<u>\$5,424.00</u>	<u>\$54,619.00</u>
	\$1,059.00	-\$2,126.00
Capital Improvements YTD		\$165.00

**MEETINGS & EVENTS AT ST. MATTHEW  
APRIL 7, 2024**

Sun: 8:30am-Worship Service w/Communion  
10:00am-Sunday School  
10:00am-SARB

Tues: 10:00am-Bible Brunch  
6:30pm-Church Council Meeting

Wed: 6:00pm-Choir Rehearsal

Fri: **2:00pm**-Ladies Guild Meeting

Sat: 6:00pm-YCC

**MICHELE'S CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

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



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

Elders: Craig Heigl, Rob Pidanick  
Vestrymen: James Fretthold, Bill Bundy  
Ushers: Dave Urtel, Tim Jorg, Tank Jorg  
Greeters: M/M Stapar  
Sunshine Committee: Open  
Organist: Tom Goodrich  
Sr. Choir Director: Open  
Male Chorus Director: Open  
Chimes: Open  
Offering Counters: Team 4  
SARB (Debbie Hromowyk) Sandy Moesch