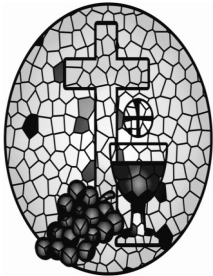


FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 21, 2024

ORDER OF WORSHIP



Hymns: LSH 465,477,570,523
First Reading: Acts 4:1-12
Epistle: 1 John 3:16-24
Holy Gospel: John 10:11-18



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 8:30 A.M.. 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.**



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
John Patton	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

TODAY IN THE CHURCH YEAR:

Jesus, the Good Shepherd, Lays Down His Life for the Sheep

The Lord Jesus is "the good shepherd" who "lays down his life for the sheep" (John 10:11). His life is not taken from Him, but He lays it down willingly, of His own accord, because He knows and loves the sheep. As the One sent by the Father, He has the "authority to lay it down" and the "authority to take it up again" (John 10:18). So has He done, and now He continues to love and serve as the Good Shepherd of the sheep by the voice of His Gospel. He thus calls all people into the fold of His Church, so that there may be "one flock, one shepherd" (John 10:16). That is why the apostles "were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead" (Acts 4:2). Since "there is salvation in no one else," His voice rings out to this day through the preaching of His name, "for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved" (Acts 4:12). His voice comforts our hearts against all condemnation and gives us courage to "love one another" and "to lay down our lives for the brothers," as He laid down His life for us (1 John 3:16, 23).



Confirmation will be May 5th, with a reception after the service. The confirmands are:

Matthew Cake, Jayden Henderson,
Kyler Henderson, Lily Jorg,
Hunter Knoell, Hannah Koepsell,
Skylar-Rose Smith

YOUNG AT HEART TODAY, we will enjoy a game of miniature golf at the Dome **TODAY 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.

THE INSERTS THIS WEEK

There is a lot of information that needs to be shared this week for the up coming month. Please look at the inserts front and back. Thank you



There will be a Elders Meeting on Thursday, May 2, 2024 at 6:30pm

CAN YOU HELP US?

We are requesting help for The Decorating Committee. You do not need to be in charge or any previous experience needed. The Cradle Roll Committee is also looking for volunteers. Please see Kristen if you can help in any way.

PAVILLION YARD SALE



We need help sorting and pricing items for this event. It will be in May. Please contact Kristen at 231-286-8685 or Breanna at 716-525-6953 for more information.

COMPASS CARE ANNUAL WALK

Please join us in supporting **CompassCare** through their annual Walk for Life Weekend! Details are on the insert. Kristen will be in the narthex following the service to sign up walkers and take donations toward the Lutherans for Life of WNY team goal. Thank you!



Mount Olive Lutheran Church is having a Books, Baskets, and Bake Sale Fundraising on April 26th & 27th from 10am-2pm. See the bulletin board for more information.

Redeemer Lutheran Church will be having a Meat Raffle on May 17th. Doors open at 6 PM. It will be held at Gratwick Hose Fire Co. 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.

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 4/14/2024		78
Offering for 4/14/2024		\$2,880.00
Week Ending 4/20/2024		YTD
Budget	\$4,365.00	\$65,475.00
Received	<u>\$2,880.00</u>	<u>\$62,483.00</u>
	- \$1,485.00	- \$2,992.00
Capital Improvements YTD		\$165.00

**MEETINGS & EVENTS AT ST. MATTHEW
APRIL 21, 2024**

Sun: 8:30am-Worship Service w/Holy Communion
10:00am-Sunday School
10:00am-SARB
2:30pm-Young At Heart

Wed: 6:00pm-Choir Rehearsal

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

PRAYER FOR TODAY

*Awesome God, help me appreciate and encourage those around me today with uplifting words that point them to you.
In Jesus' name. Amen.*

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

Elders: Pete Jaenecke, Bill Olczak
Vestrymen: Art Marshall, Paul Schultz
Ushers: Jeff Binkley, Charles Jaenecke,
Keith Schumacher
Greeters: Carol Wilczak
Sunshine Committee: Open
Organist: Tom Goodrich
Sr. Choir Director: Open
Male Chorus Director: Open
Chimes: Open
Offering Counters: Team 6
SARB (Carol Wilczak): Lisa Ellman
Altar Guild Committee: Donna Hutton