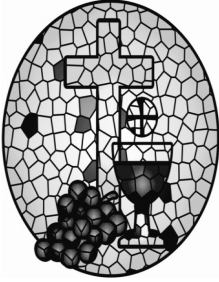


## SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 16, 2025

### ORDER OF WORSHIP



Hymns: TLH 151 vs1-4, 394, 314, 151 vs5-7  
The Choir will sing: "Once Upon A Tree"  
First Reading: Jeremiah 26:8-15  
Epistle: Philippians 3:17-4:1  
Holy Gospel: Luke 13:31-35



Please remember to sign the Communion sheet

### 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.

**QUESTIONS ABOUT WORSHIP, BAPTISM OR COMMUNION?** Please see the Pastor or the Elder on duty.

There will be one Worship Service at 9:15 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.

### HOME VISITS



**Pastor Blaine Jorg** 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: 716-239-1097  
email: [ministry285@aol.com](mailto:ministry285@aol.com)

### Please pray for;

Amanda Allen	Joan Baroudi
Kelly Benedict	Christiana Brenon
Bob Burton	Patricia Cake
Bill & Pat Doeblor	Ryan Essenburg
Tom Essenburg	Joy Jenks
Joanne Jenkins	Carol Haak
Mark Haeseler	Marilyn Heigl
Hannah Koepsell	Sharon Lemke
Florence Lindaman	Doris Matheis
Phil Moldenhauer	Jason Painter
Renee Patton	Mary Smith
Karen Tischler	Jeremy Trombley
Ron Waliszewski	Tami Walters
Curt Webb	Our Shut Ins

## Lent



**Wednesday night Lent worship service**  
will be at 7:00pm the 19th, 26th,  
April 2nd, 9th

**Palm Sunday**, April 13th 9:15am

**Monday Thursday** 17th 7:00pm

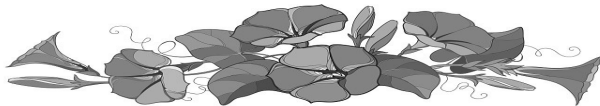
**Good Friday**, 18th 7:00pm

**Easter Sunday** April 20th 9:30am

## TODAY IN THE CHURCH YEAR:

### Jesus Rescues Us from Death and Brings Us into Heaven

The prophet Jeremiah faithfully preached "all that the LORD had commanded him to speak to all the people" (Jer. 26:8). He called the people to repentance, lest the Lord's judgment come upon them. The violence that Jeremiah suffered for this preaching foreshadowed the cross and Passion of Christ Jesus, who suffered the judgment of God for the redemption of all people. For Jesus "comes in the name of the Lord" (Luke 13:35) in order to lay down His life for the sins of the world. Earthly Jerusalem was blind to His gracious visitation, and it put Him to death like the prophets before Him. Yet, His sacrifice upon the cross became the cornerstone of the new Jerusalem, His Church. He visits us today in mercy with His preaching of forgiveness, to gather us to Himself within that holy city, "as a hen gathers her brood under her wings" (Luke 13:34), for "our citizenship is in heaven" (Phil. 3:20).



The flowers on the altar today are in celebration of birthdays in March from Ladies Guild.



**THE HOSPICE BOUQUETS**  
for those that donated and requested to pick them up, will be available **TODAY**, before and after church in the Narthex. Thanks to all for your generous support!



### **EASTER FLOWERS**

Bill Olczak will be taking orders for Easter Flowers this year in the Brides Room before and after service. The price is \$10 each. Thank you for your support.



A memorial was given to Ladies Guild Carpet Fund from Dottie Lemke in memory of Dottie sister, Nancy Waysz.

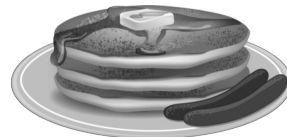
A offering was given to Ladies Guild Carpet Fund from Sandy Moesch.

### **EXTRA HYMNALS**

Would you like a hymnal at home? Do you know someone in a nursing home or a shut in who might enjoy having a hymnal?

There is a cart with extra hymnals on it, as you exit the church (parking lot side). Thank you.

Registration forms for the **MEN'S RETREAT**, May 30th, 31st & June 1st are on the bulletin table. Return them to the office or give to Bill Bundy.



### **LADIES GUILD PANCAKE & EGG CASSEROLE BREAKFAST**

Will be Sunday, March 30th

Menu; pancakes, egg casseroles, sausage, juice, coffee & tea.

There will be a "**FREE WILL**" offering taken & the proceeds will benefit the Carpet Fund for replacement of the carpet in the Fellowship Hall.

### **THRIVENT MEMBERS**

Now is the time to designate your portion of Choice Dollars from 2024. 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 log in, 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 support our church. After March 31st, any money left in Choice Dollars programs may be directed or spent at Thrivent's discretion.

## YCC ACTIVITIES FOR MARCH

Any Questions contact Breanna Gerner Youth Director at 716-525-6953, gerner22@gmail.com. Meetings are on Sunday from 6-8.

**\*Ms. Breanna is unavailable in March, Bill Bundy will run YCC tonight**

### 16th - Hawaiian Night TONIGHT

Hawaiian themed games, Limbo, and Lei's! If you have any Hawaiian gear, wear or bring it along!



**ST. MATTHEW FOOD PANTRY** is in need of many canned and dried goods. please. **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.

**THE NORTH TONAWANDA FOOD PANTRY** is in need of items for Easter dinner, ex; canned or boxed potatoes & canned vegetables, cake and brownie mixes . **Put the items in the blue bin in the Quilting Room.** Thank you for your generosity.



## ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS YTD

Attendance 3/9/2025	76
Attendance 3/12/2025	23

Offering for 3/9/2025	\$4,095.00
Offering for 3/12/2025	\$448.00

Week Ending 3/15/2025	YTD
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Budget	\$4,138.00	\$41,380.00
Received	<u>\$4,953.00</u>	<u>\$34,943.00</u>
	\$815.00	-\$6,437.00

Capital Improvements YTD	\$40.00
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**Thank you for the donations to the Capital Fund.**

## MEETINGS & EVENTS AT ST. MATTHEW

### MARCH 16, 2025

Sun: 9:15am-Worship Service w/Communion  
10:30-Bible Study  
SARB  
6:00pm-YCC

Wed: 5:45pm-Choir rehearsal  
7:00pm-Lent Worship Service

Thurs:10:30am-Bible Study

Sat: 9:00am-Outreach Saturday

## NEXT WEEK'S OFFICE HOURS

Mon:	9:00am-12:00pm
Tue:	Off
Wed:	Off
Thu:	9:00am-12:00pm
Fri:	9:00am-11:00pm

## An Irish Blessing

"May God grant you always...

A sunbeam to warm you, a moonbeam to charm you,  
a sheltering Angel so nothing can harm you.  
Laughter to cheer you, faithful friends near you,  
and whenever you pray, Heaven to hear you"

## SERVING IN THE LORD'S HOUSE TODAY

Elders: Siggy Barke, John Patton  
Vestrymen: Tom Hromowyk  
Ushers: Justin Hromowyk, Marke Lemke  
Greeters: Toni Durick, Linda Pascucci  
Sunshine Committee: Open  
Organist: Tom Goodrich  
Sr. Choir Director: Open  
Chimes: Open  
Offering Counters: Team 2  
SARB: Sandy P\*, Rachel B  
Altar Committee Mary Sansone\*, Gloria Haeseler, Linda Davidson