

## THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 23, 2025

### ORDER OF WORSHIP



Hymns: TLH 140,154,673  
First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-20  
Epistle: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13  
Holy Gospel: Luke 13:1-9



### 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



The flowers on the altar are for the "Blessings" of my children and grandchildren from Gloria Haeseler.



Check your flock box regularly.

## TODAY IN THE CHURCH YEAR:

### Jesus Calls You to Repentance

"Unless you repent, you will all likewise perish" (Luke 13:3, 5). By this warning, the Lord would turn us away from wickedness and bring us to life in Himself. For He is patient with us, that we would not be cut down in our sin but live and bear fruit in Him. As He lives, the Lord has "no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live" (Ezek. 33:11). So the Scriptures have been "written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come" (1 Cor. 10:11), that we should not desire evil but trust in Christ. He alone is faithful, the Rock who feeds us with His "spiritual food" and pours out His "spiritual drink" (1 Cor. 10:3-4).



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

Will be **NEXT** 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**

**This is the final week to designate your portion of Choice Dollars from 2024. You have till March 31st. You can call Thrivent Member Care at 800-847-4836.**



### **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.



### **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD MONTHLY THEMED DONATIONS FOR MUSICAL MARCH**

Please consider donating the items below, or give any monetary donations to Kim Binkley to purchase the items for this month. Items we are looking to collect for the boxes

Instruments: Kazoos, Recorders, Small Xylophones, Small Tambourines, Small Maracas

Small Harmonicas AND/OR Items with a music theme: Coloring Books, Books, Puzzles

Stickers, Clothes

**THANKS SO MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!**

### **ARTICLES FOR THE MAY/JUNE COMMUNICATOR**

Tuesday, April 15th will be here before you know it. You will be busy with Easter preparations so why not send in your articles early. Thank You.

## **Lent**



**Wednesday night Lent worship service  
will be at 7:00pm the 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**

### **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.

## YCC ACTIVITIES FOR APRIL

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

**April 6th-** Easter Egg Hunt



**April 27th-** Nerf Wars

### PLEASE HELP US FILL OUR FOOD PANTRY HERE AT ST MATTHEW

We are in need of boxed spaghetti noodles, boxed mac & cheese, pork & beans, tuna fish, applesauce, strawberry jelly, boxed potatoes, oatmeal, cereals & other dry goods. Please no canned green beans or peas. Thank you for your help.

**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 3/16/2025	80
Attendance 3/19/2025	34
Offering for 3/16/2025	\$2,193.00
Offering for 3/19/2025	\$516.00
Week Ending 3/22/2025	YTD
Budget	\$4,138.00
Received	\$2,709.00
	-\$1,429.00
Capital Improvements YTD	\$40.00

**Thank you for the donations to the Capital Fund.**

## MEETINGS & EVENTS AT ST. MATTHEW

### MARCH 23, 2025

Sun: 9:15am-Worship Service  
10:30-Bible Study  
SARB

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

**Truth shall spring out of the earth,  
and righteousness shall look down  
from heaven.**

**Psalm 55:11**



## SERVING IN THE LORD'S HOUSE TODAY

Elders: Pete Jaenecke, Bill Olczak  
Vestrymen: Art Marshall, Paul Schultz  
Ushers: Jeff Binkley, Keith Schumacher  
Greeters: Joe Durick  
Sunshine Committee: Open  
Organist: Tom Goodrich  
Sr. Choir Director: Open  
Chimes: Open  
Offering Counters: Team 3  
SARB: Sheryl E\*, Carol W