

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 30, 2025

ORDER OF WORSHIP



Hymns: TLH 140,154,673
Choir will sing: "Take My Yoke Upon You"
First Reading: Isaiah 12:1-6
Epistle: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21
Holy Gospel: Luke 15:1-3,11b-32



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.

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Please pray for;

Amanda Allen	Joan Baroudi
Kelly Benedict	Christiana Brenon
Bob Burton	Patricia Cake
Bill & Pat Doebler	Doug Ellman
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	Dennis & Eileen Tischler
Karen Tischler	Jeremy Trombley
Ron Waliszewski	Tami Walters
Curt Webb	Our Shut Ins

Lent



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

Palm Sunday, April 13th 9:15am

Monday Thursday 17th 7:00pm

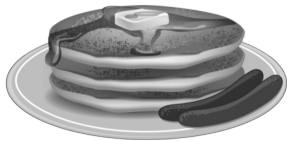
Good Friday, 18th 7:00pm

Easter Sunday April 20th 9:30am

TODAY IN THE CHURCH YEAR:

Jesus Christ Has Reconciled Us to the Father

God the Father has opened His heart to us in love. While we were "still a long way off," He saw us and "felt compassion" (Luke 15:20). Therefore, He gave His only begotten Son for us, making "him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God" (2 Cor. 5:21). By the ministry of reconciliation, He runs to us, embraces us in mercy and clothes us with His glory as beloved sons in Christ Jesus. And so we give thanks unto the Lord our God, who has taken away our sins and turned His anger from us (Is. 12:1). Because He has become our salvation, our strength and our song, we "will trust, and will not be afraid" (Is. 12:2).



AFTER SERVICE TODAY JOIN US FOR LADIES GUILD PANCAKE & EGG CASSEROLE BREAKFAST

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.



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

THE "NEW" PORTAL OF PRAYERS ARE ON THE BULLETIN TABLE IN THE NARTHEX



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.

grateful
thankful
blessed

A gift was given to the Ladies Guild Carpet Fund from Joy Jenks in thankfulness of Rachel Behnke's help.



This Week
at a Glance

Wednesday, April 2nd-7:00pm
Lenten Worship Service

Thursday, April 3rd-10:30am Bible Study
6:30pm-Elders Meeting

Friday April, 4th-Ladies Guild
Please join us on Friday, April 4th at **NOON**
(note earlier time) for our Salad Bar Luncheon.

We are requesting that everyone attending bring a moderately sized salad of your choice to share "pot luck" style" (Examples: pasta salad, fruit salad, potato salad), your choice.

THRIVENT MEMBERS

Tomorrow is the last day, March 31st to designate your portion of Choice Dollars from 2024. You can call Thrivent Member Care at 800-847-4836.

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.

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 3/23/2025		72
Attendance 3/26/2025		31
Offering for 3/23/2025	\$2,364.00	
Offering for 3/26/2025	\$467.00	
Week Ending 4/5/2025		YTD
Budget	\$4,138.00	\$49,656.00
Received	<u>\$2,831.00</u>	<u>\$40,483.00</u>
	-\$1,307.00	-\$9,173.00
Capital Improvements YTD	\$40.00	

Thank you for the donations to the Capital Fund.

MEETINGS & EVENTS AT ST. MATTHEW

MARCH 30, 2025

Sun: 9:15am-Worship Service
TODAY Egg & Pancake Breakfast

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

Thurs:10:30am-Bible Study
6:30pm-Elders Meeting

Fri: 12:00pm-Ladies Guild Salad Bar Luncheon

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



**NATURE does not hurry,
yet, everything is accomplished.**

SERVING IN THE LORD'S HOUSE TODAY

Elders: Dan Wolf, Joe Durick
Vestrymen: Joe Siegmann
Ushers: Chris Reischel, Jeff Reischel,
Dave Wendt
Greeters: Debbie Kenney
Sunshine Committee: Open
Organist: Tom Goodrich
Sr. Choir Director: Open
Chimes: Open
Offering Counters: Team 4
SARB: Sandy M*, Linda R.