

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

APRIL 6, 2025

ORDER OF WORSHIP



Hymns: TLH 149,652,307,309
First Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21
Epistle: Philippians 3:4b-14
Holy Gospel: Luke 20:9-20



Please sign the Communion sheet in the narthex

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;

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 9th

Palm Sunday, April 13th 9:15am

Maunday Thursday 17th 7:00pm

Good Friday, 18th 7:00pm

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

TODAY IN THE CHURCH YEAR:

God's Beloved Son Has Redeemed Us

Our life and works apart from Christ, no matter how they may glitter to the eyes of the world, are ultimately rubbish and have no righteousness. Rather, in the scandalous cross of Jesus, we find our righteousness alone "through faith in Christ" (Phil. 3:9). By such faith, we "know him and the power of his resurrection" (Phil. 3:10). For the same God who brought Israel out of Egypt has done a "new thing" for us in Christ Jesus (Is. 43:19). He has sent His beloved Son into His vineyard to be killed by sinful men and to become "the stone that the builders rejected." Yet, the One rejected by men "has become the cornerstone" of His Church (Luke 20:17). Through the waters of Holy Baptism, He provides us daily refreshment in our earthly pilgrimage, "a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert" (Is. 43:19)

What's Happening

Tuesday, April 8th-10:00am

Please join us for **Bible Brunch**. Bring your bible along with a light lunch. Dottie Lemke will give the lesson and Linda Robinson will bring dessert.

**Tuesday, April 8th-6:30pm-
Church Council Meeting**

Wednesday, April 9th-7:00pm
Lenten Worship Service

Thursday, No Bible Study this week



The flowers on the altar are in celebration of Jack & Ellie Grichen's 66th Wedding Anniversary which was on April 4th.



Palms will be available on Palm Sunday in the narthex

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.



EASTER FLOWERS

Bill Olczak will be taking orders for Easter Flowers **till next Sunday** in the Brides Room before and after service. The price is \$10 each.

EASTER MORNING CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

APRIL 20TH 8:00 A.M.

(Before our Easter Worship Service)

MENU: Coffee Cakes, Muffins, Croissants, Fresh Fruit, Decorated Easter Eggs, Coffee, Tea, Juice

Please come join us for an early breakfast & some fellowship. There will be a "FREE WILL OFFERING"

***Ladies Guild Members** – We will be setting up and preparing the food for Sunday on Saturday, April 9th @ 10:00 A.M. if you are available to help it would be greatly appreciated.

WE ARE ALSO IN NEED OF DONATIONS OF BAKED GOODS, AND DECORATED HARD BOILED EASTER EGGS.

Thank you, Linda Robinson



Thank you to everyone who attended the pancake & egg casserole breakfast. Also for your contributions and donations (both monetarily and making egg casseroles), to the set up Friday, Saturday, and serving and clean up on Sunday!!!

Many hands make light the work, and the **TEAM EFFORT** (Together Everyone Achieves More), you made the breakfast a success for the carpet replacement fund, as well as the fellowship!

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.

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- TONIGHT
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 3/30/2025	90	
Attendance 4/06/2025	34	
Offering for 3/30/2025	\$4,137.00	
Offering for 4/06/2025	\$299.00	
Week Ending 4/12/2025	YTD	
Budget	\$4,138.00	\$53,794.00
Received	<u>\$4,436.00</u>	<u>\$44,919.00</u>
	\$298.00	-\$8,875.00
Capital Improvements YTD	\$40.00	

Thank you for the donations to the Capital Fund.

MEETINGS & EVENTS AT ST. MATTHEW

APRIL 6, 2025

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

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

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

Thurs: No Bible Study this week

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

HAPPY APRIL

To everyone who is reading this.
May **Joy** find you, **Love** surround you,
Laughter sing with you, **Good** health bless you,
and **God** walk with you each & every day of April.

Amen



SERVING IN THE LORD'S HOUSE TODAY

Elders: Craig Heigl, Rob Pidanick
Vestrymen: Bill Bundy
Ushers: Dave Urtel, Tank Jorg, Tim Jorg
Greeters: M/M Stapar
Sunshine Committee: Open
Organist: Tom Goodrich
Sr. Choir Director: Open
Chimes: Open
Offering Counters: Team 5
SARB: Sharon E*, Carol W.
Altar Committee: Donna H*, Florence L, Linda D