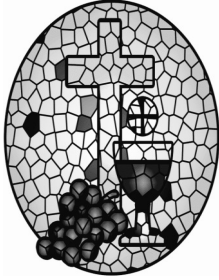


FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 18, 2025



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Hymns: TLH 376,394,457,52
Choir will sing: "One Step, He Leads"
First Reading: Acts 11:1-18
Epistle: Revelation 21:1-7
Holy Gospel: John 16:12-22



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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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
Dale Heiser	Hannah Koepsell
Sharon Lemke	Florence Lindaman
Doris Matheis	Phil Moldenhauer
Jason Painter	Renee Patton
Dennis & Eileen Tischler	Karen Tischler
Jeremy Trombley	Ron Waliszewski
Tami and Tim Walters	Curt Webb
Our Shut Ins	

EACH DAY IS A GIFT TO
BE OPENED WITH PRAYER



TODAY IN THE CHURCH YEAR:

Jesus Turns Sorrow into Joy

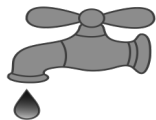
On earth "you will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy" (John 16:20). Already the Spirit grants you peace and joy through the forgiveness of your sins. For by the cross of Christ, "God has granted repentance that leads to life" (Acts 11:18). His Gospel is "a message by which you will be saved, you and all your household" (Acts 11:14). He gives freely "from the spring of the water of life" (Rev. 21:6), "and death shall be no more" (Rev. 21:4). He dwells with His people, adorning His Church as a bride for her husband, "making all things new" (Rev. 21:5). Therefore, as the Son of Man is glorified by His cross, "and God is glorified in him" (John 13:31), so He is glorified in us by our "love for one another" (John 13:35), which His Spirit works in us by His grace.



We will need to approve some roof repairs for the school entranceway and the new Pro Training lease extension. There are copies of the lease agreement on the bulletin table for you to look over. Please plan on attending.



The flowers on the altar are in celebration of May birthdays from Ladies Guild. Please return the vases to church. Thank you.



The water has been turned on in the pavilion and at the church.



IN JUNE

- June 5th-6:30pm Elders Meeting
- June 6th-2:00pm-Ladies Guild Pound Party
- June 8th-11:00am Our Out Door worship service will be followed by the Church Picnic
- June 10th-11:30am Bible Brunch Picnic
- June 10th-6:30pm-Church Council Meeting
- June 21st-9am Ladies Guild Retreat



Weed and Feed team is looking for extra help in preparing our flowerbeds for the coming summer season. If you enjoy working outdoors, and can give a couple hours a week, please see Carol Wilczak. Days and time vary each week. We are also looking for flowers to beautify our walkway and the altar area. Partial sun to shade and possibly deer resistant will be a help. Thank you.



WALKWAY OF MEMORIES

We will be taking orders for our Walkway of Memories Fund. If you would like to commemorate a family, birth, anniversary, or a memory of a loved one by purchasing a brick for \$20.00 fill out the envelope on the table next to the office door, follow the directions on the envelope, enclose your check and place in the basket on the office desk. Any questions, contact the office.



" MIXED BAG MAY"

The **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD** committee are looking for these items this month; marbles, matchbox cars, markers, maze books, memo pads, memory games. My Little Pony, magnets. or other "M" items you can throw into the "Mix".

YCC ACTIVITIES FOR MAY

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

May 24th-Escape Room



PLEASE HELP US FILL OUR FOOD PANTRY HERE AT ST MATTHEW

We are in need of **fruit cocktail**, **boxed cereal**, no spaghetti, pasta or mac & cheese. Please no canned green beans or peas. Thank you for your donations.



THE NORTH TONAWANDA FOOD PANTRY is in need of the following items; canned meats, tuna, spam, chicken, assorted breakfast bars. **Put the items in the blue bin in the Quilting Room.** Thank you for your generosity.



ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS YTD

Attendance 5/11/2025	103
Offering for 5/11/2025	\$2,860.00
Week Ending 5/24/2025	YTD
Budget	\$4,138.00
Received	\$2,860.00
	-\$1,278.00
Capital Improvements YTD	\$40.00
	\$78,622.00
	\$74,369.00
	-\$4,253.00

MEETINGS & EVENTS AT ST. MATTHEW

MAY 18, 2025

Sun: 9:15am-Worship Service
w/ Communion

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

PRAYER

Is the breath, the watchword,
the comfort, the strength,
the honor of a Christian.



SERVING IN THE LORD'S HOUSE TODAY

Elders: Dan Wolf, Joe Durick
Vestrymen: Joe Siegmann
Ushers: Chris Reischel, Jeff Reischel,
Dave Wendt
Greeters: Toni Durick, Linda Pascucci
Sunshine Committee: Open
Organist: Tom Goodrich
Sr. Choir Director: Open
Chimes: Open
Offering Counters: Team 6
NO SARB till fall
Altar Committee: Sharon E*, Linda R, Lily J,
Paula B