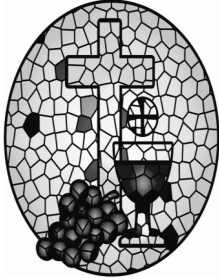


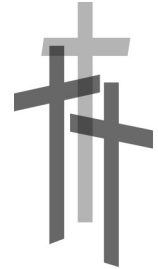
THE EIGHT SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 3, 2025



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Hymns: TLH 533,457,304,412
First Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2,12-14;2:18-26
Epistle: Colossians 3:1-11
Holy Gospel: Luke 12:13-21



Remember to sign the Communion sheet in the narthex
Outdoor Service next Sunday is at 11am

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 | Linda Davidson |
| Bill & Pat Doebler | Doug Ellman |
| Tom Essenburg | Joanne Jenkins |
| Ellie Grichen | Gloria Haeseler |
| Mark Haeseler | Marilyn Heigl |
| Barb Huber | Hanna Koepsell |
| Sharon Lemke | Florence Lindaman |
| Doris Matheis | Phil Moldenhauer |
| Jason Painter | Brooklyn Parkhurst |
| Renee Patton | Dennis & Eileen Tischler |
| Karen Tischler | Jeremy Trombley |
| Ron Waliszewski | Tami Walters |
| Curt Webb | Our Shut Ins |



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

TODAY IN THE CHURCH YEAR:

Faith in Christ Is Rich Toward God

To live for earthly things "is vanity and a striving after wind," and work that is driven by such vanity "is an unhappy business" (Eccl. 1:13-14). The man who lives like that has nothing to show for "all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun ... all his days are full of sorrow" (Eccl. 2:22-23). So, too, your "covetousness, which is idolatry" (Col. 3:5), makes a god out of that which cannot give you life or happiness. For "one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions" (Luke 12:15). But "Christ who is your life" (Col. 3:4), in giving you Himself, gives you all the wealth of heaven. Instead of striving to lay up treasures for yourself, be "rich toward God" in Him (Luke 12:21).



Carol Haak was called home to God on July 17, 2025. Visitation will be here at St. Matthew Lutheran Church on Tuesday, August 5, 2025 from 10am-11am with the service to follow at 11am. Pastor Jorg will Officiate. Internment will be at St. Matthew Lutheran Cemetery with a luncheon to be served in the Lower Hall.

If you would like to send a card or prayer to her niece, Cheryl Foster Hayes her address is 10903 SE 23rd Street, Vancouver, WA 98664.



Ladies' Guild Strawberry Social, **NEXT SUNDAY after the 11 am church service.** Menu to include hotdogs, hamburgers, strawberry shortcake, sundae, pie, and beverages. To help with the cost, a sign up sheet will be on the stand on your way out. Free will donation. Contact Carol

We will set up for the strawberry social on Saturday, August 9th at 10 am. Please help us get things ready. You may drop off your donation at that time too.



A memorial was made to St. Matthew Lutheran Church in memory of Joy Jenks from Carol Wilczak.

In memory of the passing of Virginia Doebler 3 years ago, a memorial was made to St. Matthew Lutheran Church from her family.



Thanks so much to everyone that came to the open house in the Treehouse last Sunday! Please stop in on Saturdays any time from 9:00am-1:00pm and join in on the outreach items that are being worked on, and the fun that is had while doing them!



Your articles for the **September/October Communicator** are due **Friday, August 15th**. If I do not receive the articles by the 15th, your section of the bulletin will be blank. I will not text, email or call to remind you the articles are due. It may be helpful to mark you calendars or phones of the date due. Thank you, Michele



Young At Heart will tour the Herschell Carrousel Factory Museum on Sunday, August 24th at 1 pm followed by a picnic in the pavilion about 2:30. The cost for the Carrousel is \$10 and please bring a dish to pass for our picnic. We will meet at church at 12:30 and I will collect the money at that time. A sign up sheet will be at the door on the way out of church. Please see Carol Wilczak with any questions.

ATTIC TREASURER items can be brought in for the Bazaar in October. Please bring in **only clean and in good repair items.** If you would not buy it.....don't bring it in. Place the items on the tables on the far side of the fellowship hall. Thank you. See Ellen Graf if you have any questions.

YCC ACTIVITIES FOR AUGUST

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



Thursday, August 21st-
Buffalo Zoo

We will meet in the church parking lot at 10am.

PLEASE HELP US FILL OUR FOOD PANTRY HERE AT ST MATTHEW

We are in need of **mayonnaise, soups, canned carrots & corn, pancake syrup, ketchup and paper towels**. Please no canned green beans or peas. Thank you for your donations.



THE NORTH TONAWANDA FOOD PANTRY is in need of the following items; hamburger/tuna helper, rice a roni, flavored rice. **Put the items in the blue bin in the Quilting Room.** Thank you for your generosity.



ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS YTD

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| Attendance 7/27/2025 | 73 | |
| Offering for 7/27/2025 | \$3,922.00 | |
| Week Ending 8/2/2025 | YTD | |
| Budget | \$4,138.00 | \$124,140.00 |
| Received | <u>\$3,922.00</u> | <u>\$111,984.00</u> |
| | -\$216.00 | -\$12,146.00 |
| Capital Improvements YTD | \$140.00 | |

MEETINGS & EVENTS AT ST. MATTHEW

AUGUST 3, 2025

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

Tues: 10:00am-viewing & funeral for Carol Haak

Sat: 9:00am-Vine & Branches

NEXT WEEK'S OFFICE HOURS

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

Those who leave
everything in
GOD'S HAND
will eventually see
God's hand in
everything.

SERVING IN THE LORD'S HOUSE TODAY

Elders: Pete Jaencke, Bill Olczak
Vestrymen: Art Marshall, Paul Schultz
Ushers: Jeff Binkley, Keith Schumacher
Greeters: M/M Stapar
Sunshine Committee: Open
Organist: Tom Goodrich
Sr. Choir Director: Open
Chimes: Open
Offering Counters: Team 5
Video Team: Bill Bundy
Altar Committee: Dottie L, Linda P, Toni D