

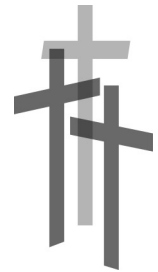
THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 17, 2025

ORDER OF WORSHIP



Hymns: LSB 906,719,715,921
First Reading: Jeremiah 23:16-29
Epistle: Hebrews 11:17-31; 12:1-3
Holy Gospel: Luke 12:49-56



There will be a brief Altar Guild Meeting in the Quilting Room after church today

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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PRAYER REQUESTS



Joan Baroudi	Kelly Benedict
Christiana Brenon	Bob Burton
Patricia Cake	Linda Davidson
Bill & Pat Doeblor	Doug Ellman
Tom Essenburg	Joanne Jenkins
Ellie Grichen	Gloria Haeseler
Mark Haeseler	Marilyn Heigl
Barb Huber	Hanna Koepsell
Sharon Lemke	Florence Lindaman
Doris Matheis	John Mc Govern
Phil Moldenhauer	Jason Painter
Brooklyn Parkhurst	Renee Patton
Dennis & Eileen Tischler	Karen Tischler
Jeremy Trombley	Ron Waliszewski
Tami Walters	Curt Webb

Our Shut Ins

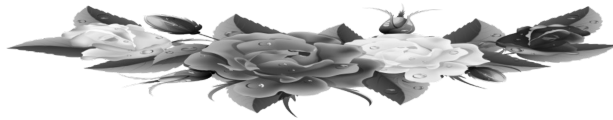


Check your flock box today.

TODAY IN THE CHURCH YEAR:

Christ's Suffering and Death Bring Division

The Lord Jesus causes fear and trembling and division because His Word is "like fire ... and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces" (Jer. 23:29). His Law puts us all to death, whereas only His Gospel can bring us to life. He has fulfilled that Word for us by His cross and in His resurrection from the dead. He undergoes such a distressing baptism, accomplished by His death, in order to open the way for us through our Holy Baptism into His cross and resurrection. So, then, if we are able "to interpret the appearance of earth and sky" (Luke 12:56), let us mark this sign of His cross — recognizing that this world is subject to death, but knowing that Christ Jesus also has conquered death and obtained life everlasting for us. Let us fix our eyes on "Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith," and "run with endurance the race that is set before us" (Heb. 12:1-2).



A memorial was given to St. Matthew Lutheran Church in memory of Carol Haak from Randy and Linda Jasulevich.

NEXT WEEK

Pastor Blaine will be away on Sunday, August 24th. He has invited Rob Pidanic to lead the service in his absence. Rob will continue our ongoing series, 7 Steps to a Joy-Filled, Blessed Life, with a message entitled "Be Good to People." This message will draw from several Scripture passages, including Galatians 6:9-10: "Let us not become weary in doing good..." Come prepared to be encouraged and challenged as we explore the blessings that come from showing kindness and doing good to others. May God bless the sharing of His Word.



Thank you to all who "braved" the warm outdoor church service and our Strawberry Social. Thank you to the girls who helped on Saturday set up for our Social and the Weed and

Feed team for helping get the altar area and flower beds ready for our service. Thank you to the grillers and the girls who made our delicious desserts. Thank you for the donations for the Strawberry Social. Thank you for all who attended and made our event a success.



Mark Your Calendar!

Ladies Guild Pork Dinner coming on September 13th (4pm-6pm).

This event is a fundraiser for Caribbean Children's Fund. More details next week in the bulletin.

St. Matthew Youth Group will be visiting the Buffalo Zoo, **THIS THURSDAY, AUGUST 21st.** We will meet in the church parking lot at 10am. Tickets & lunch for all kids will be covered using all the money we have collected from the congregation & generous donations. Family & friends are welcome to join us! We will return around 4:30pm.

Young at Heart will tour the Herschell Carousel Museum next Sunday, August 24th at 1pm

(meet at 12:30pm) followed by a picnic in the pavilion at 2:30pm. The cost is \$10. Please bring a dish to pass. A sign up sheet is by the door on the way out of church. See carol with any questions.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD MONTHLY THEMED DONATION

Please consider donating the items below or give any monetary donations to Kim Binkley to purchase the items for this month.

ACADEMIC AUGUST

The back-to-school sales are here, making it a great time to purchase items for the shoeboxes we will be filling! Items we are looking for are; glue sticks, erasers, pencils & sharpeners, pens, crayons, notebooks, notepaper, scissors, pencil containers, & markers.

Thank you for your support

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.



THIS

**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

Attendance 8/10/2025	58	
Offering for 8/10/2025	\$2,283.00	
Week Ending 8/16/2025	YTD	
Budget	\$4,138.00	\$132,416.00
Received	<u>\$2,283.00</u>	<u>\$118,417.00</u>
	-\$1,855.00	-\$13,999.00
Capital Improvements YTD	\$140.00	

MEETINGS & EVENTS AT ST. MATTHEW

AUGUST 17, 2025

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

Thurs: 10:00am-Buffalo Zoo

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



What good is the warmth of summer,
without the cold of winter
to give it sweetness.



SERVING IN THE LORD'S HOUSE TODAY

Elders: Craig Heigl, Rob Pidanick
Vestrymen: Bill Bundy
Ushers: Dave Urtel, Tank Jorg, Tim Jorg
Greeters: Carol Wilczak
Sunshine Committee: Open
Organist: Tom Goodrich
Sr. Choir Director: Open
Chimes: Open
Offering Counters: Team 1
Video Team: Tank Jorg
Altar Committee: Dottie L,* Linda P, Toni D