

# THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 24, 2025

## ORDER OF WORSHIP



Hymns: TLH 16, I am the Bread of Life ,54  
First Reading: Isaiah 66:18-23  
Epistle: Hebrews 12:4-24  
Holy Gospel: Luke 13:22-30



The September/October Communicator is on the bulletin table

## 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

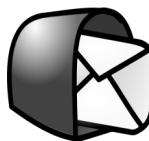


**Pastor Blaine Jorg** is available to bring Holy Communion to the home of any member desiring a visit. You may also call him, regardless of the time, if any congregation member is in need of pastoral care. This is particularly important when there is a serious illness, an accident, a hospitalization and when death approaches or occurs.

cell: 716-239-1097  
email: [ministry285@yahoo.com](mailto:ministry285@yahoo.com)

## PRAYER REQUEST

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:

### The Cross of Christ Is the Way into the Kingdom of God

With the cross of Christ, the time has come "to gather all nations and tongues" (Is. 66:18). The sign of the cross is set forth in the preaching of the Gospel, the declaration of the Lord's glory "among the nations" (Is. 66:19). Many "will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God" (Luke 13:29), but only by the narrow way of the cross. Those who refuse to follow Christ crucified will ultimately find only "weeping and gnashing of teeth" (Luke 13:28), whereas Christ's disciples, called from all the nations, will eat and drink with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of God. They will come into "the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem" (Heb. 12:22).



Thank you Rob for leading us in worship today



**Young at Heart will tour the  
Herschell Carrousel Museum TODAY 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. See Carol with any questions.



The flowers on the altar are for blessings received  
from Mike and Terry Lance on celebrating their  
58th Wedding Anniversary.



**Sunday Bible Study and SARB** will resume on  
Sunday, September 7th at 10:30am after service.

**Thursday morning Bible Study** will begin on  
Thursday, September 11th at 10:30am.

In addition to our regular Sunday worship service  
we will have a Sunday night worship service with  
Holy Communion on the second Sunday of each  
month at 7:00pm beginning on  
Sunday, September 14th.

We pray you will come and worship with us.



### LADIES GUILD PORK DINNER

### **CARIBBEAN CHILDREN'S FUND MISSION PROJECT**

This event is a fundraiser to meet our annual com-  
mitment of providing three tuitions for the children  
in Haiti. The goal is to raise \$900.00 and with your  
help we can do it once again.

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH (4 PM – 6 PM)**

**TICKETS: ADULTS - \$15.00**

**CHILDREN (Ages 5-12) - \$5.00**

**CHILDREN (AGES 4 & UNDER)– FREE**

**TICKETS:** Will go on sale after the worship  
service **TODAY** & 31, and if needed on  
September 7th.

**MENU: ROASTED PORK LOIN  
SCALLOPED POTATOES  
GERMAN WEDDING CABBAGE  
MIXED VEGETABLES  
DESSERT: ASSORTED BARS/PIE**

**\*THIS IS A THRIVENT ACTION TEAM EVENT\***

Please contact Linda Robins with any questions @  
716-622-1255.

Thank You for your support! Hope to see you there

## YCC ACTIVITIES FOR SEPTEMBER

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

21st-Kids Choice



28th-S'mores & Outdoors



### 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 8/17/2025	69
Offering for 8/17/2025	\$3,065.00
Week Ending 8/23/2025	YTD
Budget	\$4,138.00
Received	\$3,065.00
	<u>\$121,482.00</u>
	<u>-\$1,073.00</u>
	<u>-\$15,072.00</u>
Capital Improvements YTD	\$140.00

## MEETINGS & EVENTS AT ST. MATTHEW

**AUGUST 24, 2025**

Sun: 9:15am-Worship Service

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



### SERVING IN THE LORD'S HOUSE TODAY

Elders: Siggy Barke, John Patton  
Vestrymen: Tom Hromowyk  
Ushers: Justin Hromowyk, Mark Lemke  
Greeters: M/M Siggy Barke  
Sunshine Committee: Open  
Organist: Tom Goodrich  
Sr. Choir Director: Open  
Chimes: Open  
Offering Counters: Team 2  
Video Team: John Patton