

# THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

## ORDER OF WORSHIP



Hymns: TLH 39,476,674,52  
First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:15-20  
Epistle: Philemon 1-21  
Holy Gospel: Luke 14:25-35



Please remember to sign the Communion sheet 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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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	John Mc Govern
Phil Moldenhauer	Jason Painter
Brooklyn Parkhurst	Renee Patton
Dennis & Eileen Tischler	Karen Tischler
Jeremy Trombley	Dave Urtel
Ron Waliszewski	Tami Walters
Curt Webb	Our Shut Ins



Please keep Phil Moldenhauer and Lisa in your prayers. He is recovering from having a tumor removed that was pressing on his pituitary gland.

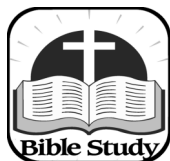
## TODAY IN THE CHURCH YEAR:

### Christ Jesus Has Paid the Cost of Discipleship for You

A disciple of Jesus Christ will "bear his own cross" (Luke 14:27) and follow the Lord through death into life. Discipleship is costly because it crucifies the old man with "all that he has" (Luke 14:33), in order to raise up the new man in Christ. The disciple disavows "his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life" (Luke 14:26), in deference to Christ. That way of the cross is impossible, except that Christ Jesus has already paid the cost. His cross is set before you as "life and good, death and evil" (Deut. 30:15). Taking up His cross is to "choose life, that you and your offspring may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him" (Deut. 30:19-20). To live that life in Christ is also to bear His cross in love, "that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own accord" (Philemon 14).



The flowers on the altar are in honor of Nancy Schimschack's birthday on September 12th from Loa, Lora and Lorna



**Bible Study and SARB will resume TODAY after the worship service.**

Choir rehearsal will begin **THIS** Wednesday, September 10th at 5:45pm. If you would like to **"Sing with the voice God gave You"** Please consider joining us.



## *Important Dates to Remember*

**Tuesday the 9th**-6:30pm-Church Council Meeting

**Wednesday the 10th**-5:45pm-Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday the 11th**-10:30am-Bible Study

**Saturday the 13th**-Ladies Guild Pork Dinner

**Sunday the 14th** 7:00pm-Evening Worship Service w/ Communion



Voters Meeting

There will be a **VOTERS MEETING** on Sunday, September 21st following the Worship Service. Please plan on attending.



Thank you to Dave and Santa Wendt and their daughter, Michele Learned for the new landscaping around the cemetery sign. It is beautiful.



*Attic Treasures*

**WE ARE NOW ACCEPTING items for the Bazaar on October 25th.** Please bring in **only clean and in good repair items.** It is a great time to donate items you have not used or will not need any more. **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.

### **ALL ARE INVITED**

**THE 69TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CANDLE-LIGHT VESPER** will be at First Trinity Lutheran Church on Sunday, December 14th at 5:30pm. All are welcome to sing in the Vesper Choir. Share this invitation with your circle of family & friends. Please see the invitation on the bulletin board in the back hall for more detailed information.

## 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 **spaghettios, soups, applesauce, ketchup and paper towels.** 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 8/31/2025	85	
Offering for 8/31/2025	\$5,729.00	
Week Ending 9/6/2025	YTD	
Budget	\$4,138.00	\$144,830.00
Received	<u>\$5,729.00</u>	<u>\$130,291.00</u>
	\$1,591.00	-\$14,539.00
Capital Improvements YTD	\$140.00	

## MEETINGS & EVENTS AT ST. MATTHEW

### SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

Sun: 9:15am-Worship Service w/Communion  
10:30am-Bible Study  
10:30am-SARB

Tues: 6:30pm-Church Council Meeting

Wed: 5:45pm-Choir Rehearsal

Sat: 9:00am-Vine & Branches  
4:00pm-Ladies Guild Pork Dinner

## NEXT WEEK'S OFFICE HOURS

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

## HAPPY SEPTEMBER

May you experience the unfailing love of God, comforting and sustaining you in every situation.



## SERVING IN THE LORD'S HOUSE TODAY

Elders: Dan Wolf, Joe Durick  
Vestrymen: Joe Siegmann  
Ushers: Chris Reischel, Jeff Reischel.  
Dave Wendt  
Greeters: M/M John Patton  
Sunshine Committee: Open  
Organist: Tom Goodrich  
Sr. Choir Director: Open  
Chimes: Open  
Offering Counters: Team 4  
SARB: Carol Wilczak  
Video Team: Hunter Knoell  
Altar Committee: Mary S\*, Gloria H, Linda D