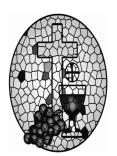
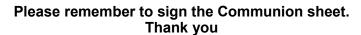
THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SEPTEBER 21, 2025





Hymns: TLH 466,436,305,673

First Reading: Amos 8:4-7
Epistle: I Timothy 2:1-15
Holy Gospel: Luke 16:1-15





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. There will be a evening Worship service on the 2nd Sunday of each month with Communion at 7:00pm. 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.

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 Sue & Ned Holmes Barb Huber Hanna Koepsell Sharon Lemke Florence Lindaman **Doris Matheis** Phil Moldenhauer Jason Painter Brooklyn Parkhurst Renee Patton Danielle Rance Dennis & Eileen Tischler Karen Tischler Jeremy Trombley Dave Urtel Ron Waliszewski Tami Walters Curt Webb

Our Shut Ins



TODAY IN THE CHURCH YEAR:

The Lord Is Rich in His Grace and Mercy

Because God, our Savior, "desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth" (1 Tim. 2:4), He urges "that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people" (1 Tim. 2:1). Christians should so pray "without anger or quarreling," but "adorn themselves in respectable apparel, with modesty and self-control" (1 Tim. 2:8, 9). For the Lord does not forget "the poor of the land" (Amos 8:4). He remembers them according to the foolishness of the cross. "For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God" (Luke 16:15). Though we try to justify ourselves "before men," God knows our sinful hearts and calls us to repentance (Luke 16:15). Though we are "not strong enough to dig," and we are "ashamed to beg" (Luke 16:3), He justifies us by His grace and welcomes us into His "eternal dwellings" (Luke 16:9). More shrewd than even "the sons of this world" (Luke 16:8), He requires His stewards of the Gospel to bestow forgiveness freely.



Please plan on attending the <u>VOTERS MEETING</u>
<u>TODAY</u> after service. **No Bible Study or SARB today.**



Please take a few minutes to fill out the insert in todays bulletin and place it in the basket on the podium by the office. Your input is important to us. You can also share your thoughts by speaking to Pastor. Please continue praying and thinking of ways we can make things at St. Matthew and our community. Thank you.



The flowers on the altar are a "Thank You" to our St. Matthew family for the flowers, cards and prayers, from Jack and Ellie Grichen.



40 Days of Life Kick off Rally, Tues, September 23, 6:30pm at St, Peter & Paul at 5780 Main St. Williamsville. Sign up here:

;https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/northtonawanda

-International Life Chain on Sunday, October 5. lunch at 1:00 at First Trinity, followed by the Life Chain from 2:00-3:00 p.m.

-Monday, October 13 at 7:00 p.m. we will have the opportunity to hear from abortionist-turned-life advocate Dr. Haywood Robinson. Reservations are required (see the attached flyer for more information).

If you have any questions at all, feel free to contact Kristen Jorg (St. Matthew) or Susan Whited (First Trinity).

"Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves." Proverbs 31:8



Do we have your current address and contact number? If not please contact the office so we can update our file. With the winter weather coming you will want to hear of possible church closings and other important information. Thank you.



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.

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.

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 9/14/2025 84
Attendance for Evening Service 18

Offering for 9/14/2025 \$3,172.00 Evening service \$605.00

Week Ending 9/20/2025 YTD

Budget \$4,138.00 \$153,106.00 Received \$3,777.00 \$137,638.00 -\$361.00 -\$15,468.00

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Capital Improvements YTD \$140.00

MEETINGS & EVENTS AT ST. MATTHEW

SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

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

VOTERS MEETING TODAY

10:30am-No Bible Study today

10:30am-No SARB

6:00pm-YCC-Kids Choice

Wed: 5:45pm-Choir Rehearsal

Thurs: 10:30am-Bible Study

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: Toni D, Linda P

Sunshine Committee: Open

Organist: Tom Goodrich

Sr. Choir Director Open
Chimes: Open
Offering Counters: Team 6

SARB:

Video Team: John Patton

Altar Committee: Mary S*, Gloria H, Sheryl E