

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 28, 2025

ORDER OF WORSHIP



Hymns: TLH 669,422,410
Choir will sing: "For the Beauty of the Earth"
First Reading: Amos 6:1-7
Epistle: I Timothy 3:1-13
Holy Gospel: Luke 16:19-31



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	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



Portal of Prayers
for October-December are
ready for pick up on the
bulletin table.

TODAY IN THE CHURCH YEAR:

Our Help Is Not in Worldly Riches

"The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side," and "the rich man also died and was buried" (Luke 16:22). The poor man Lazarus, who knew many bad things on earth, began to be comforted forever, whereas the rich man, after a lifetime of good things, began to be "in anguish" (Luke 16:25). Therefore, "woe to those who are at ease in Zion" (Amos 6:1), for "the revelry of those who stretch themselves out shall pass away" (Amos 6:7). The wealthy are urged "not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches," but "to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share" (1 Tim. 6:17-18). Covetous desire for what God has not given is idolatry and "a root of all kinds of evils" (1 Tim. 6:10). Contentment belongs to faith, by which the Christian has "great gain" in godliness (1 Tim. 6:6).



The flowers on the altar today are in celebration of Joe and Brianna Siegmann's one year wedding anniversary today, September 28th.



A donation was made in memory of Frank Vitello and Sgt. Maj. John McGovern to the Capital Improvement Fund from Mike And Terry Lance.

A donation was made to the St. Matthew 25 Fund from Mary Alice Demler.



A free will offering will be taken after the service next Sunday, October 5th, for Hanna Koepsell, who has again experienced a relapse in her Leukemia. Hanna will receive T-Cell therapy treatment this time. Please keep Hanna in your prayers.

This Week

Wednesday, October 1st-Choir rehearsal

Thursday, October 2nd-10:30am Bible Study

Thursday, October 2nd-6:30pm-Elders Meeting

Friday, October 3rd-2:00pm- Ladies Guild Mgt.

Saturday, October 4th-9:00am-Vine & Branches



Bible Brunch will start Tuesday, October 14th at 10am. Our next lesson will be Mary Magdalene led by Carol Wilczak, dessert by Ellen Graf. Please join us in studying Gods Word, bring your lunch to enjoy in fellowship.



Our October Food Drive starts next Sunday, October 5th. Help us collect 500 non-perishable food items for the NT Food Panty. If we are one of the first 100 congregations to reach this goal, Thrivent will send an additional \$500 check to the food pantry. Remember that only food items count towards our goal.

Friendly Reminders

THANK YOU for turning in your articles on time for the last Communicator. **It's that time again!** Your article's for the November/December Communicator are due by Wednesday, October 15th. It maybe helpful to mark your calendars or phones of the date due.



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.

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.

Join us tonight at 6pm for
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 9/21/2025	91
Offering for 9/14/2025	\$2,472.00
Week Ending 9/27/2025	YTD
Budget	\$4,138.00
Received	\$2,472.00
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Capital Improvements YTD	\$200.00

MEETINGS & EVENTS AT ST. MATTHEW

SEPTEMBER 28, 2025

Sun: 9:15am-Worship Service
10:30am-Bible Study today
10:30am-SARB
10:30am-Sunday School
6:00pm-YCC-S'mores & Outdoors

Wed: 5:45pm-Choir Rehearsal

Thurs: 10:30am-Bible Study

Fri- 2:00pm-Ladies Guild Meeting

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

PRAYER FOR TODAY

Show me your ways O Lord,
teach me your paths;
lead me in your truth
and teach me. Amen



SERVING IN THE LORD'S HOUSE TODAY

Elders: Pete Jaenecke, Bill Olczak
Vestrymen: Art Marshall, Paul Schultz
Ushers: Jeff Binkley, Keith Schumacher
Greeters: Joe Durick
Sunshine Committee: Open
Organist: Tom Goodrich
Sr. Choir Director: Open
Chimes: Open
Offering Counters: Team 1
SARB: Carol W*, Sheryl E
Video Team: Bill Bundy