

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 5, 2025

ORDER OF WORSHIP



Hymns: LSB 902,709,537,722
First Reading: Habakkuk 1:1-4;2:1-4
Epistle: 2 Timothy 1:1-14
Holy Gospel: Luke 17:1-10



Please sign the Communion sheet

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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PRAYER REQUEST

Joan Baroudi	Kelly Benedict
Christiana Brenon	Bob Burton
Patricia Cake	Linda Davidson
Bill & Pat Doeblor	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
Mary Smith	Karen Tischler
Dennis & Eileen Tischler	Jeremy Trombley
Dave Urtel	Ron Waliszewski
Tami Walters	Curt Webb

Our Shut Ins



Church Council will meet on
Tuesday, October 14th at
6:30pm.

TODAY IN THE CHURCH YEAR:

We Walk by Faith, and Not by Sight, in the Peace of Christ's Forgiveness

We are surrounded by "destruction and violence" (Hab. 1:3) because the Law "is paralyzed, and justice never goes forth" (Hab. 1:4). In fact, the Law cannot rescue us from our enemies; it is our fiercest enemy of all. Therefore, not by sight, experience or feeling, nor by works, "the righteous shall live by his faith" (Hab. 2:4). "Temptations to sin are sure to come" (Luke 17:1), but as often as we sin, the Lord rebukes us, turns us to repentance and forgives us. We pray that He would thus "increase our faith" (Luke 17:5). And indeed, He does! Though we are His "unworthy servants" (Luke 17:10), He prepares His Supper for us, dresses us properly and gives us His body and blood to eat and drink. He appoints pastors for us, "by the will of God according to the promise of the life that is in Christ Jesus" (2 Tim. 1:1). For the Gospel brings "life and immortality to light" (2 Tim. 1:10). This we believe. Therefore, "follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard," by which He guards you "in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus" (2 Tim. 1:13)



The altar flowers have been placed in memory of what would have been our 55th Wedding Anniversary on October 3rd. I am so thankful and grateful for all the many blessings received over the years.
Linda Robinson.



A free will offering will be taken **TODAY** after the service for Hanna Koepsell, who has again experienced a relapse in her Leukemia. Please keep Hanna in your prayers.

A memorial was given to the General Fund in memory of our mother, Violet Armol who is remembered on her birthday today, by John and Sandy Patton.



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



Our October Food Drive starts **TODAY**. Help us collect 500 non-perishable food items for the NT Food Pantry. 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.



The cut off date to bring in items for the Bazaar is **NEXT Sunday, October 12th**. 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.



Linda Robinson is looking for donations for the "Country Store". She is looking for homemade pies and other baked goods. See Linda for more information.

Please have flowers and pots removed from the cemetery by October 31st.
Thank you,



YCC ACTIVITIES FOR OCTOBER

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

12th-Movie Night
26th-Halloween Party



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 9/28/2025	98
Offering for 9/28/2025	\$3,052.00
Week Ending 10/4/2025	YTD
Budget	\$4,138.00
Received	\$3,052.00
	<u>\$1,086.00</u>
Capital Improvements YTD	\$200.00

MEETINGS & EVENTS AT ST. MATTHEW

OCTOBER 5, 2025

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

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

Break forth into singing
O forest, and every tree
for the Lord hath redeemed...
and glorified himself.

Isaiah 44:23



SERVING IN THE LORD'S HOUSE TODAY

Elders: Dan Wolf, Joe Durick
Vestrymen: Joe Siegmann
Ushers: Chris Reichel, Jeff Reichel,
Dave Wendt
Greeters: M/M Stapar
Sunshine Committee: Open
Organist: Tom Goodrich
Sr. Choir Director: Open
Chimes: Open
Offering Counters: Team 2
SARB: Linda R*, Sandy P
Video Team: Hunter Knoell
Altar Committee: Donna H*, Florence L,
Linda D.