

THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 12, 2025

ORDER OF WORSHIP



Hymns: TLH 457, see insert, 652, 476
Choir will sing: "God is My Shepherd"
First Reading: Ruth 1:1-19a
Epistle: 2 Timothy 2:1-13
Holy Gospel: Luke 17:11-19



Worship Service w/Communion tonight at 7:00pm

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 Gichen
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



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

TODAY IN THE CHURCH YEAR:

Faith Returns Thanks to God and Worships Him in the Person of Christ Jesus

Jesus comes in mercy and, by His Word, heals you in body and soul. "Go and show yourselves to the priests," for you are cleansed (Luke 17:14), and you are granted access to the Lord's temple. It is "at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks" (Luke 17:16), that you worship God, for Christ Jesus is your great High Priest; His body is the true temple. In Him, you "find rest, each of you in the house of her husband" (Ruth 1:9), for the Lord has "visited his people and given them food" (Ruth 1:6). The person of Jesus Christ lodges Himself in holy food — bread and wine for believers to eat and drink. You lodge where Jesus lodges; His Father is your God, His people are your people. Death cannot part you from Him because His death and resurrection are eternally yours through Holy Baptism. "Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead" (2 Tim. 2:8). As surely as death could not hold Him, so surely "the word of God is not bound" (2 Tim. 2:9). His Gospel is entrusted "to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also" (2 Tim. 2:2), so that you "may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus" (2 Tim. 2:10). Such is the confession of faith for all the saints, who believe, teach and confess the one Lord and Savior — Jesus Christ.



The flowers on the altar are in honor of
Bill and Linda Olczak's
39th Wedding Anniversary on October 11th.

IN LOVING ♥ *Memory*

A gift was given to St. Matthew Church in memory of Donald Doebler who was called to his heavenly home twenty one years ago on October 7th, from Laura Saalman his daughter. Donald was a long-serving member until moving to Florida in 1980.

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

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



THANK YOU for giving generously to the free will offering last Sunday to help with medical costs for Hanna Koepsell's relapse in her Leukemia.

TODAY is the last day to bring in items for the Bazaar. Please, **only items that are clean and in good repair.** 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.

It's that time again! Your article's for the November/December Communicator are due by this Wednesday, October 15th. It maybe helpful to mark your calendars or phones of the date due.



Altar Guild will have a meeting after service on Sunday, October 26th in the Quilting Room.

Our October Food Drive has started. 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.



500 Goal

- 65 items on 10-5-2025

436 to reach our Goal

Thank you for your generous donations

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 10/5/2025	79	
Offering for 10/5/2025	\$3,826.00	
Week Ending 10/11/2025	YTD	
Budget	\$4,138.00	\$165,520.00
Received	<u>\$3,826.00</u>	<u>\$146,988.00</u>
	-\$312.00	-\$18,532.00
Capital Improvements YTD	\$200.00	

MEETINGS & EVENTS AT ST. MATTHEW

OCTOBER 12, 2025

Sun: 9:15am-Worship Service
10:30am-Bible Study today
10:30am-SARB
10:30am-Sunday School
6:30pm-YCC
7:00pm-Worship w/Communion

Tues: 10:00am-Bible Brunch
6:30pm-Church Council Meeting

Wed: 5:45pm-Choir Rehearsal

Thurs: 10:30am-Bible Study

Sat: 9:00am-Vine & Branches
St. Catherines Harvest Day

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: Craig Heigl, Rob Pidanick
Vestrymen: Bill Bundy
Ushers: Dave Urtel, Tank Jorg, Tim Jorg
Greeters: Toni D, Linda P
Sunshine Committee: Open
Organist: Tom Goodrich
Sr. Choir Director: Open
Chimes: Open
Offering Counters: Team 3
SARB: Mary S*, Lisa E
Video Team: Tank Jorg
Altar Committee: Donna H*, Florence L, Linda D.