

THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 19, 2025

ORDER OF WORSHIP



Hymns: LSB 904,575,637,704
First Reading: Genesis 32:22-30
Epistle: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5
Holy Gospel: Luke 18:1-8



Please sign the Communion sheet in the narthex

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 REQUESTS



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
Linda Pascucci	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 Clings to the Word and Promises of God and Perseveres in Prayer

"Left alone," Jacob wrestled through the night with the Lord, "until the breaking of the day" (Gen. 32:24). Though "Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him" (Gen. 32:25), he would not let go until the Lord blessed him. At times, we, too, strive with God; He strives with us and blesses us by grace. So Jesus teaches us "always to pray and not lose heart" (Luke 18:1). Jesus speaks of "a judge who neither feared God nor respected man" and of a widow "who kept coming to him and saying, 'Give me justice against my adversary'" (Luke 18:2-3). Because of her persistence, the judge agreed to "give her justice" (Luke 18:5). Our Lord dispenses justice generously and swiftly, giving "justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night" (Luke 18:7). He does so according to the Gospel. Therefore, His ministers are to persevere faithfully in their vocation, in what they "have learned and have firmly believed" (2 Tim. 3:14). On the basis of "the sacred writings" (2 Tim. 3:15), they are to "preach the word" at all times and not lose heart (2 Tim. 4:2).

In Loving Memory

The flowers on the altar are in memory of
Barney Smith's birthday today, October 19th
with love from his family.



Flowers are placed on the altar with our prayers
for Linda Pascucci, from friends.



We are looking for volunteers to help with preparation for the bazaar in the kitchen Thursday & Friday at 9am. Also for people to help with clean up. Sign up sheets are by the door. If you signed up to bring in a food item please bring it into church by Wednesday. Thank you, Carol.



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



We are off to a great start for the October Food Drive. Help us collect 500 non-perishable food items for the NT Food Panty. Remember that only food items count towards our goal.

500 Goal

-258 donations as of 10-13-2025

242 to reach our Goal

Thank you for your generous donations



Altar Guild

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

Vine and Branches would like you to get a preview of an exciting new project we have planned! At the bazaar, please check out the chalkboard, and then stay tuned for more info on November 2nd.



YOUNG AT HEART will have a Potluck Luncheon on Sunday, November 2nd at 11:30am. Please bring a dish to pass.

REMEMBER TO SHARE YOUR PHOTOS for the Thanksgiving service. We are all especially thankful for our families, so we want to see pictures of your family activities. As we get into fall, it is time to start gathering pictures. Send your pictures to **wbundy02@gmail.com**. Once again I remind everyone to take note of the new email address. The former address has been removed and will not work. Pictures that are sent by text are sometimes too small, so please try to email them when possible. When sending them, try to send them original size so they show up well with the projector. If you can't get them full size, send them anyway, and I'll sort out any that look too fuzzy on the wall. Ask me for help if you are having trouble sending them.

Bill Bundy @ **wbundy02@gmail.com**.

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.

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 10/12/2025	81	
Evening Worship	12	
Offering for 10/12/2025	\$6,306.00	
Week Ending 10/18/2025	YTD	
Budget	\$4,138.00	\$169,658.00
Received	<u>\$6,306.00</u>	<u>\$153,294.00</u>
	\$2,168.00	-\$16,364.00
Capital Improvements YTD	\$200.00	

MEETINGS & EVENTS AT ST. MATTHEW

OCTOBER 19, 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



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 AUTUMN

May the new season and crisp air of fall bring forth new blessings in Christ.



SERVING IN THE LORD'S HOUSE TODAY

Elders: Siggy Barke, John Patton
Vestrymen: Tom Hromowyk
Ushers: Justin Hromowyk, Mark Lemke
Greeters: Carol Wilczak
Sunshine Committee: Open
Organist: Tom Goodrich
Sr. Choir Director: Open
Chimes: Open
Offering Counters: Team 4
SARB: Debbie H*, Sharon E
Video Team: John Patton
Altar Committee: Donna H*, Florence L, Linda D.