

LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR

NOVEMBER 23, 2025

ORDER OF WORSHIP



Hymns: TLH 390, choir, 409, 660
Choir will sing: "Thanks Be To God"
First Reading: Malachi 3:13-18
Epistle: Colossians 1:13-20
Holy Gospel: Luke 23:27-43



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	Orrin & Linda Christy
Linda Davidson	Michael Davidson
Bill & Pat Doeblor	Doug Ellman
Tom Essenburg	Ellie Grichen
Gloria Haeseler	Mark Haeseler
Marilyn Heigl	Sue & Ned Holmes
Hanna Koepsell	Abby & Nathan Lacey
Sharon Lemke	Florence Lindaman
Doris Matheis	Phil Moldenhauer
Jason Painter	Linda Pascucci
Renee Patton	Danielle Rance
Meredith Roberts	Mary Smith
Karen Tischler	Dennis & Eileen Tischler
Jeremy Trombley	Dave Urtel
Ron Waliszewski	Tami Walters
Wayne & Sandy Worthington	Curt Webb
Jim Connell	Michele Menkiena
Our Shut Ins	

TODAY IN THE CHURCH YEAR:

Jesus Christ Reigns, Enduring the Cross — Its Scorn and Shame

The Lord Jesus reigns in love among those who are baptized in His name. "They shall be mine," He says, "and I will spare them as a man spares his son who serves him" (Mal. 3:17). Jesus' service through crucifixion for sinful men anchors us in new life. In the proclamation of His Son, God makes His justice clear, defining "the distinction between the righteous and the wicked" (Mal. 3:18). He truly is "the King of the Jews" (Luke 23:38), who governs His Church with all authority in heaven and on earth. He has come into His kingdom by His cross, and He graciously remembers us in paradise. Therefore, do not weep for Him, but with repentant faith "weep for yourselves and for your children" (Luke 23:28). Then the mountains and hills of Jerusalem, His holy Church, shall cover you with His righteousness and peace. For He "is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation" (Col. 1:15). "All things were created through him and for him" (Col. 1:16), and "all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell" bodily in Him, reconciling all things to Himself "by the blood of his cross" (Col. 1:19–20).

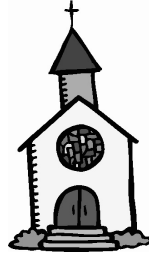


TODAY-10:30am-Pie Sale after service
in the school hall

Nov. 27th-10am-Thanksgiving Day Worship
We will have baskets in the narthex for the
Thanksgiving Day food donations.
Thank you for your generosity.



The flowers placed on the altar for
Thanksgiving Day are in Thankfulness
for Blessings received
from Mike and Terry Lance.



THANK YOU dear church for your hours of presence in prayer, your work to help minister to our unknown neighbors in need and your willingness to put yourself in an uncomfortable place for the 40 Days Life Vigil. We witnessed a turnaround this vigil. Praise be to God!



Bring in mail on November 30th

Bring in and pick up on December 7th

Just pick up only on December 14th, will be in
the school hallway.

Just put name on the envelope to whom you want
it to go. Bring in your cards to the quilting room
along with .25 cents for each card.

Share the Christmas Love

LOOK WHATS HAPPENING IN



Advent Service will be on
Wednesday, Dec 3rd, 10th & 17th at 7pm.

Dec 4th-6:30pm-Elders Meeting

Dec 9th-10am-Bible Brunch

Dec 9th-Church Council Meeting

Dec 11th-5:30pm-Ladies Guild Pot Luck Dinner

Dec 14th-Cookie Sale after service

Dec 14th-7pm Evening Service w/Communion

Dec 15th-articles are due for
2026 Communicator. The sooner the better.

Dec 24th-7pm Christmas Eve Service

Dec 25th-10am-Christmas Day Service

Dec 31st-7pm-New Years Eve Service

YCC ACTIVITY FOR DECEMBER

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

We will meet again on December 14th for our Christmas Party



PLEASE HELP US FILL OUR FOOD PANTRY HERE AT ST MATTHEW

We are in need of cereal, boxed mashed, au gratin or scalloped potatoes, Spaghetti noodles & sauce, elbow macaroni and pancake mix. Please place the items in the bushel basket in the narthex. Thank you for your donations.



THE NORTH TONAWANDA FOOD PANTRY is in need of. items for Thanksgiving dinners; boxed potatoes, boxed stuffing, gravy, sweet potatoes, canned green beans. **Put the items in the blue bin in the Quilting Room.** Thank you for your generosity.



ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS YTD

Attendance 11/16/2025	90
Offering for 11/16/2025	\$2,507.00
Week Ending 11/22/2025	YTD
Budget	\$4,138.00
Received	\$2,507.00
	<u>\$186,210.00</u>
	<u>\$176,554.00</u>
	-\$1,631.00
	-\$13,794.00
Capital Improvements YTD	\$2,800.00

MEETINGS & EVENTS AT ST. MATTHEW

NOVEMBER 23, 2025

Sun: 9:15am-Worship Service
10:30am-Bible Study
10:30am-SARB
10:30am-Sunday School

Wed: 5:45pm-Choir Rehearsal

Thurs: **10:00am-Thanksgiving Day Service**

Sat: 9:00am-Vine & Branches

NEXT WEEK'S OFFICE HOURS

Mon: 10:00am-1:00pm
Tue: Off
Wed: 9:00am-12:00pm
Thu: Off
Fri: 10:00am-12:00pm

“May your Sunday refuel your soul
and rejuvenate your spirit,
leaving you grateful for your blessings.”



SERVING IN THE LORD'S HOUSE TODAY

Elders: Pete Jaenecke, Bill Olczak
Vestrymen: Art Marchall, 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 3
SARB: Debbie H*, Sharon E
Video Team: Bill Bundy