

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 30, 2025

ORDER OF WORSHIP



Hymns: LSB 357 vv1,353,331,349
First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5
Epistle: Romans 13:11-14
Holy Gospel: Matthew 24:36-44



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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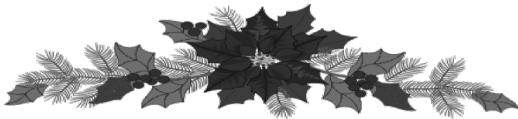
*Lord please
hear my
prayer*

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:

The Lord Comes in Meekness and Humility to Save Us Now

The Lord Jesus enters Jerusalem "humble, and mounted on a donkey," riding on "a beast of burden" (Matt. 21:5), as He Himself bears the sins of the world in His body. Now He comes by the ministry of the Gospel to save us from sin, death, the devil and hell. Therefore, we sing, "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" (Matt. 21:9). For we are called "to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob," His Holy Church, "that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths" (Is. 2:3). By His Word, we "walk in the light of the LORD" (Is. 2:5). That is to live in love, which "does no wrong to a neighbor" (Rom. 13:10). We "cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light," for "salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed" (Rom. 13:11, 12). Hence, the entire Christian life is a time to wake and watch, "for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming" (Matt. 24:42).



The flowers on the altar are in celebration of December birthdays from Ladies Guild.



Bring in mail **TODAY**

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



Poinsettia Orders

We will be taking orders for Poinsettias starting today. They will be \$10 again this year. Please see Bill Olczak in the Brides Room after service.

A "**BIG**" **THANK YOU** to Craig and Becky Heigl for the beautiful decorating of the Altar for Thanksgiving Day. If you would like to be part of the decorating team please contact the office.

THANK YOU Bill, for the wonderful slide presentation at our Thanksgiving Day service. It was enjoyed by everyone.



A Thanksgiving Day gift was given to St. Matthew Lutheran Church in memory of the Doeblen family from Bill and Pat Doeblen.

LOOK WHATS COMING UP 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 11/23/2025	90
Attendance 11/27/2025	96
Offering for 11/23/2025	\$3,049.00
Offering for 11/27/2025	\$7,027.00
Week Ending 11/29/2025	YTD
Budget	\$4,138.00
Received	<u>\$10,076.00</u>
	\$5,938.00
	<u>\$186,630.00</u>
	-\$7,856.00
Capital Improvements YTD	\$2,800.00

MEETINGS & EVENTS AT ST. MATTHEW

NOVEMBER 30, 2025

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

Wed: 5:45pm-Choir Rehearsal
7:00pm-Advent Service

Thurs: 10:30am-Bible Study
6:30pm-Elders Meeting

Sat: 9:00am-Vine & Branches

NEXT WEEK'S OFFICE HOURS

Mon: 9:00am-1:00pm
Tue: Off
Wed: Off
Thu: 9:00am-1:00pm
Fri: 9:00am-11:00am

**Lord, in the busyness of this season,
we long to feel your presence.**

**Teach us to slow down, give thanks, and be
present with those around us.**

Thank you for the love You lavish on us.

We are undeserving, but forever grateful.

Amen.

SERVING IN THE LORD'S HOUSE TODAY

Elders: Craig Heigl, Rob Pidanick
Vestrymen: Bill Bundy
Ushers: Dave Urtel, Tank Jorg, Tim Jorg
Greeters: Joe Durick
Sunshine Committee: Open
Organist: Tom Goodrich
Sr. Choir Director: Open
Chimes: Open
Offering Counters: Team 5
SARB: Rachel B*, Sandy M
Video Team: Tank Jorg