

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 7, 2025

ORDER OF WORSHIP



Hymns: LSB 341,346,744,632
Choir will sing: "Christmas Invitation"
First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10
Epistle: Romans 15:4-13
Holy Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12



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
Toni Durick	Donna Heiser
Our Shut Ins	

TODAY IN THE CHURCH YEAR:

By the Preaching of Repentance, We Are Prepared for the Coming of the Lord

"John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, 'Repent'" (Matt. 3:1-2). His preaching of repentance for the forgiveness of sins prepared people for the coming of Christ into the world. St. John's work was historically complete with the incarnate advent of Jesus, but his vital ministry continues in preaching Law and Gospel. The Son of God has come in the flesh, "a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots" (Is. 11:1), and continues to bear the fruits of righteousness. His good tree of the cross is "a signal for the peoples" (Is. 11:10), by which He calls the nations to repentance. "With the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips" (Is. 11:4), He slays the wicked and brings the dead to life, making sons of Abraham out of lifeless stones. So also the "root of Jesse" comes to us, "even he who arises to rule the Gentiles" (Rom. 15:12), that "we might have hope" and be filled "with all joy and peace in believing" (Rom. 15:4, 13)



The flowers on the altar are in Thanks to God for Grammy Eileen's 83rd birthday from the Jorg family.

Flowers are placed on the altar with our prayers for Donna Heiser, from friends.

We thank you for recognizing our 60th Wedding Anniversary during the church service. The gift certificated to the Hideaway Grille was generous and greatly appreciated. Sincere Blessings, Art and Karen Marshall.



CHECK YOUR FLOCK BOX TODAY

Counters can pick up their schedules for 2026 in your flock box. If you have any changes please contact Leslie. "You've got Mail" cards are also in your flock box.



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



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

PRAYERS AND THOUGHTS

Please keep our members who are recovering from surgery in your prayers and thoughts;

Toni Durick at 1308 Sherwood Avenue,
North Tonawanda, NY 14120.

Donna Heiser at 5207 Kennedy Crescent,
Sanborn ,NY 14132.

POINSETTIA ORDERS

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



Next Sunday, December 14th will be the last day to pick up "You've Got Mail" in the school hallway.



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 Christmas 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 11/30/2025	85
Attendance 12/03/2025	19
Offering for 11/30/2025	\$2,273.00
Offering for 12/03/2025	\$400.00
Week Ending 12/06/2025	YTD
Budget	\$4,138.00
Received	\$2,673.00
	<u>\$1,465.00</u>
	<u>\$198,624.00</u>
	<u>\$189,303.00</u>
	<u>-\$9,321.00</u>
Capital Improvements YTD	\$2,800.00

MEETINGS & EVENTS AT ST. MATTHEW

DECEMBER 7, 2025

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

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

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

Thurs: 10:30am-Bible Study
5:30pm-Pot Luck Dinner

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: Off
Sat: 9:00am-11:00am



SERVING IN THE LORD'S HOUSE TODAY

Elders: Siggie Barke, John Patton
Vestrymen: Tom Hromowyk
Ushers: Justin Hromowyk, Mark Lemke
Greeters: M/M Stapar
Sunshine Committee: Open
Organist: Tom Goodrich
Sr. Choir Director: Open
Chimes: Open
Offering Counters: Team 6
SARB: Carol W*, Sheryl E
Video Team: John Patton
Altar Committee: Linda J*, Gayle R, Rachel B