

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 21, 2025

ORDER OF WORSHIP



Hymns: TLH 64, choir, 56, 314, 673
Choir will sing: "What did the Star see"
First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-17
Epistle: Romans 1:1-7
Holy Gospel: Matthew 1:18-25

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	Orrin & Linda Christy
Linda Davidson	Michael Davidson
Bill 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:

God's Word Is Fulfilled for Us in the Flesh and Blood of Christ Jesus, the Son of Mary

The Fourth Sunday in Advent turns our attention toward the Nativity of Our Lord. With the blessed Virgin Mary, we await the coming of the Christ, her Son, conceived in her womb by the Word and Spirit of God. This fulfillment of the sign once given to the house of David, that "the virgin shall conceive and bear a son" (Is. 7:14), is now given to us in the Gospel. It declares that salvation is by His grace alone, entirely His work and a free gift. It also is the way and means by which the Lord our God is Immanuel, "God with us." The almighty and eternal Son of God is conceived and born of Mary, and is thus "descended from David according to the flesh" (Rom. 1:3-4). He comes in this way to save us with His own flesh and blood; wherefore, He is called "Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins" (Matt. 1:21). As Joseph received this sign in faith and immediately "did as the angel of the Lord commanded him" (Matt. 1:24), we also live by faith in this Holy Gospel.



The Poinsettia's that adorn our altar this Blessed Christmas season are from;

Mike & Terry Lance

Joey Cozad in memory of Paul Cozad

The Jorg Family in thanks for Jesus Birth

Debbie & Breanna Gerner in memory
of Margaret Gerner

Carol Bundy in Blessings for a great family

Craig & Becky Heigl in memory of loss loved ones

The Grichen Family with Thanks for our
many Blessings

Dottie Lemke in loving memory of Keith Lemke

The Baran Family

**Please take your plant home after
Christmas Day Worship**



It is with great sadness but confident joy that the family of **Patricia Doeblner** announces her passing on December 16, 2025. Family and friends may visit at Fretthold Funeral Home, located at 1241 Oliver Street, in North Tonawanda on January 2nd, from 1pm - 3pm and from 5pm - 7pm. A funeral service will be held at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, located at 875 Eggert Drive in North Tonawanda, on January 3rd, beginning at 10am. A committal service will follow at Acacia Park Cemetery.

Thoughts and prayers may be sent to Bill Doeblner,
Elderwood @ Wheatfield Rm# 219,
2600 Niagara Falls Blvd,
Niagara Falls, NY 14304.

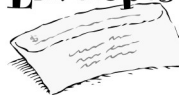


Dec 24th-7pm Christmas Eve Service

Dec 25th-10am-Christmas Day Service

Dec 31st-7pm-New Years Eve Service

Offering Envelopes



The offering envelopes for 2026
are on the table in the narthex.



**PLEASE UPDATE YOUR
CONTACT DETAILS**

Do we have your current address and contact number? If not please contact the office so we can update our file. With the winter weather coming you will want to hear of possible church closings and other important information. Thank you.

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.

Wishing everyone a
Blessed Christmas
and a



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 12/14/2025	74
Attendance 12/17/2025	21

Offering for 12/10,14 &17/2025 \$3,184.00

Week Ending	12/20/2025	YTD
Budget	\$4,138.00	\$206,900.00
Received	<u>\$3,184.00</u>	<u>\$197,598.00</u>
	-\$954.00	-\$9,302.00

Capital Improvements YTD \$3,800.00

MEETINGS & EVENTS AT ST. MATTHEW DECEMBER 21, 2025

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



Christmas Eve Worship Service at 7:00pm

Christmas Day Worship Service at 10:00am
with Holy Communion

NEXT WEEK'S OFFICE HOURS

Mon:	9:00am-12:00pm
Tue:	9:00am-12:00pm
Wed:	Off
Thurs:	Off
Fri:	9:00am-11:00pm
Sat:	Off

SERVING IN THE LORD'S HOUSE CHRISTMAS EVE

Elders: Craig Heigl, Rob Pidanick
Vestrymen: Bill Bundy
Ushers: Dave Urtel, Tank Jorg, Tim Jorg
Greeters: M/M Siggie Barke
Organist: Tom Goodrich
Offering Counters: Team 2
Video Team: Tank Jorg

CHRISTMAS DAY

Elders: Siggie Barke, John Patton
Vestrymen: Tom Hromowyk
Ushers: Justin Hromowyk, Mark Lemke
Greeters: Open
Organist: Tom Goodrich
Offering Counters: Team 1
Video Team: John Patton
Altar Committee: Linda J*, Gayle R, Rachel B