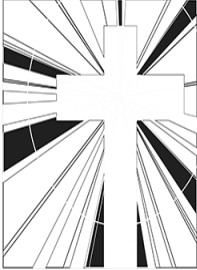


FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 8, 2026

ORDER OF WORSHIP



Hymns: TLH 669,400,410
First Reading: Isaiah 58:3-9a
Epistle: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12
Holy Gospel: Matthew 5:13-20



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	Jim Connell
Bill Doeblor	Toni Durick
Doug Ellman	Tom Essenburg
Ellie Grichen	Gloria Haeseler
Marilyn Heigl	Sue & Ned Holmes
Hanna Koepsell	Sharon Lemke
Florence Lindaman	Doris Matheis
Michele Menkiena	Phil Moldenhauer
Jason Painter	Linda Pascucci
John Patton	Renee Patton
Danielle Rance	Meredith Roberts
Linda Robinson	Mary Smith
Karen Tischler	Dennis & Eileen Tischler
Jeremy Trombley	Dave Urtel
Ron Waliszewski	Tami Walters
Curt Webb	Our Shut Ins

TODAY IN THE CHURCH YEAR:

The Righteousness of Christ

Jesus warns that "unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven" (Matt. 5:20), but He also calls His imperfect people "the salt of the earth" and "the light of the world" (Matt. 5:13, 14). That's because the Lord Jesus came not to abolish the Law or the prophets, "but to fulfill them" (Matt. 5:17) in perfect faith and love. Since He does and teaches all of God's commandments, He is "called great in the kingdom of heaven" (Matt. 5:19). God manifests His "demonstration of the Spirit and of power" in "Jesus Christ and him crucified" (1 Cor. 2:2-4), and through the preaching of the Gospel He gives His "secret and hidden wisdom" (1 Cor. 2:7). Christ gives this perfect righteousness to His people, and it leads them to true fasting, which is "to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free" (Is. 58:6) and "to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house" (Is. 58:7).



YOUNG AT HEART will enjoy their chili and soup luncheon **TODAY**, after Bible Study, 11:30, Super Bowl day. Bring a soup or chili to share. Any questions, see Carol Wilczak.

It's that time again! Please have your articles for the March/April Communicator into the office by February 15th. Thank you.



We will have a **VOTERS MEETING** **next Sunday, February 15th** following the Worship service. Please plan on attending.

Thank You

I would just like to thank you all for keeping me in your thoughts and prayers and for the well wishes and cards sent to me during my recent illness.
Tom Hromowyk.



THANK YOU to everyone who filled out the questionnaire in the bulletin last week. If you did not fill it out, we ask that you take the time to do so today and place it in the offering plate this morning. Your feedback will play an important role in how the building will be used going forward.

What's Happening

Tonight at 7:00pm we will have our Evening Worship Service w/Communion

Tuesday, February 10th-10am-Bible Brunch

6:30pm-Church Council Meeting

Thursday, February 12th-Bible Study



NIAGARA HOSPICE SPRING BOUQUET SALE

Today and next Sunday are the last two weeks to order your Hospice Bouquets for \$10 or \$30. Please see Kim at the Vine and Branches table in the Narthex before or after service. Thanks for your support!

CHECK YOUR FLOCK BOX

The 2025 year end statements are in your flock box. Please pick them up today.

THRIVENT MEMBERS

Now is the time to designate your portion of Choice Dollars from 2025. You only have till March 31st. You can call Thrivent Member Care Services at 800-847-4836. You can also assign your choice dollars on the website. After you log in, there is a large button in the left column that says Direct Choice Dollars. Choice Dollars are a part of Thrivent's charitable giving program, and are your way to support our church. After March 31st, any money left in Choice Dollars programs may be directed or spent at Thrivent's discretion.

YCC ACTIVITY FOR MARCH

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

Check the bulletin for future March activities



PLEASE HELP US FILL OUR FOOD PANTRY HERE AT ST MATTHEW

We are in need of **household products, paper goods**. 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 hearty dinners, canned stew, soups, boxed mac & cheese. **Put the items in the blue bin in the Quilting Room.** Thank you for your generosity.



ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS YTD

Attendance	2/1/2026	92
Offering for	2/1//2026	\$4,966.00
Week Ending	2/7/2026	YTD
Budget	\$4,167.00	\$20,835.00
Received	<u>\$4,966.00</u>	<u>\$21,745.00</u>
	\$799.00	\$910.00
Capital Improvements YTD		\$0

MEETINGS & EVENTS AT ST. MATTHEW FEBRUARY 8, 2026

Sun: 9:15am-Worship Service
10:30am-Bible Study
10:30am-SARB
10:30am-Sunday School
11:30am-Young at Heart
Soup & Chili luncheon
7:00pm-Evening Worship Service w/Communion

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

Thurs: 10:30am-Bible Study

Sat: 9:00am-Vine & Branches

NEXT WEEK'S OFFICE HOURS

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

**" Even though February
is the shortest month of the year,
sometimes it seems like the longest."**



SERVING IN THE LORD'S HOUSE TODAY

Elders: Siggie Barke, John Patton
Vestrymen: Tom Hromowyk
Ushers: Justin Hromowyk, Mark Lemke
Greeters: Toni D, Linda P
Organist: Tom Goodrich
Offering Counters: Team 5
Video Team: John Patton
SARB: DebbieH*, Lisa E
Altar Guild Committee: Dottie L*, Linda P, Toni D