

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 1, 2026

ORDER OF WORSHIP



Hymns: TLH 376,158,674,412
First Reading: Genesis 12:1-9
Epistle: Romans 4:1-8,13-17
Holy Gospel: John 3:1-17



Please remember to 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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Joan Baroudi	Kelly Benedict
Christiana Brenon	Bob Burton
Patricia Cake	Jim Connell
Bill Doebler	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 Word of the Gospel Opens the Eyes of Faith and Fixes Them on Christ Jesus

The Lord called Abram (Abraham) to leave his home and go to a land that God would show him. He also promised to make of Abram "a great nation," to bless him and make his name great as a blessing to "all the families of the earth" (Gen. 12:2-3). "Abram went, as the LORD had told him" (Gen. 12:4), and in Canaan "he built an altar to the LORD and called upon the name of the LORD" (Gen. 12:8). He "believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness" (Rom. 4:3). Here the grace of God is manifested, that He "justifies the ungodly" (Rom. 4:5), not by works of the Law, but through faith in His promises. He removes all of our sins and lawless deeds through Jesus Christ, the offspring of Abraham in whom all the Lord's promises are realized. This forgiveness of sins is the Word of the Gospel, the voice of the Holy Spirit, which "gives life to the dead" (Rom. 4:17). It opens the eyes of faith to behold Christ Jesus, the Son of Man lifted up on the cross, "that whoever believes in him may have eternal life" (John 3:14-15).



Altar Guild

There will be an Altar Guild meeting **TODAY** after church in the Quilting room.



The flowers on the altar are in memory of David Suter from Mike and Terry Lance.



There will be a Elders Meeting this Thursday, March 5th at 6:30pm.

The March/April Communicator, and the 2025 Annual Report are on the bulletin table.



Please remember to set your clocks ahead this Saturday night so you're on time for church Sunday.

YOUR ALL INVITED

What: Concordia Preparatory High School's Evening of Instrumental and Choral Music

When: Friday, March 6th at 7 PM

Where: First Trinity Lutheran Church

Address: 1570 Niagara Falls Blvd, Tonawanda, NY 14150

Admission: Free; donations accepted



Join us next Sunday at 7:00pm for our Sunday Evening Service

Lent



Lenten Worship will be held at 7:00pm on Wednesday's March 4th, 11th, 18th and the 25th

Palm Sunday, March 29th will be at 9:15am

Maunder Thursday, April 2nd, Worship will be held at 7:00pm w/ Holy Communion

Good Friday, April 3rd will be held at 7:00pm

Easter Sunday Worship, April 5th will be held at 9:30am w/ Holy Communion

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

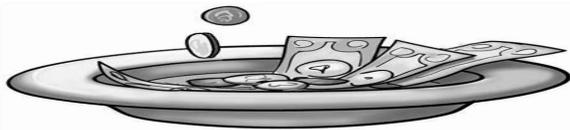
Any Questions contact Breanna Gerner Youth Director at 716-525-6953, gerner22@gmail.com. Meetings are on Sunday from 6-8.

March 22 Easter Egg Hunt



Thank you for restocking our Food Pantry here at church. If you would like to donate food items please bring them in for the North Tonawanda Food Pantry. Our community is always in need of boxed, canned goods and personal care items. Thank you again.

THE NORTH TONAWANDA FOOD PANTRY is in need of. items for Easter Dinner, ex; boxed potatoes, gravy, canned veggies. **Put the items in the basket in the narthex.** Thank you for your generosity.



ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS YTD

Attendance 2/22/2026		76
Attendance 2/25/2026		26
Offering for 2/22/2026	\$2,082.00	
Offering for 2/25/2026	\$2,618.00	
Week Ending 2/28/2026		YTD
Budget	\$4,167.00	\$33,336.00
Received	<u>\$4,700.00</u>	<u>\$32,850.00</u>
	\$533.00	-\$486.00
Capital Improvements YTD		\$0

**MEETINGS & EVENTS AT ST. MATTHEW
MARCH 1, 2026**

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

Weds: 7:00pm-Lenten Worship

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

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

“Spring will come and so will happiness.

Hold on.

Life will get warmer.”



**SERVING IN THE LORD'S HOUSE
TODAY**

Elders: Craig Heigl, Rob Pidanick
Vestrymen: Bill Bundy
Ushers: Tank Jorg, Tim Jorg, Dave Urtel
Greeters: Carol Wilczak
Organist: Tom Goodrich
Offering Counters: Team 2
Video Team: Tank Jorg
SARB: Carol W*, Sandy M
Altar Committee: Mary S*, Gloria H, Sheryl E