

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 8, 2026

ORDER OF WORSHIP



Hymns: LSB 421,702,917
First Reading: Exodus 17:1-7
Epistle: Romans 5:1-8
Holy Gospel: John 4:5-30,39-42



Join us tonight at 7pm for our evening service w/Communion

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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reach out
to prayer

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:

We Worship the Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Spirit and Truth of His Gospel

Though the Lord had brought them out of Egypt, "all the congregation of the people of Israel" grumbled against Him because "there was no water for the people to drink" (Ex. 17:1). Despite their quarreling, the Lord graciously provided for them. He did not strike the people for their sins, but by the hand of Moses He struck the rock instead and brought forth water for the people. In the same way, living water flows from the pierced side of Christ at "about the sixth hour" (John 4:6; 19:14), when He is lifted up on the cross for the sins of the world. He is "the gift of God" (John 4:10), the well from which the Holy Spirit is poured out and becomes in His people "a spring of water welling up to eternal life" (John 4:14). By this grace in which we stand, being at peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, we "worship the Father in spirit and truth" (John 4:23). "We rejoice in hope of the glory of God" because "God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us" (Rom. 5:2, 5).



The flowers on the altar are in celebration of Dottie Lemke's birthday on March 7th with love from her family her family.

The flowers on the altar are in memory of Karen Binkley who went to her heavenly home 15 years ago from her family.



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

Church Council will meet this Tuesday, March 10th at 6:30pm.



It has come to our attention that our former Pastor Steven Naylor's younger brother David passed away suddenly last Sunday. Our prayers go out to him and his family. If you would like to send him a sympathy card his address is: Rev. & Mrs. Steven Naylor, 316 W North 7th St. Grangeville, ID 83530.



We will be taking orders for Easter Flowers in the Brides Room. Please see Bill Olczak before or after service. The flowers will be \$10 again this year. Thank you for your support.

The Hospice Spring Bouquets will be available for pick up on Saturday, March 14th from 12-3pm or on Sunday the 15th before and after church.



If you would be interested in helping with the VBS Committee along with Immanuel/Redeemer church or to be on the Preschool Committee please sign up on the sheet outside the office door.

Lent



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

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

Maundy 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. 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 3/1/2026		84
Attendance 3/4/2026		32
Offering for 3/1/2026	\$4,051.00	
Offering for 3/4/2026	\$456.00	
Week Ending 3/7/2026		YTD
Budget	\$4,167.00	\$37,503.00
Received	<u>\$4,507.00</u>	<u>\$37,357.00</u>
	\$340.00	-\$146.00
Capital Improvements YTD		\$0

**MEETINGS & EVENTS AT ST. MATTHEW
MARCH 8, 2026**

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

Tues: 6:30pm-Church Council Meeting

Weds: 6:00pm-Choir Rehearsal
7:00pm-Lenten Service

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

“You think winter will never end, and then, when you don't expect it, warmth comes with the “Son's” light.”



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

Elders: Siggie Barke, John Patton
Vestrymen: Tom Hromowyk
Ushers: Justin Hromowyk, Mark Lemke
Greeters: Linda Robinson
Organist: Tom Goodrich
Offering Counters: Team 3
Video Team: John Patton
SARB: Linda R*, Ellen G
Altar Committee: Mary S*, Gloria H, Sheryl E