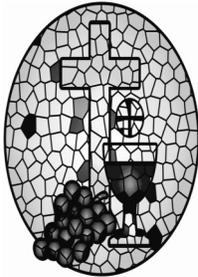


FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 15, 2026

ORDER OF WORSHIP



Hymns: TLH 151 vv. 1-4, see insert,
304, 151 vv. 5-7, 54
First Reading: Isaiah 42:14-21
Epistle: Ephesians 5:8-14
Holy Gospel: John 9:1-7, 13-17, 34-39



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 an 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.

cell: 716-239-1097
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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	Nancy Lake
Sharon Lemke	Florence Lindaman
Doris Matheis	Michele Menkiena
Phil Moldenhauer	Cathy Ormond
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:

By His Word of the Gospel, Jesus Calls Us Out of the Darkness into His Marvelous Light

The Lord is grieved by the spiritual blindness of His people, yet in mercy He does not forsake them. He restrains His anger and keeps His peace, until He opens their ears and eyes to hear and see Him. "For his righteousness' sake," He magnifies His Word and makes it glorious in the coming of Christ Jesus (Is. 42:21). Jesus turns "the darkness before them into light" (Is. 42:16) because He is "the light of the world" (John 9:5). The incarnate Son of God does the works of His Father and displays the divine glory in His own flesh "while it is day," until that night "when no one can work" (John 9:4). By the washing of water with His Word, He opens the eyes of the blind and grants rest to the weary. Therefore, though "at one time you were darkness," now "you are light in the Lord" (Eph. 5:8). By our Baptism into Christ, we live in the eternal day of His resurrection, wherein He shines upon us. As often as we fall back into the darkness of sin, He calls us by the Gospel to "awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead" (Eph. 5:14)

In Loving Memory

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

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

EASTER CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST



Please plan on joining us in the fellowship hall Easter morning at 8am-9am for coffee cakes, muffins, hard boiled Easter eggs, juice with coffee & tea.



Please keep John Patton in your thoughts and prayers as he recovers from surgery at home. His address is 429 Wurlitzer Drive, North Tonawanda, NY 14120.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PRAYER TREE

Our Sunday School ask that you write the name of anyone who is in need of prayers and clip it on the tree branches. Before Sunday School each week they will come to the tree and collect the prayers.

Thank you.



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.



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.



Lenten Worship will be held at 7:00pm on Wednesday's March, 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 3/8/2026	72	
Attendance 3/11/2026	25	
Offering for 3/8/2026	\$2,659.00	
Offering for 3/11/2026	\$366.00	
Week Ending 3/14/2026		YTD
Budget	\$4,167.00	\$41,670.00
Received	<u>\$3,025.00</u>	<u>\$40,382.00</u>
	-\$1,142.00	-\$1,288.00
Capital Improvements YTD	\$0	

MEETINGS & EVENTS AT ST. MATTHEW MARCH 15, 2026

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

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

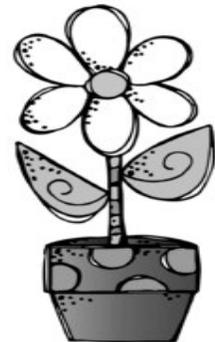
Thurs: 10:30am-Bible Study

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

**YOUR MIND IS A
GARDEN. YOUR
THOUGHTS ARE
THE SEEDS.
YOU CAN GROW
FLOWERS OR
YOU CAN GROW
WEEDS.**



SERVING IN THE LORD'S HOUSE TODAY

Elders: Pete Jaenecke, Bill Olczak
Vestrymen: Art Marshall, Paul Schultz
Ushers: Jeff Binkley, Keith Schumacher
Greeters: Toni D, Linda P
Organist: Tom Goodrich
Offering Counters: Team 4
Video Team: Bill Bundy
SARB: Mary S*, Sheryl E
Altar Committee: Mary S*, Sheryl E