

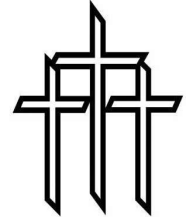
FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 22, 2026

ORDER OF WORSHIP



Hymns: TLH 140 vs.1-3, see insert,
140 vs.3-6,674
First Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14
Epistle: Romans 8:1-11
Holy Gospel: John 11:1-45



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.

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Praying Through God's Word

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:

Jesus Christ Is the Resurrection and the Life

The illness and death of Lazarus happened "that the Son of God may be glorified through it" (John 11:4). Jesus' miracle of raising Lazarus prompted His arrest and crucifixion, whereby He would die "for the nation" and gather "into one the children of God who are scattered abroad" (John 11:51-52). As He called Lazarus from the tomb and commanded others to "unbind him, and let him go" (John 11:44), Jesus also calls us and releases us from the bondage of sin and death. We would not "submit to God's law," nor could we "please God" (Rom. 8:7-8), but "he condemned sin" in His own flesh so "that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us" (Rom. 8:3-4). Now through the Gospel, "the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells" in us (Rom. 8:11). His Word breathes His Spirit into our mortal flesh, animating us with His own life. As His ministers preach according to His divine command, the Lord Jesus calls us from the grave into the good land that He gives us (Ezek. 37:12, 14).



The flowers on the altar in in celebration of March birthdays from Ladies Guild.



We will have palms available next Sunday in the narthex.

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.



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.

Lent



Lenten Worship will be held at 7:00pm on Wednesday, March 25th

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

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN APRIL

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

April 9th-10:30am-Bible Study

6:30pm-Elders Meeting

April 10th-10:00am-Ladies Guild Meeting

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.

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.

TODAY

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 3/15/2026		73
Attendance 3/18/2026		32
Offering for 3/15/2026		\$2,849.00
Offering for 3/18/2026		\$325.00
Week Ending 3/21/2026		YTD
Budget	\$4,167.00	\$45,837.00
Received	<u>\$3,174.00</u>	<u>\$43,553.00</u>
	-\$993.00	-\$2,281.00
Capital Improvements YTD		\$0

**MEETINGS & EVENTS AT ST. MATTHEW
MARCH 15, 2026**

Sun: 9:15am-Worship Service
10:30am- Bible Study
10:30am-SARB
10:30am-Sunday School
6:00pm-YCC

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

*The
Season
of
Lent*



“Lent is not something we do for God-Lent is something we do with God.”

SERVING IN THE LORD'S HOUSE TODAY

Elders: Dan Wolf, Joe Durick
Vestrymen: Joe Siegmann
Ushers: Chris Reischel, Jeff Reischel, Dave Urtel
Greeters: Joe Durick
Organist: Tom Goodrich
Offering Counters: Team 5
Video Team: Joe Durick
SARB: Debbie H*, Sandy P