

PALM SUNDAY / SUNDAY OF THE PASSION

MARCH 29, 2026

ORDER OF WORSHIP



Hymns: LSB 442,441,443
Processional: Matthew 21:1-11
First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a
Epistle: Philippians 2:5-11
Holy Gospel: Matthew 26:1-27



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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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
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:

Now Is the Hour When the Son of Man Is Glorified

"Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming." He comes in gentle humility, "sitting on a donkey's colt," yet also as the King of Israel "in the name of the Lord" (John 12:13, 15). His royal glory is faithful obedience and self-sacrificing service "to the point of death, even death on a cross" (Phil. 2:8). The love of God is manifested in the cross and Passion of His Son for the salvation of sinners. Since He has borne our sins and suffered our death, "God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name" (Phil. 2:9), and He exalts us in His resurrection. Our Lord did not hide His face "from disgrace and spitting" (Is. 50:6), but He trusted His God and Father, who raised Him from death and the grave and exalted Him to His right hand. This same King Jesus now comes to us in gentle humility in His Supper, where He feeds us with His body and cleanses and covers us with His blood, so that "after his resurrection" we also shall rise and enter the holy city (Matt. 27:52-53).



The flowers on the altar are in loving memory of Paul Durick's 90th birthday on March 28th with love from family.



After Easter Worship service next Sunday please remember to take your flowers from the altar. Thank you for your support.

The latest copy of Portals of Prayer are on the bulletin table.




HOLY WEEK

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

EASTER CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

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

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN APRIL

April 9th-10:30am-Bible Study

6:30pm-Elders Meeting

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

April 12th-11:30am-Farewell "POT LUCK" Luncheon for Pastor Jorg & Family

April 14th-6:30pm-Church Council Meeting

10:00am-Bible Brunch

April 18-St. Catharines Day

April 26th-Pancake, Casserole Breakfast



Please remember to send in your articles for the May/June Communicator by April 15th. 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 APRIL

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

April 12th-Hawaiian Night



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 3/22/2026		74
Attendance 3/25/2026		21
Offering for 3/22/2026	\$2,287.00	
Offering for 3/25/2026	\$0.00	
Week Ending 3/28/2026		YTD
Budget	\$4,167.00	\$50,004.00
Received	<u>\$2,287.00</u>	<u>\$45,841.00</u>
	-\$1,882.00	-\$4,163.00
Capital Improvements YTD		\$0

**MEETINGS & EVENTS AT ST. MATTHEW
MARCH 29, 2026**

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

Thurs: 10:30am-No Bible Study this week
7:00pm-Maundy Thursday Service with Communion

Fri: 6:00pm-Choir Rehearsal
7:00pm-Good Friday Service

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



PALM SUNDAY

They took palms and went out to meet him, shouting "Hosanna!"

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord."

SERVING IN THE LORD'S HOUSE TODAY

Elders: Craig Heigl, Rob Pidanick
Vestrymen: Bill Bundy
Ushers: Tank Jorg, Tim Jorg, Dave Urtel
Greeters: Debbie Kenney
Organist: Tom Goodrich
Offering Counters: Team 6
Video Team: Tank Jorg
SARB: Rachel B*, Lisa E