

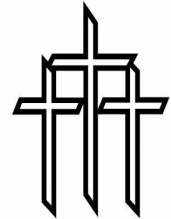
# SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 12, 2026

ORDER OF WORSHIP



Hymns: LSB 465,490,478  
Choir: "Here I Am Lord"  
First Reading: Acts 5:29-42  
Epistle: 1 Peter 1:3-9  
Holy Gospel: John 20:19-31



**PASTOR KEATING WILL LEAD US IN WORSHIP SERVICE  
NEXT SUNDAY AT 9:00AM**

## 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.

## Important Notice

**Pastor David Keating of St Mark Lutheran Church in North Tonawanda** will be 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: 631-974-4034  
email: [pastor@stmarknt.org](mailto:pastor@stmarknt.org)

**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 .

## PRAYER REQUESTS

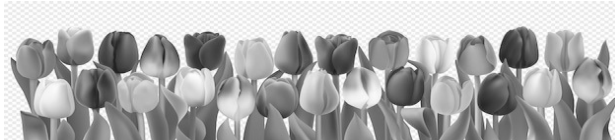


Joan Baroudi	Kelly Benedict
Christiana Brenon	Bob Burton
Patricia Cake	Jim Connell
Bill Doebler	Toni Durick
Doug Ellman	Tom Essenburg
Ellie Grichen	Casey Gordon
Gloria Haeseler	Karl Haeussler
Marilyn Heigl	Sue & Ned Holmes
Hanna Koepsell	Nancy Lake
Sharon Lemke	Florence Lindaman
Doris Matheis	Michele 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:

### Christ Jesus Breathes His Spirit and His Life into Us by the Ministry of the Gospel

The crucified and risen Lord Jesus establishes the ministry of the Gospel in order to bestow His life-giving Holy Spirit and His peace upon the Church. To those who are called and ordained to this office, and to those they serve in His name, He grants the Holy Absolution of all sins. By the fruits of His cross, He replaces fear and doubt with peace and joy, and thus gives "repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins" (Acts 5:31). Through the preaching of His sent ones, He calls us to believe that He "is the Christ, the Son of God," so that by such faith we "may have life in his name" (John 20:31). In His resurrection, we have the "living hope" to which we have been "born again" and by which we are guarded "for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time" (1 Peter 1:3, 5). Until then, "though you have not seen him, you love him," and by the mercies of God "you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory" (1 Peter 1:8)



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



Please join us in the lower fellowship hall **TODAY** after Pastor Jorg's last worship service with us. We will have appetizers before serving dishes that will be provided by the congregation. \*Dishes can be brought down before church to the kitchen to be kept warm or chilled\*

## dates to Remember

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

10:00am-Bible Brunch

**April 18**-St. Catharines Day



**April 26th**-Pancake, Casserole Breakfast after service



Please remember to send in your articles for the May/June Communicator by **THIS** Wednesday April 15th. Thank you.



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.

### SAVE THE DATE

#### Lutheran Laymen's League - 2026 Men's Retreat

May 29, 30, & 31 (Friday - Sunday).

Theme: "Discipleship in the Lion's Den". Speaker: Dr. Gregory P. Seltz, PhD. Pastor Seltz is a former Lutheran Hour speaker and current director of the Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty. Registration sheets are on the bulletin table or see Bill Bundy for more information.



**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	4/5/2026	128
Offering for 4/5/2026		\$6,587.00
Week Ending	4/11/2026	YTD
Budget	\$4,167.00	\$58,338.00
Received	<u>\$6,587.00</u>	<u>\$58,318.00</u>
	\$2,420.00	-\$20.00
Capital Improvements YTD		\$0

**MEETINGS & EVENTS AT ST. MATTHEW  
APRIL 12, 2026**

- Sun: 9:30am-Worship Service
- Tues: 10:00am-Bible Brunch  
6:30pm-Church Council 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

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Thomas, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him,

"We have seen the Lord".

But he said to them,  
"Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nail marks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

John 20:24-25

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

- Elders: Dan Wolf, Joe Durick
- Vestrymen: Joe Siegmann
- Ushers: Chris Reichel, Jeff Reichel,  
Dave Wendt
- Greeters: Carol Wilczak
- Organist: Tom Goodrich
- Offering Counters: Team 3
- Video Team: Hunter Knoell
- NO SARB: