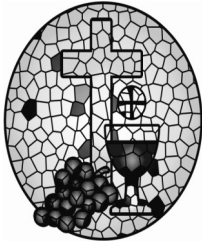


THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 19, 2026

ORDER OF WORSHIP



Hymns: TLH 657,207,352,644
First Reading: Acts 2:14a,36-41
Epistle: 1 Peter 1:17-25
Holy Gospel: Luke 24:13-35



Please remember to 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.

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

QUESTIONS ABOUT WORSHIP, BAPTISM OR COMMUNION? Please see the Pastor or the Elder on duty.

There will be one Worship Service at 9:00A.M.. **Holy Communion will be celebrated the 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month.** 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
Linda Davidson	Bill Doebler
Toni Durick	Doug Ellman
Tom Essenburg	Jack & 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:

The Risen Lord Jesus Is with Us in Holy Baptism and in 'the Breaking of the Bread'

From "before the foundation of the world" until heaven and earth pass away, "the word of the Lord remains forever" (1 Peter 1:20, 25). This "living and abiding word of God" is the preaching of Christ Jesus, namely that God "raised him from the dead and gave him glory" (1 Peter 1:21, 23). By this living word, we "have been born again" to eternal life (1 Peter 1:23) and ransomed from our sinful and mortal life "with the precious blood of Christ" (1 Peter 1:18-19). This living word also calls us to repentance, to dying and rising in Holy Baptism "in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins" (Acts 2:38). In this, we receive the Holy Spirit "for you and for your children and for all who are far off" (Acts 2:39). Through the preaching of His cross and resurrection, Jesus draws near to bring us "into his glory" (Luke 24:26). As He opens the Scriptures, He opens our minds to comprehend "the things concerning himself" (Luke 24:27), and He brings us to know Him "in the breaking of the bread" (Luke 24:35).



The flowers on the altar are in honor of granddaughter Novee Baucher birthday from Mike & Terry Lance.

In Loving Memory

A memorial was given to St. Matthew Lutheran Church in remembrance of our friend Gary Majewski, who went to his heavenly home two years ago on April 25th.
In Christ Laura Saalmann.

JOIN US NEXT SUNDAY



April 26th-Pancake, Casserole Breakfast after service



Dear beloved friends,

We would like to express our thanks for the time, effort and love that you shared with us Sunday. You gave us such a beautiful send off! We have been so privileged to share faith in God with you over the past 6 1/2 years and we will be praying for you for the remainder of our years. You are in our hearts and we will miss you.

With so much love in Christ,
Pastor and the Jorgs

Here is our address:

341 Greenwood St.

Hop Bottom, PA, 18824

This is the parsonage at Grace Lutheran Church.

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.

MEN'S RETREAT



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.

Watch for updates in the next Communicator.



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	4/12/2026	88
Offering for	4/12/2026	\$2,990.00
Week Ending	4/18/2026	YTD
Budget	\$4,167.00	\$62,505.00
Received	<u>\$2,990.00</u>	<u>\$61,308.00</u>
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Capital Improvements	YTD	\$0

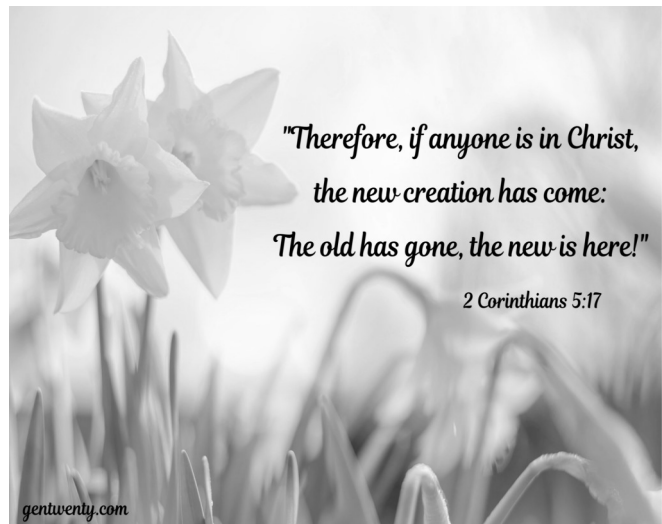
**MEETINGS & EVENTS AT ST. MATTHEW
APRIL 19, 2026**

Sun: 9:00am-Worship Service
w/ Holy Communion

Sat: 9:00am-Vine & Branches

NEXT WEEK'S OFFICE HOURS

Mon: 9:00am-11:00pm
Tue: Off
Wed: Off
Thurs: 9:00am-12:00pm
Fri: 9:00am-11:00pm
Sat: Off



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

Elders: Craig Heigl, Rob Pidanick
Vestrymen: Bill Bundy
Ushers: Dave Urtel, Tank Jorg, Tim Jorg
Greeters: M/M Siggie Barke
Organist: Tom Goodrich
Offering Counters: Team 4
Video: Team: Tank Jorg
SARB: Carol W * Sharon E