

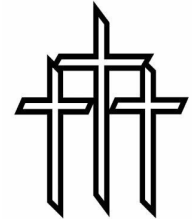
# FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 26, 2026

## ORDER OF WORSHIP



Hymns: LSB 463,710,722  
Choir Hymn: "My Savior"  
First Reading: Acts 2:42-47  
Epistle: 1 Peter 2:19-25  
Holy Gospel: John 10:1-10



Sermon for today is "The Good Shepherd"

### 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 Crucified and Risen Lord Jesus Christ Is Our Good Shepherd

Although we "were straying like sheep," the Lord Jesus Christ has willingly suffered and died for us, bearing our sins "in his body on the tree" (1 Peter 2:24-25). We are healed by His wounds (1 Peter 2:24), and in His resurrection He gathers us to Himself as our Good Shepherd, by whose righteousness we "have life and have it abundantly" (John 10:10). Now through other shepherds whom He calls and sends in His name, He guards and keeps us in the green pastures of His Church, leading us beside the quiet waters of our Baptism and spreading the feast of His table before us. Since He has called us by the Gospel to be His own dear sheep, we also "hear his voice" and "know his voice" (John 10:3-4) in the faithful preaching of His Gospel, and we follow Him by faith. When we receive His Gospel, we have the abundant life and common unity of the entire flock under one Good Shepherd, in "the apostles' teaching and the fellowship" and in "the breaking of bread and the prayers" (Acts 2:42).

### JOIN US AFTER THE SERVICE TODAY



for the Pancake,  
Casserole Breakfast



*In loving memory*

The flowers on the altar are in memory of Paul Durick who passed away 7 years ago on April 28th, with love his family.

A memorial was given in memory of Gary Majewski, in "Christmas Joy Forever" 2 years ago, on April 25th to the Maintenance Fund to be used toward lawn rolling.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH?

Pastor David Keating will not be with us next Sunday, May 3, 2026, due to a prior commitment at St. Mark. In his absence, Rob Pidanick will lead the service.

Rob will continue our ongoing message series, "7 Steps to a Joy-Filled, Blessed Life," focusing on the third step: "Have a Positive Attitude."

**Holy Communion will be celebrated the following Sunday, May 10.**

### 7 Steps to a Joy-Filled, Blessed Life:

Make God Part of Your Everyday Life

Be Good to People

### Have a Positive Attitude

Stay in Peace

Focus on God's Promises, Not Your Problems

Have a Spirit of Abundance

Live with Confidence

The last day of **Sunday School** will be next Sunday. We will resume in the fall.

**Vine and Branches** will meet each Saturday from 9am-1pm.

May 7th-**Elders Meeting**

May 12th-**Church Council Meeting**



**The May/June Communicator is available on the bulletin table in the narthex.**

### 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. **The registration deadline is Friday, May 15th.**



We are now taking donations for the church food pantry. We are in need of soup, cereal and canned beans. Please put them in the basket in the narthex. Thank you again for your generosity.



**THE NORTH TONAWANDA FOOD PANTRY** is in need of personal care items: shampoo, toothbrushes/paste, razors, feminine care, deodorant, toilet paper. **Please put the items in the blue bin in the Quilting Room.** Thank you for your generosity.



### ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS YTD

Attendance	4/19/2026	80
Offering for 4/19/2026		\$3,427.00
Week Ending	4/25/2026	YTD
Budget	\$4,167.00	\$66,672.00
Received	<u>\$3,427.00</u>	<u>\$64,729.00</u>
	-\$746.00	-\$1,943.00
Capital Improvements YTD		\$0

### MEETINGS & EVENTS AT ST. MATTHEW APRIL 26, 2026

- Sun: 9:00am-Worship Service
- Wed: 5:45pm Choir rehearsal
- 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



### SERVING IN THE LORD'S HOUSE TODAY

- Elders: Siggie Barke & John Patton
- Vestrymen: Tom Hromowyk
- Ushers: Justen Hromowyk, Mark Lemke
- Greeters: Open
- Organist: Tom Goodrich
- Offering Counters: Team 5
- Video: Team: John Patton
- NO SARB TODAY