

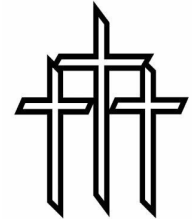
# FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 3, 2026

## ORDER OF WORSHIP



Hymns: TLH 15, see insert, 50  
First Reading: Acts 6:1-9:7:2A,51-60  
Epistle: 1 Peter 2:2-10  
Holy Gospel: John 14:1-14



Thank you Rob Pidanick for leading us in Worship today

### 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.

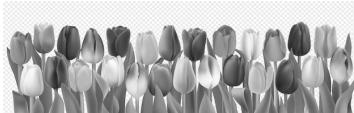
There will be one Worship Service at 9:00A.M.. **Holy Communion will be celebrated the 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month.** Please announce your intention to commune by signing the sheet in the narthex. If you would like to receive communion in your pew please check the box after your name on the announcement sheet.

Joan Baroudi	Kelly Benedict
Christiana Brenon	Bob Burton
Patricia Cake	Jim Connell
Linda Davidson	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:

### The Lord Jesus Christ Is the Way, the Truth and the Life

The risen Lord Jesus alone is "the way, and the truth, and the life," and we come "to the Father" only through Him (John 14:6). God is thus "glorified in the Son," and those who believe in Him will do the works of Christ because He goes to the Father for us (John 14:12-14). Stephen, "a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 6:5) and "doing great wonders and signs among the people" (Acts 6:8), did the works of Christ. When he was falsely accused and put to death, he "gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God" (Acts 7:55). Fixing his hope there, he commended his spirit to the Lord Jesus and prayed for his murderers. In the same way, all the baptized are called to follow the example of Christ Jesus by faith. Though He was "rejected by men" in the sight of God, He is "chosen and precious" (1 Peter 2:4). He is the chief cornerstone of the Father's "spiritual house," and we are built upon Him as "living stones" (1 Peter 2:5).



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



A donation was given to St. Matthew Lutheran Church in appreciation of our on line Worship Service from Kenneth Goodman.



Holy Communion will be celebrated next Sunday, May 10th and Sunday May, 17th at our 9:00am service.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH?

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

### May 7th-Elders Meeting



**May 12th-Bible Brunch**  
Please join us at 10:00am for a morning of fellowship and sharing of God's word. The dessert will be provided by Linda Robinson.

### May 12th-6:30pm-Church Council Meeting



I wanted to let everyone know I will be out of town from Thursday, May 14th-17th. I ask that you send in any articles or inserts for the bulletin before Tuesday the 12th. Thank you. Michele

### MEN'S RETREAT



### THE TIME TO REGISTER IS NOW FOR 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	4/26/2026	79
Offering for 4/26/2026		\$2,895.00
Week Ending	5/02/2026	YTD
Budget	\$4,167.00	\$70,839.00
Received	<u>\$2,895.00</u>	<u>\$67,624.00</u>
	-\$1,275.00	-\$3,215.00
Capital Improvements YTD		\$0

### MEETINGS & EVENTS AT ST. MATTHEW MAY 3, 2026

- Sun: 9:00am-Worship Service
- Wed: 5:45pm Choir rehearsal
- Thurs: 6:30pm-Elders 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

As much as you want  
to plan your life, it has  
a way of surprising you  
with unexpected  
things that will make you  
happier than you  
originally planned.

That's what you call  
**GOD'S WILL.**

### SERVING IN THE LORD'S HOUSE TODAY

- Elders: Pete Jaenecke, Bill Olczak
- Vestrymen: Art Marshall, Paul Schultz
- Ushers: Jeff Binkley, Keith Schumacher
- Greeters: M/M Patton
- Organist: Tom Goodrich
- Offering Counters: Team 6
- Video: Team: Bill Bundy
- SARB: Linda R\*, Sandy M