

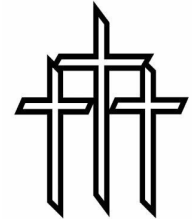
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 10, 2026

ORDER OF WORSHIP



Hymns: TLH 36,652,700,649
Choir will sing: "Press On" see insert
First Reading: Acts 17:16-31
Epistle: 1 Peter 3:13-22
Holy Gospel: John 14:15-21



Please sign the Communion sheet in the narthex. Thank You

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 Comforts Us with the Preaching of His Resurrection

"The God who ... gives to all mankind life and breath and everything" (Acts 17:24-25) wants all people to seek Him that they might "feel their way toward him and find him" (Acts 17:27). But in our sinful ignorance, we humans turn instead to idols "formed by the art and imagination of man" (Acts 17:29). Therefore, God appointed the Man of Righteousness, Jesus Christ, and "has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead" (Acts 17:31). Because He lives, we also live (John 14:19) in His forgiveness, and thus we love Him and keep His commandments (John 14:15). While the risen Lord prepares us for His ascension, He will not leave us "as orphans" (John 14:18), but He gives "another Helper," the Holy Spirit, to be with us forever (John 14:16) through the preaching of "Jesus and the resurrection" (Acts 17:18). Because He "suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous" (1 Peter 3:18), we "honor Christ the Lord as holy" and are always "prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks" for the reason for our hope (1 Peter 3:15). Our Baptism "now saves" us "as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ" (1 Peter 3:21).



Congratulations to Pastor Keating and Mikayla on the birth of their baby girl Elizabeth Esther born May 6, 2026. God's Blessings to all. Thank you for all the prayers and support.



The flowers on the altar are in celebration of Tank Jorg's 20th birthday on May 11th. With love, from the Jorg family. Please return the vases to the church. Thank you

This Week



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



Voters Meeting

Please plan on attending the Voters Meeting next Sunday, May 17th following the Worship Service

Friendly Reminders

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



Our Annual Church Picnic will be held on Sunday, June 14th in the pavilion. The time is still to be determined. We will be looking for volunteers to set up and clean up after the picnic.

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 this 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	5/03/2026	85
Offering for 5/03/2026		\$8,811.00
Week Ending	5/02/2026	YTD
Budget	\$4,167.00	\$75,006.00
Received	<u>\$8,911.00</u>	<u>\$76,535.00</u>
	\$4,744.00	\$1,529.00
Capital Improvements YTD		\$0

**MEETINGS & EVENTS AT ST. MATTHEW
MAY 10, 2026**

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

Tues: 10:00am-Bible Brunch
6:30pm-Church Council

Sat: 9:00am-Vine & Branches

NEXT WEEK'S OFFICE HOURS

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



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

Elders: Dan Wolf, Joe Durick
Vestrymen: Joe Siegmann
Ushers: Chris Reischel, Jeff Reischel,
Dave Wendt
Greeters: Linda Robinson
Organist: Tom Goodrich
Offering Counters: Team 3
Video: Team: Hunter Knoell
NO SARB TILL FALL
Altar Committee: Sharon E*, Linda R, Paula B