

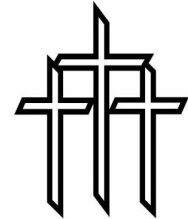
THE ASCENON OF OUR LORD

MAY 17, 2026

ORDER OF WORSHIP



Hymns: LSB 915,492,637,918
First Reading: Acts 1:1-11
Epistle: Ephesians 1:15-23
Holy Gospel: Luke 24:44-53



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 Ascended Lord Jesus Is with Us Always in His Church on Earth

After He rose from the dead, the Lord Jesus presented Himself alive to the apostles, "appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God" (Acts 1:3). When He ascended to the right hand of the Father, He did not orphan His Church, but He fills all things in heaven and on earth and gives gifts to His disciples. Even now, through His Church, He continues "to do and teach" (Acts 1:1), preaching "repentance for the forgiveness of sins" (Luke 24:47) even "to the end of the earth" (Acts 1:8). Though the cloud hid Jesus from the sight of His disciples then, and He remains hidden from sight even now, He remains with His people through His Gospel and Sacraments. He comes to us by the Word of His apostles, by the promise of His Father and by the power of the Holy Spirit, whom He pours out upon "the church, which is his body" (Eph. 1:22-23). In this holy Christian Church, we bless God and worship Christ with joy, for in His Church He blesses us with forgiveness, lifts us up in His hands and seats us with Himself "in the heavenly places" (Eph. 1:20).



Voters Meeting

**Please plan on attending the
Voters Meeting TODAY
following the Worship Service.**



The flowers on the altar are in honor of Karen Boucher's birthday from Mike and Terry Lance. Please return the vases to the church. Thank you



**Mark
Your Calendar!**

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.



Please be aware that the carpets in the narthex, and offices were cleaned last week. Please be mindful of having food or beverages in these areas. Thank you for your attention to this matter.



Thursday, June 4th-6:30pm-Elders Meeting

Saturday, June 6th-9:00am-Vine & Branches

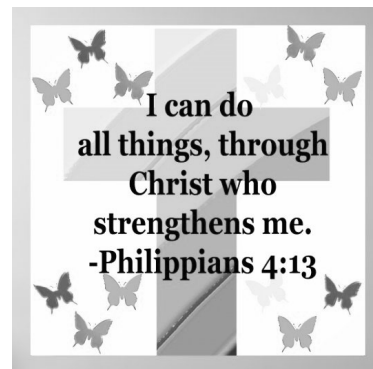
10:00am-Pavilion Cleaning

Tuesday, June 9th-12:00pm-Bible Brunch Picnic

6:30pm Church Council Meeting

Friday, June 12th-2:00pm-Ladies Guild Meeting

Friday, June 19th-9:00am-Ladies Guild Retreat





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	5/10/2026	89
Offering for 5/10/2026		\$2,693.00
Week Ending	5/16/2026	YTD
Budget	\$4,167.00	\$79,173.00
Received	<u>\$2,693.00</u>	<u>\$79,228.00</u>
	-\$1,474.00	\$ 55.00
Capital Improvements YTD		\$0

MEETINGS & EVENTS AT ST. MATTHEW MAY 17, 2026

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

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-11:00am
Sat: Off

We may think we are nurturing our garden, but of course it's our garden that is really nurturing us.



SERVING IN THE LORD'S HOUSE TODAY

Elders: Craig Heigl, Rob Pidanick
Vestrymen: Bill Bundy
Ushers: Dave Urtel, Tank Jorg, Tim Jorg
Greeters: Toni Durick, Linda Pascucci
Organist: Tom Goodrich
Offering Counters: Team 2
Video: Team: Tank Jorg
NO SARB TILL FALL
Altar Committee: Sharon E*, Linda R, Paula B