

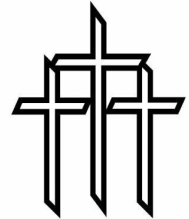
FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 28, 2026

ORDER OF WORSHIP



Hymns: TLH 390,436,673
First Reading: Jeremiah 28:5-9
Epistle: Romans 7:1-13
Holy Gospel: Matthew 10:34-42



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



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| 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 | Rob Pidanick |
| Jason Painter | Renee Patton |
| Danielle Rance | Scott 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 Brings Division on Earth for the Sake of Peace with God in Heaven

False prophets preach what their hearers want to hear, promising peace even when the Lord has spoken "war, famine, and pestilence" (Jer. 28:8). But if "the LORD has truly sent the prophet," he speaks what the Lord has spoken, and "the word of that prophet comes to pass" (Jer. 28:9). The preaching of God's Law is hard, because it confronts sin, brings it to light and makes it worse, "sinful beyond measure," thereby "producing death" in the sinner (Rom. 7:13). But through our Baptism into Christ, "we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive" (Rom. 7:6). Now we belong "to him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God" (Rom. 7:4). Belonging to Him puts us at odds with the world and divides us from all earthly ties, not only from our human family, but each person from his own life. For Christ does not come "to bring peace, but a sword" (Matt. 10:34). Yet, whoever takes up his cross to follow Christ, and "loses his life" for Christ's sake, finds new life in Him (Matt. 10:38-39).



It is with great sadness, but confident joy that Linda Pascucci was called home to Glory on June 22, 2026. A memorial service was held at St. Matthew Lutheran Church on June 26, 2026.



The flowers on the altar are in memory of Linda Pascucci from friends.

Please return the vases to the church.
Thank you

A gift was given to St. Matthew Lutheran Church from Ladies Guild in memory of Linda Pascucci.



The July/August Communicator and the latest Portal of Prayers are ready for pick up on the bulletin table this morning.

FIREWORK SHOW

this Wednesday July 1st on our athletic field at dusk. It is sponsored by the Buffalo Stallions. All are welcome.



There will be a Elders Meeting this Thursday, July 2, 2026 at 6:30pm.

REMEMBER TO SHARE YOUR SUMMER PHOTOS WITH US!



Please continue to share your photos for the Thanksgiving service. It's never too early to send pictures. Send your pictures to wbundy02@gmail.com. Remember, when sending photos, try to send the original and do not reduce the size. Ask me for help if you are having trouble with this.

PEA GRAVEL (STONES) AVAILABLE

If anyone is interested/could use some pea gravel, please see Miriam. If you have your own buckets to fill, it would be great. Thank you.



We are now taking donations for the church food pantry. We are in need of pancake syrup, BBQ sauce, salad dressings and canned carrots. Please put them in the basket in the narthex. Thank you again for your generosity.



THE NORTH TONAWANDA FOOD PANTRY is in need of pudding and Jello cups, cereal and apple juice. We can always use 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

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| Attendance | 6/21/2026 | 71 |
| Offering for | 6/21/2026 | \$2,496.00 |
| Week Ending | 6/27/2026 | YTD |
| Budget | \$4,167.00 | \$104,175.00 |
| Received | <u>\$2,496.00</u> | <u>\$96,670.00</u> |
| | -\$1,671.00 | -\$7,505.00 |
| Capital Improvements YTD | | \$0 |

MEETINGS & EVENTS AT ST. MATTHEW JUNE 28, 2026

- Sun: 9:00am-Worship Service
- 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-11:00am
- Sat: Off



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 Siggie Barke
- Organist: Tom Goodrich
- Offering Counters: Team 2
- Video: Bill Bundy