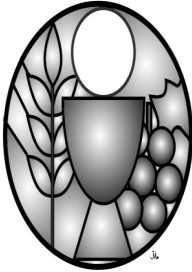


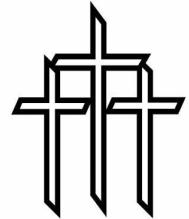
SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 5, 2026

ORDER OF WORSHIP



Hymns: LSB 966,537,651,965
First Reading: Zechariah 9:9-12
Epistle: Romans 7:14-25a
Holy Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30



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	Rob Pidanic
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:

Jesus Christ, Our Savior, Is Our True Peace and Sabbath Rest

Though we have died with Christ in Holy Baptism, and we are raised to new life in Him, we find "another law waging war" in our body and life, that is, between our old Adam and the new man (Rom. 7:23). By the Spirit of Christ, we "desire to do what is right," but we are not able to do so because "nothing good" dwells in our sinful flesh (Rom. 7:18). "Thanks be to God," therefore, "through Jesus Christ our Lord," who delivers us from "this body of death" (Rom. 7:24–25). We rejoice in Him, our gentle King, who comes "righteous and having salvation" (Zech. 9:9). He speaks peace to our embattled hearts, and by His blood of the New Testament He sets us "free from the waterless pit," and He returns us to the stronghold of our Baptism (Zech. 9:10–12). Though we "labor and are heavy laden," He calls us to Himself and gives rest to our souls through His free and full forgiveness (Matt. 11:28), not because we are "wise and understanding," but by the "gracious will" of God the Father, whom "the Son chooses to reveal" in love (Matt. 11:25–27).



The flowers on the altar are in loving memory of Doug Robinson who passed away 33 years ago on July 6th from family.

Please return the vases to the church.
Thank you



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



A gift was given to St. Matthew Lutheran Church from Sue King, Luanne Getter, Anita Behn, and Rose & Alan Heilman in memory of Linda Pascucci.

A memorial was made to Ladies Guild in memory of Linda Pascucci from Doris Matheis.



Pastor Keating will resume Thursday morning Bible Study on September 10th at 10:30AM. Please mark your calendars. Our topic will be "Under His Wings: Ruth and the Redeemer".

We will work through that during the Fall, probably ending that particular topic near Christmas.

SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE NO KID SLEEPS ON THE FLOOR IN OUR TOWN!



Too many children in the Buffalo area lack the basic necessities that so many of us take for granted. That includes something as fundamental as a safe, comfortable bed in which to sleep. Our goal is to change that.

LADIES GUILD has placed a bin in the Narthex for donations of the bedding supplies listed. **TWIN** sheets, mattress pads, blankets, comforters. If you would like to help please, place your donations in the bin. Thank You!

For more information see the complete article in the Communicator in the narthex.





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

Attendance 6/26/2026 67

Offering for 6/26/2026 \$3,487.00

Week Ending 7/1//2026 YTD

Budget	\$4,167.00	\$108,342.00
Received	<u>\$3,487.00</u>	<u>\$100,157.00</u>
	-\$680.00	-\$8,185.00

Capital Improvements YTD \$0

MEETINGS & EVENTS AT ST. MATTHEW JULY 5, 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



**“May we think of freedom, not as the
Right to do as we please, but as the
Opportunity to do what is right.”**

SERVING IN THE LORD'S HOUSE TODAY

Elders:	Dan Wolf, Joe Durick
Vestrymen:	Joe Siegmann
Ushers:	Chris Reischel, Jeff Reischel, Dave Wendt
Greeters:	M/M John Patton
Organist:	Tom Goodrich
Offering Counters:	Team 3
Video:	Hunter Knoell
Altar Committee:	Ellen G*, Carol W, Lisa E