

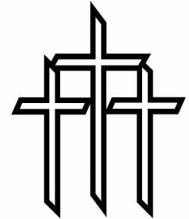
SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 12, 2026

ORDER OF WORSHIP



Hymns: TLH 394,476,54
First Reading: Isaiah 55:10-13
Epistle: Romans 8:12-17
Holy Gospel: Matthew 13:1-9,18-23



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 REQUEST

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:

The Preaching of the Word of Christ Bears the Good Fruits of Faith and Love

As “the rain and the snow come down from heaven” and “water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout” (Is. 55:10), so the Word of God accomplishes the purpose for which He speaks it, granting joy and peace through the forgiveness of sins and producing the fruits of faith and love in those who are called by His name. Christ Jesus, the incarnate Word, has established the name of the Lord as “an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off” (Is. 55:13). He opens our ears to hear, our minds to understand and our hearts to believe His Word, lest the evil one come and snatch it away. He thus transforms our rocky hearts into good soil, which clings to the Gospel and “indeed bears fruit” (Matt. 13:23). He is Himself the firstfruits of all who “have received the Spirit of adoption as sons” (Rom. 8:15). Thus being “led by the Spirit of God,” we are not afraid, but we cry out in faith to our Father in heaven (Rom. 8:14–15). For as we suffer with Christ, the beloved Son, so shall we “also be glorified with him” (Rom. 8:17).



The flowers on the altar are in celebration of Olaf & Gail Stapar's 34th Wedding Anniversary on July 11th

A memorial was made to Weed & Feed in memory of Linda Pascucci from Carol Wilczak.



A memorial was given to Ladies Guild in memory of Linda Pascucci from Earl & Ellen Graf.

**We're Asking
for Your Input!**

If you have not filled out the **Pastoral Expectations** form, please take a minute and fill it out and place it in the offering plate or in the box next to the office.



Mark your calendars for the **Strawberry Social** on Sunday, August 9th. Join us for a summer dessert and fellowship. Time; TBD.

OCC will be putting together the items on their list; toothbrushes, washcloths, combs & brushes, nail clippers, hair accessories, bandages, THIS Sat, July 18th from 10am-1:00pm. See Kim for more information. Thank you.



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 7/5/2026 71

Offering for 7/5/2026 \$3,714.00

Week Ending 7/11/2026 YTD

Budget	\$4,167.00	\$108,342.00
Received	\$3,714.00	\$103,871.00
	-\$453.00	-\$8,638.00

Capital Improvements YTD \$0

MEETINGS & EVENTS AT ST. MATTHEW

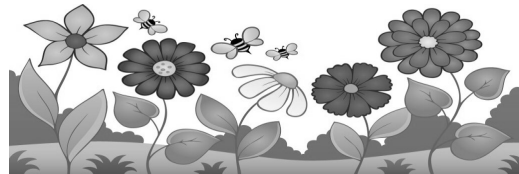
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Sun: 9:00am-Worship Service

Sat 9:00am-Vine & Branches
10:00am-OCC packing

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



July will be filled with love,
July will be filled with joy,
July will be filled with thankfulness,
July will be filled with positivity,
July will be filled with progress
July will be filled with chances,
July will be filled with happiness.

SERVING IN THE LORD'S HOUSE TODAY

Elders:	Craig Heigl, Rob Pidanic
Vestrymen:	Bill Bundy
Ushers:	Dave Urtel, Tank Jorg, Tim Jorg
Greeters:	Linda Robinson
Organist:	Tom Goodrich
Offering Counters:	Team 4
Video:	Tank Jorg