

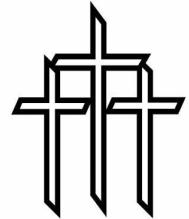
EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 19, 2026

ORDER OF WORSHIP



Hymns: TLH 261,465,307,410
First Reading: Isaiah 44:6-8
Epistle: Romans 8:18-27
Holy Gospel: Matthew 13:24-30,36-43



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 Doeblor
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 Word of the Gospel Bestows the Righteousness of Christ and Brings Forth Faith

The good Seed, which is **“the Son of Man,”** Jesus Himself (Matt. 13:37), brings forth a harvest of faith and bears good fruits in **“the sons of the kingdom”** (Matt. 13:38). Whatever is sown apart from His Word is of the devil, who plants the weeds of unbelief and sin, even among the people of God. Thankfully, the Lord is patient and He does not uproot the weeds, lest the plants also be destroyed. He lets **“both grow together until the harvest”** (Matt. 13:30), while He continues to preach repentance and forgiveness of sins. Thus, He preserves His Church in righteousness, because He alone is **“the King of Israel and his Redeemer”** (Is. 44:6). Since all things are in His gracious care and keeping, **“fear not, nor be afraid”** (Is. 44:8). For **“the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God”** (Rom. 8:19), and in this hope we also wait with patience. Though we do not yet see it, **“the Spirit helps us in our weakness”** (Rom. 8:26) and, in truth, **“the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us”** (Rom. 8:18).

In loving memory

The flowers on the altar are in memory of Freda Skuce birthday on July 20th from Sheryl & Tom Essenburg & family.



A memorial was made to St. Matthew General Fund from the Senior Choir in memory of Linda Pascucci.

A memorial was given to Ladies Guild in memory of Linda Pascucci from Mike & Terry Lance.

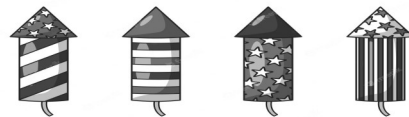
WE NEED
YOUR INPUT

If you have filled out the Pastoral Expectation form, **THANK YOU!** If you have not filled out the **Pastoral Expectations** form, please take a minute and fill it out. It's important for the district and our Elders to know what we are looking for in our next Pastor. Place it in the offering plate or in the box next to the office.



Please keep Pastor Keating and Mikayla in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time of the sudden passing of his father, Raymond J. Keating. Cards maybe sent to Pastor Keating and family at, 57 Washington Street, North Tonawanda, NY 14120.

WE WILL NO LONGER BE COLLECTING BOTTLES AND CANS FOR THE YOUTH GROUP.



St. Mathew Lutheran Church received a donation from Jeff & Shelly Hoerner c/o Buffalo Stallions for the use of our field for our Post Game Fireworks on July 1st.



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

Please join us at St. Marks Church for a **Chiavetta's Chicken BBQ** on Sunday, August 9th from 12pm–2pm. Drive thru only. Pre-sale tickets are \$16 & day of the event \$17. For tickets call St. Marks church office at 716-693-3715 or Kim at 716-867-3187.



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 7/12/2026 67

Offering for 7/12/2026 \$3,041.00

Week Ending 7/18/2026 YTD

Budget	\$4,167.00	\$116,676.00
Received	<u>\$3,041.00</u>	<u>\$106,912.00</u>
	-\$1,126.00	-\$9,764.00

Capital Improvements YTD \$0

MEETINGS & EVENTS AT ST. MATTHEW

JULY 19, 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



SERVING IN THE LORD'S HOUSE TODAY

Elders:	Siggy Barke, John Patton
Vestrymen:	Tom Hromowyk
Ushers:	Justin Hromowyk, Mark Lemke
Greeters:	Toni Durick
Organist:	Tom Goodrich
Offering Counters:	Team 5
Video:	John Patton
Altar Committee:	Ellen G* , Carol W, Lisa E