

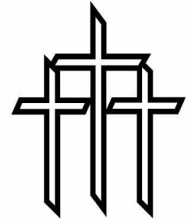
NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 26, 2026

ORDER OF WORSHIP



Hymns: LSB 719,850,919
First Reading: Deuteronomy 7:6-9
Epistle: Romans 8:28-39
Holy Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52



Thank you Pastor Wurster for leading us in worship today

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 Son of God Has Redeemed Us for Himself with His Holy and Precious Blood

The Lord our God has chosen us to be **“his treasured possession,”** not because of any strength in us, but solely **“because the LORD loves”** us (Deut. 7:6–8). He is faithful, and He **“keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments”** (Deut. 7:9). He has searched for us and found us in love, and He has bestowed on us **“great value”** by the great price that He has paid on the cross (Matt. 13:45–46). In His joy, He has redeemed us by His cross and gathered us into His kingdom by the Gospel. Now we are **“hidden in a field,”** covered by the cross and subject to the persecution of the world (Matt. 13:44), not for destruction, but **“to be conformed to the image of his Son”** (Rom. 8:29). Since we **“are called according to his purpose”** (Rom. 8:28), and because Christ Jesus died, rose again and lives to intercede for us **“at the right hand of God”** (Rom. 8:34), there is nothing in all creation that can separate us from **“the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord”** (Rom. 8:39).



A memorial was made to
St. Matthew General Fund from
Dottie Lemke in memory
of Linda Pascucci.

The flowers on the altar are in celebration
of July birthdays from Ladies Guild.



It is not too early to start
working on your articles for the
Sept/October Communicator.
Please have your article into the
office no later than August 15th.
Thank you.

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



Join us in celebration of
Jack Grichen's
90th birthday on August 5th.
Cards maybe sent
to 42 Crestwood Court,
Niagara Falls, NY 14304.



Join us on Sunday, August 9th after service for our
Annual Strawberry Social. We will enjoy hotdogs
and hamburgers along with assorted strawberry
desserts. There is a sign up sheet on the way out
of church for donations. We will set up in the
pavilion on Saturday the 8th at 10am. You can
drop off your donations on Sunday, August 2nd or
on Saturday the 8th. Thank you.



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.

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. **NEW
TWIN** sheets, mattress pads, blankets, comforters.
If you would like to help please, place your dona-
tions 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 7/19/2026 81

Offering for 7/19/2026 \$3,224.00

Week Ending 7/25/2026 YTD

Budget	\$4,167.00	\$120,843.00
Received	\$3,224.00	\$110,136.00
	-\$943.00	-\$10,707.00

Capital Improvements YTD \$0

MEETINGS & EVENTS AT ST. MATTHEW

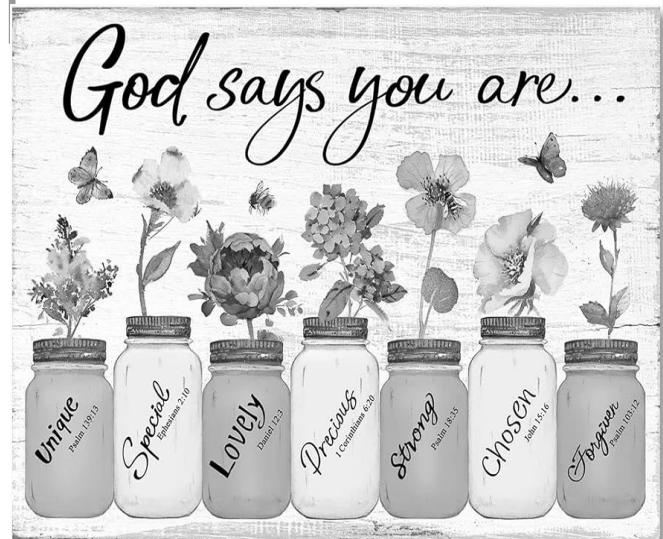
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Sun: 9:00am-Worship Service

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:	Joe Durick
Organist:	Tom Goodrich
Offering Counters:	Team 6
Video:	Bill Bundy