

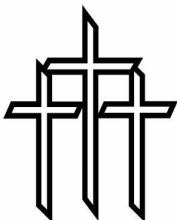
TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 2, 2026

ORDER OF WORSHIP



Hymns: TLH 541,370,700,52
First Reading: Isaiah 55:1-5
Epistle: Romans 9:1-5 (6-13)
Holy Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21



Please sign the sheet if you are taking Communion 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.

Lord please hear my prayer

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:

**Christ Jesus, the Living Bread from Heaven,
Feeds the Children of God**

By the Gospel of **“the Christ, who is God over all, blessed forever”** (Rom. 9:5), we are **“the children of God”** (Rom. 9:8), **“not because of works but because of him who calls”** (Rom. 9:11). Therefore, **“listen diligently”** and **“hear, that your soul may live.”** By His sacrificial death in His flesh and blood, He has made **“an everlasting covenant”** for us. Since He now calls us to Himself, we come to Him **“and eat what is good, and delight ... in rich food”** (Is. 55:2–3). He has come with divine compassion to save us from sin and death and to feed us with Himself. As our Lord Jesus once took bread, **“said a blessing,”** broke the loaves, **“and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds”** (Matt. 14:18–19), He also now takes bread, blesses it by His Word to be His very body, and distributes it to His Church by the hand of His called and ordained servants. Just as **“they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces,”** there is more than enough for His whole Church to eat and to be satisfied (Matt. 14:20).



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



We will gladly keep names on our prayer list as long as needed. But, if you have updates or removals please contact the office at 716-692-6862. Thank you.



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.



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

Please keep Mike Lance in your prayers as he recovers from ankle surgery. Cards may be sent to 41 Cedar Street, North Tonawanda, NY 14120.



Join us **NEXT 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.



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.

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



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 you 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 7/26/2026 65

Offering for 7/26/2026 \$1,707.00

Week Ending 8/1/2026 YTD

Budget	\$4,167.00	\$125,010.00
Received	<u>\$1,707.00</u>	<u>\$111,843.00</u>
	-\$2,460.00	-\$13,167.00

Capital Improvements YTD \$0

MEETINGS & EVENTS AT ST. MATTHEW

AUGUST 2, 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

TRUST *Lord*
in the *Lord*
with all your heart
Own do not depend on your
understanding
SEEK his will
in all you do and he will
direct your paths
Proverbs 3:5

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 Stapar
Organist:	Tom Goodrich
Offering Counters:	Team 1
Video:	Hunter Knoell
Altar Committee:	Dottie L*, Toni D