

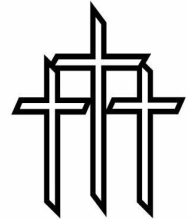
# ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 9, 2026

## ORDER OF WORSHIP



Hymns: TLH 552 (vs 1-4), 552 (vs 5-8), 660  
First Reading: Job 38:4-18  
Epistle: Romans 10:5-17  
Holy Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33



### 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](mailto: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.



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|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Joan Baroudi             | Kelly Benedict     |
| Christiana Brenon        | Bob Burton         |
| Patricia Cake            | Jim Connell        |
| Linda Davidson           | Bill Doeblar       |
| Toni Durick              | Doug Ellman        |
| Tom Essenburg            | Ellie Grichen      |
| Casey Gordon             | Gloria Haeseler    |
| Karl Haeussler           | Marilyn Heigl      |
| Sue & Ned Holmes         | Hanna Koepsell     |
| Nancy Lake               | Mike & Terry Lance |
| Sharon Lemke             | Florence Lindaman  |
| Doris Matheis            | Michele Menkiena   |
| Phil Moldenhauer         | Cathy Ormond       |
| Rob Pidanick             | 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 the Crucified Comes to Save Us by the Word of Faith

The Lord who **"laid the foundation of the earth"** (Job 38:4) is the Author and Giver of life who governs all things by His Word. His wisdom and power are beyond our understanding, except as He reveals Himself in the incarnate Word, Christ Jesus. He has **"entered into the springs of the sea"** and **"walked in the recesses of the deep"** (Job 38:16), and He draws near to us in mercy. We have been **"a long way from the land, beaten by the waves"** and tossed about by hostile winds (Matt. 14:24). In our mortality and sinful unbelief, we do not always recognize the Lord Jesus. But as we cry out in fear, He speaks tenderly to us, **"Do not be afraid,"** and He reaches out His hand to save us (Matt. 14:27, 31). **"Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved"** (Rom. 10:13), and now we call upon Him in faith, because we have heard **"through the word of Christ"** (Rom. 10:17). **"The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart"** (Rom. 10:8).



Join us **TODAY** after service for our **Annual Strawberry Social**. We will enjoy hotdogs and hamburgers along with assorted strawberry desserts.

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

The flowers on the altar are in celebration of Tim Jorgs 22nd birthday with love from his family.



Please have your article for the September/October Communicator into the office no later than August 15th. Thank you.



A donation was made to St. Matthew Lutheran Church General Fund from Christian Roland.

A gift was given to St. Matthew Lutheran Church in celebration of William Doeblers 89th birthday on August 3rd from his daughter, Pamela Smith.



The Ladies Guild would like to Thank everyone for the generous donations to the **Sleep In Heavenly Peace** project. Your kindness will give a child a warm bed.



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.

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.



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 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 8/2/2026 57

Offering for 8/2/2026 \$3,910.00

Week Ending 8/8/2026 YTD

|          |                   |                     |
|----------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Budget   | \$4,167.00        | \$129,177.00        |
| Received | <u>\$3,910.00</u> | <u>\$115,753.00</u> |
|          | -\$257.00         | -\$13,424.00        |

Capital Improvements YTD \$0

#### MEETINGS & EVENTS AT ST. MATTHEW

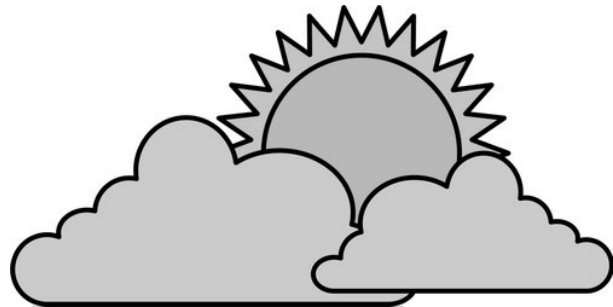
**AUGUST 9, 2026**

Sun: 9:00am-Worship Service  
Strawberry Social to follow 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            |



Again Jesus spoke to them, saying,  
"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows  
me will not walk in darkness,  
but will have the light of life."  
John 8:12

#### SERVING IN THE LORD'S HOUSE TODAY

|                    |                                 |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| Elders:            | Craig Heigl, Rob Pidanick       |
| Vestrymen:         | Bill Bundy                      |
| Ushers:            | Dave Urtel, Tank Jorg, Tim Jorg |
| Greeters:          | Toni Durick                     |
| Organist:          | Tom Goodrich                    |
| Offering Counters: | Team 2                          |
| Video:             | Tank Jorg                       |