

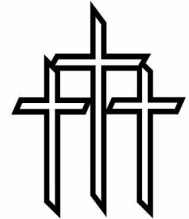
TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 16, 2026

ORDER OF WORSHIP



Hymns: TLH 38,354,307.50
First Reading: Isaiah 56:1,6-8
Epistle: Romans 11:1-2a,13-15, 28-32
Holy Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28



Thank you Pastor Eder for leading us in service 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.



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:

The Church Lives Under the Cross of Christ and Prays in the Hope of His Mercy

By her persistent prayer that Jesus would have mercy and help her (Matt. 15:22, 24), and even in the face of His initial silence and apparent rejection (Matt. 15:23–26), the Canaanite woman boldly confessed her faith in Him (Matt. 15:27–28). Her beautiful example encourages us to cling to the words and promises of the Gospel, even in the face of the Law that accuses and condemns us. **“For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable”** (Rom. 11:29), and His Law **“has consigned all to disobedience”** for the very purpose **“that he may have mercy on all”** (Rom. 11:32). Hence, the woman’s faith and hope were not disappointed, but her prayers were answered in the mercy of Christ. Not only does He grant us the crumbs from His table, but He also feeds us with **“the children’s bread”** in the house of His Father (Matt. 15:26–27). He has brought us to His **“holy mountain,”** and He makes us joyful in His house, where He hears our prayers and accepts our sacrifice of praise upon the altar of His cross (Is. 56:7).



A gift was given to St. Matthew Lutheran Church in celebration of William Doebler’s 89th birthday on August 3rd from his daughter, Dr. Heather Doebler McCarthy.



In addition to the names listed in the Communicator of up coming Birthdays in August I overlooked Karl Robinson’s birthday on August 30th. Happy Birthday.



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.

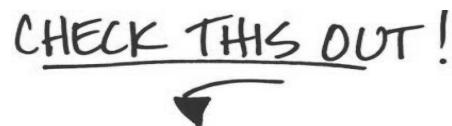


We are looking for members who would like to **Be A Greeter**. It would be one Sunday morning a month. Give everyone a smile and hand out bulletins. It’s that easy. Call the office at 716-692-6862.

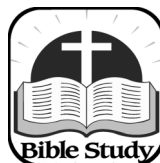
THANK YOU for attending and supporting the Ladies Guild Strawberry Social last Sunday. It was an enjoyable morning with hotdogs, hamburgers and assorted desserts. Thank you to those who came out Saturday morning to set up and to those who helped assist during our Strawberry Social. **A SPECIAL THANK YOU** to Miriam and Jolie who had the hotdogs and hamburgers ready when we got out of church



Young At Heart will get together after church on **August 30** to enjoy brunch at Country Cottage on Beach Ridge Road. Please sign the sheet on the way out of church before that date so we have a count. Country Cottage is a popular place and there could be a wait. See Carol Wilczak



Check out the "newly, organized" Altar Guild card rack. Thank you to Linda J who volunteered to reorganize the card rack. Cards are \$1 each and cards will be added as needed. Our next Altar Guild next meeting will be in October. If you would like serve on a committee, please contact Carol Wilczak.



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 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	8/9/2026	82
Offering for 8/9/2026		\$3,768.00
Week Ending	8/15/2026	YTD
Budget	\$4,167.00	\$133,344.00
Received	<u>\$3,768.00</u>	<u>\$119,521.00</u>
	-\$399.00	-\$13,823.00
Capital Improvements YTD		\$0

MEETINGS & EVENTS AT ST. MATTHEW

AUGUST 16, 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

We are
looking for
Greeters.
Can you
help?



SERVING IN THE LORD'S HOUSE TODAY

Elders: Siggy Barke, John Patton
Vestrymen: Tom Hromowyk
Ushers: Justin Hromowyk, Mark Lemke
Greeters: Carol Wilczak
Organist: Tom Goodrich
Offering Counters: Team 3
Video: John Patton
Altar Committee: Dottie Lemke*, Toni Durick