

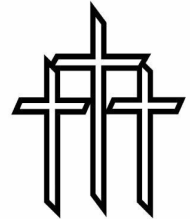
THIRTHEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 23, 2026

ORDER OF WORSHIP



Hymns: LSB 851,527,923
First Reading: Isaiah 51:1-6
Epistle: Romans 11:33—12:8
Holy Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20



The September/October Communicator are ready
for pickup on the bulletin table

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	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
Mike & Terry Lance	Sharon Lemke
Florence Lindaman	Doris Matheis
Cathy Ormond	Rob Pidanick
Jason Painter	Renee Patton
Danielle Rance	Scott Rance
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 Lord Jesus Christ Is the Son of the Living God

Jesus asked His disciples: **"But who do you say that I am?"** (Matt. 16:15). The question is also put to us: Who do you say that He is? Flesh and blood do not reveal this to us, but by the ministry of the Gospel, the Father in heaven reveals His Son to us on earth, who has become flesh and suffered death for our salvation. Thus, we believe and confess that He is **"the Christ, the Son of the living God"** (Matt. 16:16). As He died for our transgressions and was raised for our justification, He looses us from all our sins and preserves our life within His Church, against which even **"the gates of hell shall not prevail"** (Matt. 16:18-19). His salvation is forever, and His righteousness **"will never be dismayed"** (Is. 51:6). He comforts us with the Gospel in His Church, so that **"joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song"** (Is. 51:3). Therefore, **"according to the measure of faith that God has assigned"** (Rom. 12:3), we also offer ourselves **"as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God"** (Rom. 12:1) through Jesus Christ, our Lord



Young At Heart will get together after church on **NEXT SUNDAY** 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

Thank you

Jack Grichen would like to thank the members of St. Matthew's for remembering his 90th birthday. He appreciated the cards, prayers, well wishes and flowers he received.



Thursday the 3rd-6:30pm Elders Meeting

Tuesday the 8th-6:30pm Church Council Meeting

Wednesday the 9th-5:45pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday the 10th-10:30am Bible Study Class

Sunday the 20th-10:30am **VOTERS MEETING**

Sunday, the 27th-10:00am Sunday School starts

Sunday the 27th-10:00 SARB starts



THANK YOU also for your generous donations for Sleep in Heavenly Peace with twin bedding supplies. There will be a bin in the Quilting Room for future donations.



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.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD REQUESTS

We are looking for back to schools items for OCC. Please see the lists of items needed at Kim's table or the Communicator.

CHECK THIS OUT!

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.



We are now taking donations for the church food pantry. We are in need of canned peas, carrots, beans and cereal. Please put them in the basket in the narthex. Thank you again for your generosity.



THE NORTH TONAWANDA FOOD PANTRY is in need of instant oatmeal, cereal, jelly and peanut butter. 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	8/16/2026	75
Offering for 8/16/2026		\$3,257.00
Week Ending	8/22/2026	YTD
Budget	\$4,167.00	\$137,511.00
Received	<u>\$3,257.00</u>	<u>\$122,772.00</u>
	-\$916.00	-\$14,739.00
Capital Improvements YTD		\$0

MEETINGS & EVENTS AT ST. MATTHEW

AUGUST 23, 2026

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

Like a sunflower
 that follows
 every movement
 of the sun,
 so I turn to You,
 to follow You,
 my God.

Carey Landry



Bonnie T. Barry

SERVING IN THE LORD'S HOUSE TODAY

Elders: Pete Jaenecke, Bill Olczak
 Vestrymen: Art Marshall, Paul Schultz
 Ushers: Jeff Binkley, Keith Schumacher
 Greeters: M/M Siggie Barke
 Organist: Tom Goodrich
 Offering Counters: Team 4
 Video: Bill Bundy