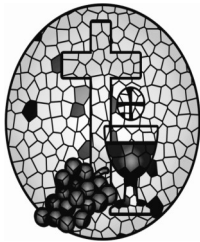


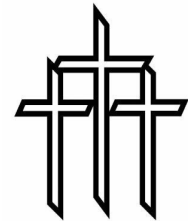
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

ORDER OF WORSHIP



Hymns: LSB 903,589,710,918
First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9
Epistle: Romans 13:1-10
Holy Gospel: Matthew 18:1-20



Please remember to sign the communion sheet in the Narthex

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.



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	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:

Living as Humble Little Children of the Father

True greatness is not self-sufficient strength, but humility like that of a little child. The greatness of childlike faith receives all good things as gracious gifts from our Father in heaven. Apart from such faith, **“you will never enter the kingdom of heaven,”** but whoever is humbled like a little child will be **“the greatest in the kingdom of heaven”** (Matt. 18:3–4). Though in our sin we deserve to be **“drowned in the depth of the sea”** (Matt. 18:6), we have instead been drowned (**“buried”**) with Christ in Baptism and then raised to the new, humble life of a child of God. The Lord sends His watchman to warn us with a word from His mouth, in order that we may not die in our iniquity but be turned from our pride and selfishness to live (Ezek. 33:7–9). Thus, we live in humility and faith before God as well as in love for our neighbor, which **“is the fulfilling of the law”** (Rom. 13:10). In the reverent fear of God, we do no harm to our neighbor, but we **“pay to all what is owed to them”** (Rom. 13:7) and we **“owe no one anything, except to love each other”** (Rom. 13:8).



The flowers on the altar are in honor of Nancy Schimschack's 88th birthday on September 12th from her daughters.



A donation was made to the Capital Improvement Fund to be used in repairs of the stained glass windows from Richard and Sharon Engler.



A Thank Offering was made to Ladies Guild for the Blessing of a beautiful, healthy great grandson, Brooks Taylor Haseley from Rachel Behnke.



Join us for Bible Study this Thursday at 10:30am with Pastor Keating on the topic of **“Under His Wings: Ruth and the Redeemer”**. We will work through that during the Fall, probably ending that particular topic near Christmas.

This Week's Calendar

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

LADIES GUILD NEWS UPDATE!

We now have a program in place for our **October 2nd (2:00PM) Ladies Guild meeting!!**

The speaker will be Howard Roeske, Executive Director of the North Tonawanda History Museum. He will share some interesting facts & maybe some story highlights of North Tonawanda. And he will be talking about his new book **“Little Known Stories of North Tonawanda, NY.”**

The Committee for the afternoon will be: Miriam Moldenhauer-Majewski, Debbie Hromowyk, Sharon Engler, Paula Benedyczak, Linda Jasulevich, and Joan Baroudi.

Please join us for an interesting afternoon.



SENIOR CHOIR NEWS

If you have those beautiful songs/hymns buzzing around in your head, and would like to join with us in singing them...please come to choir rehearsal and sing with us! You need not know how to read music all that's required is a love of singing and a willingness to serve the Lord with your voice. Our first rehearsal is Wednesday, September 9th at 5:45 PM. They usually last less than an hour. The plan is to rehearse every other Wednesday. And we will be singing on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month.



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 8/30/2026 78

Offering for 8/30/2026 \$3,063.00

Week Ending 9/5/2026 YTD

Budget	\$4,167.00	\$145,845.00
Received	<u>\$3,063.00</u>	<u>\$133,360.00</u>
	-\$1,104.00	-\$12,485.00

Capital Improvements YTD \$2,000.00

MEETINGS & EVENTS AT ST. MATTHEW

SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

Sun: 9:00am-Worship Service
w/Communion

Tues: 6:30pm-Church Council Meeting

Wed: 5:45pm-Choir Rehearsal

Thurs: 10:30am-Bible Study Class

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:	Craig Heigl, Rob Pidanick
Vestrymen:	Bill Bundy
Ushers:	Dave Urtel, Tank Jorg, Tim Jorg
Greeters:	M/M Patton
Organist:	Tom Goodrich
Offering Counters:	Team 6
Video:	Tank Jorg
Altar Committee:	Mary S*, Sheryl E