

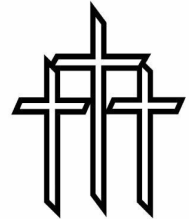
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

ORDER OF WORSHIP



Hymns: TLH 39,422,673
Choir: "Take Now My Voice"
First Reading: Genesis 50:15-21
Epistle: Romans 14:1-12
Holy Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35



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.

Joan Baroudi	Kelly Benedict
Christiana Brenon	Bob Burton
Patricia Cake	Linda Davidson
Bill Doeblor	Toni Durick
Doug Ellman	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 Pidanic	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:

Forgiving as the Lord Forgives Us

In settling His accounts with us, our Lord acts not with anger, but with compassion. He does not imprison us as we deserve, but He forgives all our debts and releases us (Matt. 18:23–27). Therefore, our Lord bids each of us to have **“mercy on your fellow servant”** and **“forgive your brother from your heart”** (Matt. 18:33, 35). By the Lord’s forgiveness of our sins, we are free to forgive those who sin against us, because He has been handed over to the jailers in our stead and He has paid our entire debt with His lifeblood. Whether we live or die, we **“are the Lord’s”** (Rom. 14:8). Since we all will **“stand before the judgment seat of God,”** we are not to despise our brother (Rom. 14:10), but gladly forgive him. By the grace of God, our brother also **“will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand”** (Rom. 14:4). Though we daily sin against each other, the Lord intends **“to bring it about that many people should be kept alive”** (Gen. 50:20). Jesus speaks kindly by His Gospel and promises: **“I will provide for you and your little ones”** (Gen. 50:21).

In loving memory

The flowers on the altar are in loving memory of Paul Cozad who passed away 6 years ago on September 12th. With love from Joey and family.



It is with great sadness, but confident joy, that the family of Tom Essenburg announce his passing on September 8, 2026. Fretthold Funeral Home will hold visitation on Monday, September 21, 2026 from 4pm-8pm with a service on Tuesday, September 22, 2026 at 10am.

**REMINDER TO EVERYONE, NEXT SUNDAY
AFTER THE SERVICE THERE WILL BE A
VOTERS MEETING. PLEASE PLAN
ON ATTENDING**

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



ATTIC TREASURE DONATIONS are now being accepted. Please bring in only clean, unbroken items. We are respectfully not accepting any clothes, heavy books, chipped/dirty items, or outdated equipment or any appliances that are not functional. We appreciate your consideration in this to save us time and many sorting decisions! Thank You. If there are any questions, please see Ellen Graf



HAVE YOU CHECKED YOUR FLOCK BOX LATELY?

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.



COMING IN OCTOBER

Our October Food Drive starts on Sunday, October 4th. We will be collecting non-perishable food items for the N.T Food Pantry. Look for more information to follow.

BIBLE BRUNCH

Bible Brunch will resume on Tuesday, October 13th at 10:00am

HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Will be on Saturday, October 24th from 9am-2pm.



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 9/6/2026 70

Offering for 9/6/2026 \$5,302.00

Week Ending 9/12/2026 YTD

Budget	\$4,167.00	\$150,012.00
Received	<u>\$5,302.00</u>	<u>\$138,662.00</u>
	\$1,132.00	-\$11,350.00

Capital Improvements YTD \$2,000.00

MEETINGS & EVENTS AT ST. MATTHEW

SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

Sun: 9:00am-Worship Service

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:	Siggy Barke, John Patton
Vestrymen:	Tom Hromowyk
Ushers:	Justin Hromowyk, Mark Lemke
Greeters:	Linda Robinson
Organist:	Tom Goodrich
Offering Counters:	Team 1
Video:	John Patton