

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

ORDER OF WORSHIP



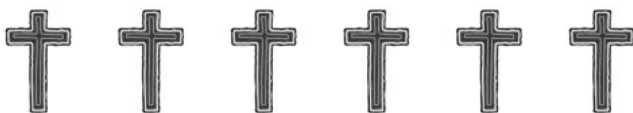
Hymns: TLH 669,533,700,398
First Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9
Epistle: Philippians 1:12-14,19-30
Holy Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16



Please sign the sheet in the narthex if you
will be taking Communion

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	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
Tom Kromer	Our Shut Ins



**HAVE YOU CHECKED YOUR
FLOCK BOX LATELY?**

TODAY IN THE CHURCH YEAR:

Disciples Live in Their Vocations by Grace through Faith in Christ

Those who are sent as “**laborers for his vineyard**” (Matt. 20:1) depict the wide diversity of vocations to which the disciples of Christ Jesus are called. Whatever our particular stations in life may be, we are called to live and serve by faith in His promises. Our labors do not merit anything before Him, for He is already generous to one and all without partiality. In mercy, He has chosen to bear “**the burden of the day and the scorching heat**” on our behalf, to make us equal to Himself and to give us what belongs to Him, that is, the kingdom of heaven (Matt. 20:12–15). This way of the Lord is foolishness to the world and foreign to our thoughts, but He draws near, so that “**he may be found**” (Is. 55:6), “**have compassion**” and “**abundantly pardon**” (Is. 55:7). So it is that we are found in Christ Jesus, and He is honored in our bodies, “**whether by life or by death**” (Phil. 1:20), by “**fruitful labor**” (Phil. 1:22) or by suffering. It is by faith in His forgiveness that our works are “**worthy of the gospel**” (Phil. 1:27)



Voters Meeting

**THERE WILL BE A VOTERS MEETING
AFTER THE SERVICE TODAY.
PLEASE PLAN ON ATTENDING.**



The flowers on the altar today are in celebration of September birthdays from Ladies Guild.



Memorials were given to St. Matthew Church in memory of Tom Essenburg to Ladies Guild from Mike and Terry Lance and to St. Matthew General Fund from Carol Wilczak.



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 this Monday, September 21, 2026 from 4pm-8pm with a service on Tuesday, September 22, 2026 at 10am.

COMING NEXT SUNDAY

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

Sunday the 27th-10:00 SARB starts



Thurs, Oct 1st-6:30pm Elders Meeting

Fri, Oct 2nd-2pm-Ladies Guild Meeting

Howard Roeske from the NT History Museum will share interesting facts & highlights of NT.

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.

Tues, Oct 13th-10am-Bible Brunch

Tues, Oct 13th-6:30pm-Church Council Meeting



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

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



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.