

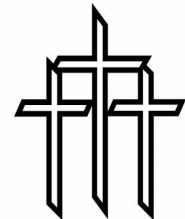
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

ORDER OF WORSHIP



Hymns: LSB 902,783,722
Choir will sing: "God Is My Shepherd"
First Reading: Ezekiel 18:1-4,25-32
Epistle: Philippians 2:1-4 (5-13) 14-18
Holy Gospel: Matthew 21: 23-27 (28-32)



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 REQUESTS



Joan Baroudi	Kelly Benedict
Christiana Brenon	Bob Burton
Carol Bundy	Patricia Cake
Linda Davidson	Bill Doeblor
Toni Durick	Doug Ellman
Jack & Ellie Grichen	Casey Gordon
Karl Haeussler	Marilyn Heigl
Sue & Ned Holmes	Hanna Koepsell
Tom Kromer	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	Dave Staniszewski
Karen Tischler	Dennis & Eileen Tischler
Jeremy Trombley	Dave Urtel
Ron Waliszewski	Tami Walters
Curt Webb	Our Shut Ins



HAVE YOU CHECKED YOUR FLOCK BOX LATELY?

TODAY IN THE CHURCH YEAR:

The Cross of Christ Opens to Us the Way of Repentance to Life with God

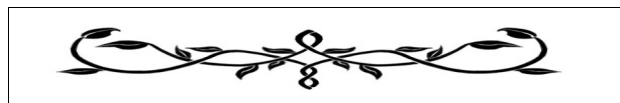
The way of the Lord is righteous and just: **"The soul who sins shall die"** (Ezek. 18:4). However, because the Lord has **"no pleasure in the death of anyone"** (Ezek. 18:32), He calls sinners to repentance and faith in His gracious forgiveness of sins. The man who is thus turned away from his wickedness, who henceforth lives by the grace of God, **"shall surely live; he shall not die"** (Ezek. 18:28). This way of repentance has been opened for us by the cross of Christ. In the righteousness of faith and love, **"he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death"** (Phil. 2:8), and He was vindicated in His resurrection from the dead. Indeed, **"God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name"** (Phil. 2:9). He has given us this name in our Baptism into Christ, in whom we now **"shine as lights in the world"** (Phil. 2:15). He uses the authority that He has received from His Father (Matt. 21:23-27) to preach a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, by which even **"the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God"** (Matt. 21:31-32).



Memorial's were given to St. Matthew General Fund in memory of Tom Essenburg from John & Sandy Patton, Earl & Ellen Graf.



Portals of Prayer for October-December are available on the bulletin table.



A donation was given to St. Matthew Lutheran Church to be used for the refinishing of hardwood floors at the parsonage from Laura Saalman.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH?

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.

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. Carol W. will be collecting St. Catherine's Guild dues of \$10.

Our **October Food Drive starts next Sunday, October 4th**. We will be collecting non-perishable food items for the N.T Food Pantry until October 31st. Please place items in the baskets in the narthex.

Sun, Oct 11th-10am-Altar Guild Meeting. Carol W. will be collecting the \$10 Altar dues during the meeting.

Tues, Oct 13th-10am-Bible Brunch

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

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



It is not too early to start thinking about your article for the November/December Communicator.

Please have them into the office by Thursday, October 15th. Thank you.

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.



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	9/20/2026	73
Offering for 9/20/2026		\$3,675.00
Week Ending	9/26/2026	YTD
Budget	\$4,167.00	\$158,346.00
Received	<u>\$3,675.00</u>	<u>\$145,482.00</u>
	-\$492.00	-\$12,864.00
Capital Improvements YTD		\$2,000.00

MEETINGS & EVENTS AT ST. MATTHEW

SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

Sun: 9:00am-Worship Service
10:00am-SARB
10:00am-Sunday School

Thurs: 10:30am-Bible Study
6:30pm-Elders Meeting

Fri: 2:00pm-Ladies Guild Meeting

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



FALLING LEAVES
are simply summer's way of saying "Goodbye".

SERVING IN THE LORD'S HOUSE TODAY

Elders: Dan Wolf, Joe Durick
Vestrymen: Joe Siegmann
Ushers: Chris Reichel, Jeff Reichel, Dave Wendt
Greeters: Joe Durick
Organist: Tom Goodrich
Offering Counters: Team 3
Video: Hunter Knoell
SARB: Carol W*, Ellen G