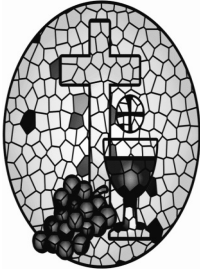


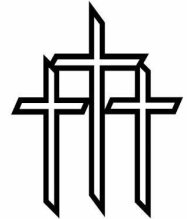
NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 4, 2026

ORDER OF WORSHIP



Hymns: TLH 27,466,304,52
First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7
Epistle: Philippians 3:4b-14
Holy Gospel: Matthew 21: 33-46



Please sign the sheet for Communion today. Thank you.

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.



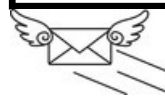
Pastor David Keating of St Mark Lutheran Church in North Tonawanda will be available to bring Holy Communion to the home of any member desiring a visit. You may also call him, regardless of the time, if any congregation member is in need of pastoral care. This is particularly important when there is 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	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 Pidanick	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 True Vine Redeems the Vineyard of the LORD of Hosts

"The vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel" (Is. 5:7), which He planted **"on a very fertile hill"** (Is. 5:1). He did everything for His vineyard, not only clearing it of stones and planting it with **"choice vines,"** but also building the **"watchtower"** of His prophets and hewing out the **"wine vat"** of His priesthood in its midst (Is. 5:2). But when **"he looked for it to yield grapes,"** there were only **"wild grapes"** of bloodshed and unrighteousness (Is. 5:2, 7). The Lord Jesus likewise described the unfaithfulness of those who were called to care for His vineyard (Matt. 21:33-35). But in this He also describes His cross and Passion (Matt. 21:38-39), by which He has redeemed the vineyard for Himself. He is the true Vine, planted by death into the ground, and in His resurrection He brings forth **"the fruits in their seasons"** (Matt. 21:41). Among those good grapes of the true Vine is the apostle Paul. Once a zealous persecutor of the Church, he **"suffered the loss of all things"** in order to **"gain Christ and be found in him,"** to **"know him and the power of his resurrection"** (Phil. 3:8-10).



It is with great sadness, but confident joy, that the family of Carol Bundy announces her passing on October 1, 2026. Visitation will be at Fretthold Funeral Home on Tuesday, October 6th from 2-4 and 6-8. The funeral service will be held at St. Matthew Lutheran Church on Wednesday, October 7th at 11:00am with a luncheon to follow. Pastor David Keating will officiate.



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



Please have your articles for the November /December Communicator into the office by Thursday, October 15th. Thank you.



Our October Food Drive starts **TODAY**. We will be collecting non-perishable food items (no personal care items will be counted towards the goal) for the N.T Food Pantry until October 31st. Our goal again this year is to be one of the first congregations to donate 500 items. Thrivent will then send an additional \$500 check to the N. T. food pantry. Please place items in the baskets in the narthex. Thank you for your donations.



The last day to donated items for **Attic Treasures** will be **Monday October 12th**. 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 you have any questions please see Ellen Graf.



A donation was made to St. Matthews Vine and Branches to help with the postage of sending Operation Christmas Child boxes this year from Gratwick Hose Fire Company.

NEXT WEEK

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. Please bring your bible and a light lunch.

Tues, Oct 13th-6:30pm-Church Council Meeting
Saturday, October 24th-Holiday Bazaar
from 9am-2pm.

Friday, October 30th-Please have all pots removed from the cemetery. 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	9/27/2026	68
Offering for 9/27/2026		\$2,521.00
Week Ending	10/3/2026	YTD
Budget	\$4,167.00	\$158,346.00
Received	<u>\$2,521.00</u>	<u>\$148,003.00</u>
	-\$492.00	-\$12,864.00
Capital Improvements YTD		\$2,000.00

MEETINGS & EVENTS AT ST. MATTHEW

OCTOBER 4, 2026

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

Wed: 11:00am-Funeral service for Carol Bundy
5:45pm-Choir Rehearsal

Thurs: 10:30am-Bible Study

Sat 9:00am-Vine & Branches

NEXT WEEK'S OFFICE HOURS

Mon: 9:00am-12:00pm
Tue: Off
Wed: Off
Thurs: 9:00am-12:00pm

OCTOBER

You are the doorway to the season that awakens my soul.



SERVING IN THE LORD'S HOUSE TODAY

Elders: Craig Heigl, Robert Pidanc
Vestrymen: Bill Bundy
Ushers: Dave Urtel, Tank Jorg, Tim Jorg
Greeters: M/M Stapar
Organist: Tom Goodrich
Offering Counters: Team 4
Video: Tank Jorg
SARB: Linda R*, Sheryl E
Altar Committee: Donna H*, Linda D, Naureen K, Skylar S