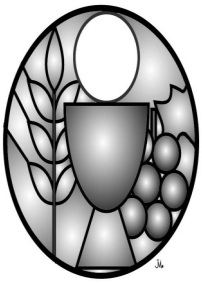
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 18, 2026

ORDER OF WORSHIP



Hymns:	TLH 457,442,403,412
First Reading:	Isaiah 35:5-8
Epistle:	2 Timothy 4:5-18
Holy Gospel:	Luke 10:1-9

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 .

The Power of Prayer

Joan Baroudi	Kelly Benedict
Christiana Brenon	Bob Burton
Patricia Cake	Linda Davidson
Bill Doebler	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
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:

St. Luke, Evangelist

The Lord bids us to **"pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest"** (Luke 10:2). The fields look more like deserts, filled with jackals (Is. 35:6–7), and the Lord sends His laborers out "**as lambs in the midst of wolves.**" But Christ's Word of **"peace**" heals the sick and brings the very "**kingdom of God … near"** to those who hear it (Is. 35:5; Luke 10:3–9). St. Luke, the beloved physician (Col. 4:14), did **"the work of an evangelist"** (2 Tim. 4:5). He diligently prepared both a Gospel, the history of Christ's work in the flesh before His ascension, and the Acts of the Apostles, the history of His continued work among His Church. Luke and his Scriptures are a gift from this ascended Lord (Eph. 4:8–12), written for Theophilus and for **"all who have loved his appearing"** (2 Tim. 4:5–8). Tradition suggests that Luke was one of the 72 sent out ahead of Jesus, **"two by two"** (Luke 10:1). Luke proved himself to be a faithful companion throughout St. Paul's missionary journeys, through many trials and crosses, and even to Rome, where he alone was with Paul.



Flowers have been placed on the altar for
Randy and Linda Jasulevich
48th wedding anniversary on October 14th.



The flowers on the altar are in memory of
Barney Smiths birthday on October 19th
from his family.



Goal 500 non-perishable food items
-183 received
317 needed



We are asking each member to fill out the Congregational Survey either on line or pick up a paper copy on the bulletin table and turn it into the office. To access the survey, simply go online to **http://lcms.cadds.alchemer.com/s3/&cong=C653153**

Bill has put on our main church website page that people can request a link be emailed to them. "Mobile devices such as phones or tablets don't work properly and may not display all the questions. A regular computer or laptop is recommend-

A donation was made to St. Matthew Lutheran Church General Fund from Christian Roland.



A memorial was given to St. Matthew Ladies Guild
in memory of Tom Essenburg
from Leslie Stolzenfels.

Memorials were given to St. Matthew Ladies Guild
in memory of Carol Bundy from;
Leslie Stolzenfels, Mike & Terry Lance,
Karen Horrigan, Tim & Tammy Walters,
Louise & Michael Magner, Mary & Toni Lachina,
Carol Cherkauer, Bertha Nugent
and Richard Learn



Come and join us on Saturday, October 24th for our Holiday Bazaar from 9am-2pm. Shop our many tables of Attic Treasures, Country Cupboard, Gently loved toys, Holiday decorations, House Plants, Sewing & Needlework and of course FOOD.



Friday, October 30th-Please have all pots removed from the cemetery. Thank you.

TRUNK OR TREAT

Saturday, October 24th from, 2-4 St. Mark Lutheran Church, 1135 Oliver St, NT NY

Join us for an afternoon of Halloween fun! We will have "Trunk " or Treating, games, stories, and fall Treats!



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 you 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	10/11/2026	87
Offering for 10/11/2026		$3,174.00
Week Ending	10/17/2026	YTD
Budget	$4,167.00	$170,847.00
Received	$3,174.00	$154,311.00
	-$993.00	-$16,536.00
Capital Improvements YTD		$2,000.00

MEETINGS & EVENTS AT ST. MATTHEW OCTOBER 18, 2026

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

Wed: 5:45pm-Choir Rehearsal

Thurs and Fri-9:00am-kitchen prep for Bazaar
Thurs:10:30am-Bible Study

Sat: 9:00am-**HOLIDAY BAZAAR**

NEXT WEEK'S OFFICE HOURS

Mon:	9:00am-12:00pm
Tue:	Off
Wed:	Off
Thurs:	9:00am-12:00pm
Fri:	9:00am-11:00am

SEASONS IN THE BIBLE

"As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, day and night will never cease."
Genesis 8:22



SERVING IN THE LORD'S HOUSE TODAY

Elders:	Pete Jaenecke
Vestrymen:	Art Marshall, Paul Schultz
Ushers:	Jeff Binkley, Keith Schumacher
Greeters:	Carol Wilczak
Organist:	Tom Goodrich
Offering Counters:	Team 6
Video:	Bill Bundy
SARB:	Debbie H*, Lisa E
Altar Guild Committee:	Donna H*, Linda D
	Naureen K, Skylar S