REFORMATION DAY
OCTOBER 25, 2026

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Hymns:	LSB 809,656,923
Choir will sing:	"Built On The Rock"
First Reading:	Revelation 14:6-7
Epistle:	Romans 3:19-28
Holy Gospel:	John 8:31-36

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 REQUEST

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:

The Son of God Has Set Us Free from Sin and Death by His Grace

"**Wisdom is justified by her deeds"** (Matt. 11:19), and the true wisdom of God, Christ Jesus, the incarnate Son, justifies us by His deeds. He prepares His way by the preaching of repentance, but He has suffered the violence of the Law and voluntarily handed Himself over to violent men, in order that we may eat and drink with Him in His Kingdom and **"remain in the house forever"** (John 8:35). He is "**a friend of tax collectors and sinners"** (Matt. 11:18–19), and He has rescued us by His grace from the slavery of sin and death. By the proclamation of His eternal Gospel **"to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people"** (Rev. 14:6), "**the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law"** (Rom. **3**:21), "**that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus"** (Rom. 3:26). And by the hearing of that Gospel of Christ Jesus, **"whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith"** (Rom. 3:25), **"you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free"** (John 8:31–32).



The flowers on the altar are in remembrance of Reformation Day from Ladies Guild.



Thank you to everyone who donated to the Annual Food Drive. We have exceeded our goal this year with our total reaching 542 items as of Friday. We will still take any items donated this week over to the North Tonawanda Food Pantry. All donations were greatly appreciated**.**



Remember to set your clocks back 1 hour on Saturday night.

The pavilion has been winterized for the year and the spigots have been turned off around the church.





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 recommended."



A donation was made to St. Matthew Lutheran Capital Fund from Dottie Lemke in memory of Tom Essenburg and Carol Bundy.

Memorials were given to St. Matthew Lutheran Church General Fund in memory of Carol Bundy from; James and Darleen Gentzke, Carol Cherkauer and Bill Bundy

In memory of Linda Pascucci memorials were given to Ladies Guild from Toni Durick and Donna Heiser



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



Remember to share your photos for the Thanksgiving service. There are only a couple weeks left to turn them in. Send your pictures to wbundy02@gmail.com. You can also give them to me on a memory stick, and I will copy the files and return the stick back to you. I ask that all the pictures be turned in by November 15th, so there is time to organize them. Ask me for help if you are having trouble sending or sharing them.

We are now taking donations for the church food pantry. We are in need of items for holiday meals. Please put them in the basket in the narthex. Thank you again for you generosity.



THE NORTH TONAWANDA FOOD PANTRY is in need of items for holiday meals. 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	10/18/2026	80
Offering for 10/18/2026		$3,710.00
Week Ending	10/24/2026	YTD
Budget	$4,167.00	$170,847.00
Received	$3,710.00	$158,021.00
	-$457.00	-$16,993.00
Capital Improvements YTD		$2,040.00

MEETINGS & EVENTS AT ST. MATTHEW OCTOBER 25, 2026

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

Thurs: No Bible Study this week

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

CALENDAR FOR FILLING CANDLES

Linda R– Dec-Jan-Feb

Gayle & Chris R-March-April-May

Pete J-June-July-Aug

Dottie L-Sept-Oct-Nov

Thank you all for your help in keeping the candles burning in church.

SERVING IN THE LORD'S HOUSE TODAY

Elders:	Dan Wolf, Joe Durick
Vestrymen:	Joe Siegmann
Ushers:	Chris Reichel, Jeff Reichel
	Dave Wendt
Greeters:	M/M Siggy Barke
Organist:	Tom Goodrich
Offering Counters:	Team 1
Video:	Hunter Knoell
SARB:	Rachel B*, Sharon E