TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
NOVEMBER 8, 2026

ORDER OF WORSHIP



Hymns:	LSB 905,783,715
Choir will sing:	"Here I am Lord"
First Reading:	Amos 5:18-24
Epistle:	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Holy Gospel:	Matthew 25:1-13

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 .



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 Gospel Prepares Us for Our Heavenly Bridegroom's Coming

The Day of the Lord is "**darkness, and not light"** (Amos 5:18, 20) for all who trust in their own right-eousness and piety. The Lord will not accept their "**burnt offerings and grain offerings,"** nor will He look upon their **"peace offerings"** (Amos 5:22). Instead, He desires a heart of faith that trusts in Him, which lets "**justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream"** (Amos 5:24) in love for the neighbor. In order for the **"lamps"** of our lives to burn brightly with such love, we must be filled with the **"oil"** of forgiveness through faith in our Bridegroom, Jesus Christ (Matt. 25:1–4). Therefore, as we await His coming, wisdom directs us **"to the dealers"** (Matt. 25:9), that is, to the ministers of His Gospel. Thus we wait upon the Lord, and we **"encourage one an-other with these words"** (1 Thess. 4:18). Waking or sleeping, we are prepared to meet Him when He comes **"with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God,"** and "**we will always be with the Lord"** (1 Thess. 4:16, 17).



I will not be in the office this Friday, Nov 13th. Please have all articles in to the office by Tuesday the 10th. Thank you.

The November/December Communicator is out on the Bulletin table. PLEASE NOTE THE TIME CHANGES FOR HOLIDAY SERVICES THIS YEAR.

PLEASE SHARE YOUR PHOTOS

Remember to share your photos for the Thanksgiving service. **You have one week 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 NEXT SUNDAY, November 15th, so there is time to organize them.** Ask me for help if you are having trouble sending or sharing them.

A donation was given to St. Matthew Ladies Guild in memory of Carol Bundy from Mr. Bundy.

In memory of Tom Essenburg a donation was made to St. Matthew Capital Improvement Fund from Toni Durick.

Gifts were given in memory of Carol Bundy to St. Matthew Capital Improvement Fund from Mr. Bundy, Toni Durick and Paula Benedyczak.

A donation was made to St. Matthew Cemetery Fund from Thomas and Doreen Wendt.



We will be taking orders for Poinsettia's to adorn the altar for Christmas in the Brides room starting today. They will be $12 this year. Thank you.



Nov 8th-Mitten Tree starts TODAY

Bible Study will be each Tuesday in November at 10:30am starting the 10th

Nov 10th-10:30 Bible Brunch

Nov 10th-6:30pm Church Council Meeting

Nov 14th-9:00am-Packing boxes for OCC

NEXT SUNDAY-Nov 15th-10:00am-Voters Meeting

WE ASK THAT YOU PLAN ON ATTENDING THE VOTERS MEETING NEXT SUNDAY.

Nov 18th-5:45pm Choir Rehearsal

Nov 22nd-10:00-Pie Sale

Nov 26th-8:30am-Thanksgiving Day Service

Nov 29th-You've Got Mail starts



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	11/1/2026	74
Offering for 11/1/2026		$4,314.00
Week Ending	11/7/2026	YTD
Budget	$4,167.00	$183,348.00
Received	$4,314.00	$166,581.00
	$147.00	-$16,767.00
Capital Improvements YTD		$4,090.00

MEETINGS & EVENTS AT ST. MATTHEW NOVEMBER 8, 2026

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

Tues: 10:30am –Bible Study
10:30am Bible Brunch
6:30pm-Church Council Meeting

Sat: 9:00am-Vine & Branches
packing of OCC boxes

NEXT WEEK'S OFFICE HOURS

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

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:	Siggy Barke, John Patton
Vestrymen:	Tom Hromowyk
Ushers:	Justin Hromowyk, Mark Lemke
Greeters:	Joe Durick
Organist:	Tom Goodrich
Offering Counters:	Team 3
Video:	John Patton
SARB:	Linda R*, Sheryl E