TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
NOVEMBER 15, 2026

ORDER OF WORSHIP



Hymns:	TLH 352,476,307,52
First Reading:	Zephaniah 1:7-16
Epistle:	1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Holy Gospel:	Matthew 25:14-30

Please remember to sign the Communion sheet in the narthex.

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

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:

God's Gift of Forgiveness Engenders Our Forgiveness of Others

The Day of the Lord is **"near and hastening fast,"** and it will be **"a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation"** (Zeph. 1:14, 15). The Lord will search out and punish "**the men who are complacent"** concerning His Word, **"who fill their master's house with violence and fraud"** (Zeph. 1:9, 12). Then all their works and efforts will be for nothing: "**Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them"** (Zeph. 1:13). But those who fear, love and trust in the Lord are "**good and faithful"** stewards of His property (Matt. 25:21). They live by faith in His free gift of forgiveness, and they multiply His goods in the loving forgiveness of their neighbor, and **"the master of those servants"** settles His accounts with them by the gracious reckoning of His Gospel (Matt. 25:19). Likewise, "**God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ"** (1 Thess. 5:9). Therefore, let us also **"put on the breastplate of faith and love"** in our dealings with one another (1 Thess. 5:8)



The flowers on the altar are for Jesus, with gratitude.



Please plan on attending the **VOTERS MEETING TODAY** after service.



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.



In memory of Carol Bundy a donation was given to St. Matthew Vine & Branches from the Greatrix Family and Debbie Tyler.



Nov 17th-10:30am Bible Study

Nov 18th-5:45pm Choir Rehearsal

***Nov 22nd-10:00-Pie Sale next Sunday* in the school hallway after service**

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

Nov 29th-You've Got Mail starts

Direct your Thrivent Choice Dollars Today!

THRIVENT MEMBERS

Now is the time to designate your portion of Choice Dollars from 2025. You only have till December 31st. You can call Thrivent Member Care Services at 800-847-4836. You can also assign your choice dollars on the website. After you log in, there is a large button in the left column that says Direct Choice Dollars. Choice Dollars are a part of Thrivent's charitable giving program, and are your way to support our church. After December 31st, any money left in Choice Dollars program may be directed or spent at Thrivent's discretion.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Carol would like to share with our members the letter she received from our 2026-2027 SARB seminary student . Please take a minute to read the insert and remember him and his family in prayer this holiday season.

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 11/8/2026 88

Offering for 11/8/2026 $4,756.00

Week Ending	11/14/2026	YTD
Budget	$4,167.00	$187,515.00
Received	$4,756.00	$171337.00
	$589.00	-$16,178.00

Capital Improvements YTD $4,140.00

MEETINGS & EVENTS AT ST. MATTHEW NOVEMBER 15, 2026

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

Tues: 10:30am –Bible Study

Wed: 5:45pm-Choir Rehearsal

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: Pete Jaenecke
Vestrymen: Paul Schultz, Art Marshall
Ushers: Jeff Binkley, Keith Schumacher
Greeters: Toni Durick
Organist: Tom Goodrich
Offering Counters: Team 4
Video: Bill Bundy
NO SARB TODAY
Altar Committee: Linda R*, Paula B