LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR
NOVEMBER 22, 2026

ORDER OF WORSHIP



Hymns:	LSB 811,730,718
Choir will sing:	"Create In Me A Clean Heart"
First Reading:	Ezekiel 34:11-16,20-24
Epistle:	1 Corinthians 15:20-28
Holy Gospel:	Matthew 25: 31-46

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:

By the Cross of Christ, We Enter the Kingdom of Our God and Father

When the crucified and risen Lord Jesus comes to judge the living and the dead, **"he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats"** (Matt. 25:32). "**To those on his right,"** who have been crucified and raised with Him through repentance and faith in His Gospel, He will grant the blessed kingdom of His Father (Matt. 25:34). Having been justified by His grace, they live unto righteousness in Him (Matt. 25:35–40). But "**those on his left,"** who trust in themselves and despise their neighbor, will depart "**into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels"** (Matt. 25:41). Until that day, the Lord searches for His sheep **"as a shepherd seeks out his flock"** (Ezek. 34:11–12). Through His preaching of repentance, He disciplines the proud sheep and goats, **"the fat and the strong,"** but through the preaching of forgiveness He rescues the lost, binds up the injured, strengthens the weak and feeds **"the lean sheep"** (Ezek. 34:16, 20). In this way, He destroys the power of death in the children of Adam by His cross, so that **"in Christ shall all be made alive"** by His resurrection (1 Cor. 15:20–26).



The flowers on the altar are for the many blessings that have been given to St. Matthew Lutheran Church.

TODAY 10:00-Pie Sale

in the school hallway after service

REMEMBER THE TIME FOR THANKSGIVING DAY SERVICE IS 8:30AM

Nov 29th-You've Got Mail starts

ARTICLES FOR THE BULLETIN OF NOVEMBER 29TH NEED TO BE IN THE OFFICE BY THIS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH BY 9AM.



Next Sunday, November 29, Rob Pidanick will continue with his series "7 Steps to A Joy-Filled, Blessed Life" Step # 4 "Stay in Peace" We will have a insert that you may take with you.

Sunday School will start at 9am next Sunday, the 29th. The children will be making Christmas cards for our shut ins and it takes them a bit longer to work on them.

Young At Heart will enjoy their Christmas get together Sunday, December 6th, 12 noon at Roman Cafe. Please sign the sheet by the door or call Carol Wilczak if you would like to attend.



Please check the calendar in the Communicator for all the activities, times and places of the Advent services. Also be aware of the "NEW " times of Christmas Eve and Christmas Day service. We will not be having a New Years Eve service this year.



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.

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.

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	11/15/2026	78
Offering for 11/15/2026		$2,885.00
Week Ending	11/21/2026	YTD
Budget	$4,167.00	$191,682.00
Received	$2,885.00	$174,222.00
	-$1,282.00	-$17,460.00
Capital Improvements YTD		$4,140.00

MEETINGS & EVENTS AT ST. MATTHEW NOVEMBER 22, 2026

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



Thanksgiving Day service: 8:30am

Sat: 9:00am-Vine & Branches

NEXT WEEK'S OFFICE HOURS

Mon:	9:00am-12:00pm
Tue:	9:00am-12:00pm
Wed:	Off
Thurs:	Off
Fri:	11:00am-1:00pm

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 Reischel, Jeff Reischel, Dave Wendt
Greeters:	Joe Durick
Organist:	Tom Goodrich
Offering Counters:	Team 5
Video:	Hunter Knoell
SARB:	Mary S,* Sandy P