

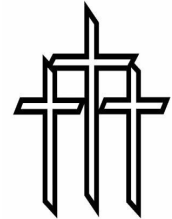
## FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 1, 2026

### ORDER OF WORSHIP



Hymns: LSB 770, 523, 918  
Choir will sing: "Take Now My Voice"  
First Reading: Micah 6:1-8  
Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31  
Holy Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12



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.

**QUESTIONS ABOUT WORSHIP, BAPTISM OR COMMUNION?** *Please see the Pastor or the Elder on duty.*

There will be one Worship Service at 9:15 A.M.. **Holy Communion will be celebrated the 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month. There will be a evening Worship service on the 2nd Sunday of each month with Communion at 7:00pm.** 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 .

**Pastor Blaine Jorg** is 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.

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Joan Baroudi	Kelly Benedict
Christiana Brenon	Bob Burton
Patricia Cake	Jim Connell
Bill Doeblor	Toni Durick
Doug Ellman	Tom Essenburg
Ellie Grichen	Gloria Haeseler
Mark Haeseler	Marilyn Heigl
Sue & Ned Holmes	Hanna Koepsell
Abby & Nathan Lacey	Sharon Lemke
Florence Lindaman	Doris Matheis
Phil Moldenhauer	Jason Painter
Linda Pascucci	Renee Patton
Danielle Rance	Meredith Roberts
Linda Robinson	Mary Smith
Karen Tischler	Dennis & Eileen Tischler
Jeremy Trombley	Dave Urtel
Ron Waliszewski	Tami Walters
Curt Webb	Santa Wendt
Michele Menkiena	Our Shut Ins

## TODAY IN THE CHURCH YEAR:

### **God Manifests His Glory in the Humility and Weakness of Christ Crucified**

The Lord tells His people, "I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery" (Micah 6:4). By the sacrifice of His beloved Son, He has redeemed us from our slavery of sin and death; He has forgiven our transgressions by the shedding of His blood. His great mercy and salvation lead us "to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly" with our God (Micah 6:8). We boast only in the incarnate and crucified Lord Jesus. He is "the power of God and the wisdom of God" (1 Cor. 1:24). He is our life and salvation, our "wisdom" and "righteousness and sanctification and redemption" (1 Cor. 1:30). Now He opens His mouth and teaches us His wisdom. By His cross and Passion, the kingdom of heaven is ours. We receive mercy and are satisfied; we see God and are called sons of God in Christ. "Blessed are you," therefore, "when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely" on account of Christ (Matt. 5:11)



The flowers on the altar are in celebration of February birthdays from Ladies Guild.



In memory of Ruth Maerten, gifts were given to St. Matthew Lutheran Church from Tom and Debbie Hromowyk and Faith Goodrich.

### **CHECK YOUR FLOCK BOX**

**THE 2025 YEAR END STATEMENTS ARE IN YOUR FLOCK BOX. PLEASE PICK THEM UP TODAY.**



It's that time again! Please have your articles for the March/April Communicator into the office by February 15th. Thank you.

## **Important Notice**

Today you will find a questionnaire in the bulletin. It is printed on pink paper. We ask that you fill it out while you're in church and place it in the offering plate this morning. Your feed back will play an important role in how the building will be used going forward.

### **THRIVENT MEMBERS**

Now is the time to designate your portion of Choice Dollars from 2025. You only have till March 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 March 31st, any money left in Choice Dollars programs may be directed or spent at Thrivent's discretion.

**Thursday Feb. 5th**-10:30-Bible Class  
6:30pm-Elders Meeting

**Friday Feb. 6th**-12:00-Ladies Guild Tastings Party

**Saturday Feb. 7th**-9:00am-Vine & Branches



**YOUNG AT HEART** will enjoy their chili and soup luncheon **Next Sunday February 8th**, after Bible Study, 11:30, Super Bowl day. Bring a soup or chili to share. Any questions, see Carol Wilczak.



We will have a **VOTERS MEETING** on Sunday, February 15th following the Worship service. Please mark your calendars.

### **SAVE THE DATE**

**Lutheran Laymen's League - 2026 Men's Retreat**  
May 29, 30, & 31 (Friday - Sunday).  
Theme: "Discipleship in the Lion's Den". Speaker: Dr. Gregory P. Seltz, PhD. Pastor Seltz is a former Lutheran Hour speaker and current director of the Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty.

## YCC ACTIVITY FOR FEBRUARY

Any Questions contact Breanna Gerner Youth Director at 716-525-6953, gerner22@gmail.com. Meetings are on Sunday from 6-8.

**TODAY 1:00PM-sledding and snow day in the parking lot.**



## PLEASE HELP US FILL OUR FOOD PANTRY HERE AT ST MATTHEW

We are in need of **household products, paper goods**. Please place the items in the bushel basket in the narthex. Thank you for your donations.



**THE NORTH TONAWANDA FOOD PANTRY** is in need of. items for hearty dinners, canned stew, soups, boxed mac & cheese. **Put the items in the blue bin in the Quilting Room.** Thank you for your generosity.



## ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS YTD

Attendance	1/25/2026	50
Offering for	1/25/2026	\$1,878.00
Week Ending	1/31/2026	YTD
Budget	\$4,167.00	\$16,668.00
Received	<u>\$1,878.00</u>	<u>\$16,779.00</u>
	<u>-\$2,289.00</u>	<u>\$11.00</u>
Capital Improvements YTD		\$0

## MEETINGS & EVENTS AT ST. MATTHEW FEBRUARY, 2026

Sun: 9:15am-Worship Service w/Communion  
10:30am-Bible Study  
10:30am-SARB  
10:30am-Sunday School  
1:00pm-YCC

Weds: 5:45pm-Choir Rehearsal

Thurs: 10:30am-Bible Study  
6:30pm-Elders Meeting

Fri: 12:00pm-Ladies Guild Tastings Party

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-11:00pm  
Sat: Off

**In the coldest February as in every other month in every other year, the best thing to hold on to in this world is each other.**



## SERVING IN THE LORD'S HOUSE TODAY

Elders: Craig Heigl, Rob Pidanick  
Vestrymen: Bill Bundy  
Ushers: Dave Urtel, Tank Jorg, Tim Jorg  
Greeters: M/M Stapar  
Organist: Tom Goodrich  
Offering Counters: Team 4  
Video Team: Tank Jorg  
SARB: Mary S\*, Sandy P  
Altar Guild Committee: Dottie L\*, Linda P, Toni D