

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

FEBRUARY 22, 2026

ORDER OF WORSHIP



Hymns: LSB 435,425,722
First Reading: Genesis 3:1-21
Epistle: Romans 5:12-19
Holy Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11



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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PRAYER REQUEST

Joan Baroudi	Kelly Benedict
Christiana Brenon	Bob Burton
Patricia Cake	Jim Connell
Bill Doebler	Toni Durick
Doug Ellman	Tom Essenburg
Ellie Grichen	Gloria Haeseler
Marilyn Heigl	Sue & Ned Holmes
Hanna Koepsell	Sharon Lemke
Florence Lindaman	Doris Matheis
Michele Menkiena	Phil Moldenhauer
Jason Painter	Linda Pascucci
John Patton	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	Our Shut Ins

TODAY IN THE CHURCH YEAR:

Jesus' Righteous Obedience to the Father Leads to the Justification of All

Following His Baptism, Jesus is "led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil" (Matt. 4:1). As He takes upon Himself the curse of our sin and sets Himself against our enemy, He trusts His Father's voice and waits upon His Father's hand for all things. The devil questions His sonship, but the beloved and well-pleasing Son remains faithful and lives "by every word that comes from the mouth of God" (Matt. 4:4). Jesus patiently suffers hunger in His mortal flesh and returns to the dust whence man was taken, and by His pain He brings forth food for all the children of men (Gen. 3:18-19). By the sweat of His brow, we eat the fruit of His cross, even as our nakedness is covered by His righteousness. Although all people live in bondage to death through the trespass of the first man, Adam, all the more "have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many" (Rom. 5:15). His righteous obedience "leads to justification and life for all men" (Rom. 5:18).

In Loving Memory

The flowers on the altar are in loving memory of Jeff Reischel's 53rd birthday on February 28th from Jeff, Gayle and Chris Reischel.



The 2026 Flower Chart is up in the narthex. If you would like to place flowers on the altar for birthdays, anniversary's or in memory of a loved one please contact Toni Durick at 716-695-2596.



Lenten Worship will be held at 7:00pm on Wednesday's February 25th, March 4th, 11th, 18th and the 25th

Palm Sunday, March 29th will be at 9:15am

Maundy Thursday, April 2nd, Worship will be held at 7:00pm w/ Holy Communion

Food Friday, April 3rd will be held at 7:00pm

Easter Sunday Worship, April 5th will be held at 9:30am w/ Holy Communion



There will be a Elders Meeting on Thursday, March 5th at 6:30pm.



There will be an Altar Guild meeting Sunday, March 8th after church in the Quilting room.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND PRAYERS

Our Sunday School is learning about the importance of prayer. They have a tree in the narthex along with paper hearts. They ask that you write the name of anyone who is in need of prayers and clip it on the tree branches. Before Sunday School each week they will come to the tree and collect the prayers. Thank you.

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.

YCC ACTIVITY FOR MARCH

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

March 22 Easter Egg Hunt



Thank you for restocking our Food Pantry here at church. If you would like to donate food items please bring them in for the North Tonawanda Food Pantry. Our community is always in need of boxed, canned goods and personal care items. Thank you again.

THE NORTH TONAWANDA FOOD PANTRY is in need of items for Easter Dinner, ex; boxed potatoes, gravy, canned veggies. **Put the items in the basket in the narthex.** Thank you for your generosity.



ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS YTD

Attendance 2/15/2026		83
Attendance 2/18/2026		32
Offering for 2/15/2026	\$3,204.00	
Offering for 2/18/2026	\$603.00	
Week Ending 2/21/2026		YTD
Budget	\$4,167.00	\$29,169.00
Received	<u>\$3,807.00</u>	<u>\$28,150.00</u>
	-\$360.00	-\$1,019.00
Capital Improvements YTD		\$0

**MEETINGS & EVENTS AT ST. MATTHEW
FEBRUARY 22, 2026**

Sun: 9:15am-Worship Service
10:30am- Bible Study
10:30am-SARB
10:30am-Sunday School

Weds: 7:00pm-Lenten Worship

Thurs: 10:30am-Bible Study

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

Filled with the Holy Spirit,
Jesus returned from the Jordan
and was led by the Spirit
into the desert...
Luke 4:1



**SERVING IN THE LORD'S HOUSE
TODAY**

Elders: Dan Wolf, Joe Durick
Vestrymen: Joe Siegmann
Ushers: Chris Reischel, Jeff Reischel,
Dave Wendt
Greeters: Carol Wilczak
Organist: Tom Goodrich
Offering Counters: Team 1
Video Team: Hunter Knoell
SARB: Rachel B*, Sharon E