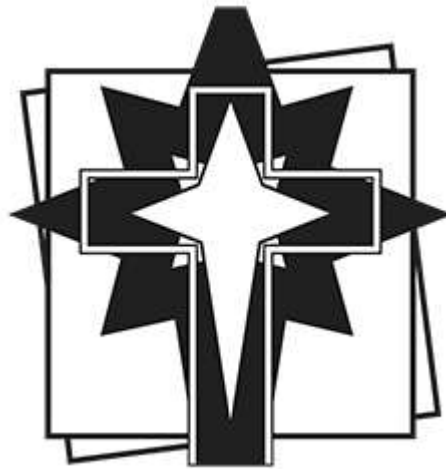


**St. Matthew Lutheran Church
North Tonawanda, NY
September 7th, 2024**



Wedding of Sara Jaenecke and Garrett DiSarno

In the name of the Father and of the X Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Dearly beloved, we are gathered here in the sight of God and before His Church to witness the union of this man and this woman in holy matrimony. This is an honorable estate instituted and blessed by God in Paradise, before humanity's fall into sin.

In marriage we see a picture of the communion between Christ and His bride, the Church. Our Lord blessed and honored marriage with His presence and first miracle at Cana in Galilee. This estate is also commended to us by the apostle Paul as good and honorable. Therefore, marriage is not to be entered into in-advisedly or lightly, but reverently, deliberately, and in accordance with the purposes for which it was instituted by God.

The union of husband and wife in heart, body, and mind is intended by God for the mutual companionship, help, and support that each person ought to receive from the other, both in prosperity and adversity. Marriage was also ordained so that man and woman may find delight in one another. Therefore, all persons who marry shall take a spouse in holiness and honor, not in the passion of lust, for God has not called us to impurity but in holiness. God also established marriage for the procreation of children who are to be brought up in the fear and instruction of the Lord so that they may offer Him their praise.

For these reasons God has established the holy estate that Garrett and Sara wish to enter. They desire our prayers as they begin their marriage in the Lord's name and with His blessing.

Amen.

Readings:

Psalm 23 A Psalm of David

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

² He makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters. ³ He restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

⁴ Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil, for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

Love is patient and kind, love does not envy or boast, it is not arrogant or

rude. It does not insist on its own way, it is not irritable or resentful, it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things, Love never ends.

This is the Word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God

Matthew 19:4-6

[Jesus said] “Have you not read that he who created them from the beginning made them male and female, and said, ‘Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh’? So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let no man separate.”

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

Praise be to you O Christ.

Sermon/Message

Vows: (Vows are written by Sara and Garrett)

I, Garrett...

I, Sara...

Garrett, will you have this woman to be your wedded wife, to live together in the holy estate of matrimony as God ordained it? Will you nourish and cherish her as Christ loved His body, the Church, giving Himself up for her? Will you love, honor, and keep her in sickness and in health and, forsaking all others, remain united to her alone, so long as you both shall live? Then say: I will.

I will.

Sara, will you have this man to be your wedded husband, to live together in the holy estate of matrimony as God ordained it? Will you submit to him as

the Church submits to Christ? Will you love, honor, and keep him in sickness and in health and, forsaking all others, remain united to him alone, so long as you both shall live? Then say: I will.

I will.

Who gives this woman to be married to this man?

(Father of the Bride) *Her mother and I do.*

Blessing of the Rings

Almighty Father, You have generously created all things to serve us for our good. Send Your blessing upon this couple who shall wear these rings as a constant reminder of their marital fidelity. Grant that by Your mercy they may live gladly and faithfully in this holy estate; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Savior, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Rings

Receive this ring as a pledge and token of wedded love and faithfulness. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Almighty and Gracious God abundantly grant you His favor and sanctify and bless you with the blessing given to Adam and Eve in Paradise, that you may please Him in both body and soul and live together in holy love until life's end. *You May kiss the Bride*

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

Amen.

It is my pleasure to introduce for the first time, Mr. and Mrs. Sara and Garrett DiSarno