

Day of Pentecost - Whitsunday
The Baptism of Claire Garman Zartman
May 24, 2026



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The Reverend Dina Carter Ishler, *Rector*

"Give Claire an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. Amen."
-The Book of Common Prayer, p.308

Welcome, and God's peace be to you all and especially to any guests worshipping with us at St. Matthew's today- we are so glad you are here. Today, this Day of Pentecost, we rejoice that the gift of the Holy Spirit as our Advocate and Guide is ours for always- shaping us to be God's people as we proclaim the Good News to a world so hungry for compassion and grace, for healing and hope. AND today we have the joy of baptizing Claire Garman Zartman and welcoming her into the household of God.

Please know you are always completely welcome here for everything we do- our fellowship, our mission and outreach activities, our regular Sunday worship at 10am, and our Wednesday services. We hope and pray you will find this to be one of your spiritual homes- please do not hesitate to let us know what your needs are. All our contact information is listed at the back of this bulletin.

Our Worship follows the Episcopal tradition using the 1979 Book of Common Prayer and the Hymnal 1982, both of which you will find in the pews. We create a comprehensive bulletin for each service with the intention of making it easier to follow along and participate; if you need any assistance, please do not hesitate to ask someone near you. At services with music, you will need your Hymnal to sing the hymns and service music- **both are intended to be sung by everyone!**

All are welcome at the Lord's Table. If you wish to receive communion, place your hands together to receive the bread and you may take a sip of wine directly from the chalice. We also have individual cups available that contain a small amount of wine and a wafer (the consecrated bread); please put your hands in front of you as if you were praying if you'd like this option. **Intinction (dipping the bread in the chalice) is not allowed.** Grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available upon request. If you wish to receive a blessing, please come forward to the altar and cross your arms.

Blessings and love to you on this holy day and always- Mother Dina

The Lessons *The people sit.*

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

 ` In the last days it will be, God declares,
 that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
 and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
 and your young men shall see visions,
 and your old men shall dream dreams.

Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.
And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.
The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.
Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be
saved.' "

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 104:25-35, 37 *Said in unison.*

25 O LORD, how manifold are your works! *
in wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.

26 Yonder is the great and wide sea
with its living things too many to number, *
creatures both small and great.

27 There move the ships,
and there is that Leviathan, *
which you have made for the sport of it.

28 All of them look to you *
to give them their food in due season.

29 You give it to them; they gather it; *
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

30 You hide your face, and they are terrified; *
you take away their breath,
and they die and return to their dust.

31 You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; *
and so you renew the face of the earth.

- 32 May the glory of the LORD endure forever; *
 may the LORD rejoice in all his works.
- 33 He looks at the earth and it trembles; *
 he touches the mountains and they smoke.
- 34 I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; *
 I will praise my God while I have my being.
- 35 May these words of mine please him; *
 I will rejoice in the LORD.
- 37 Bless the LORD, O my soul. *
 Hallelujah!

A Reading from Paul's First Letter to the Church at Corinth
1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

No one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body~ Jews or Greeks, slaves or free~ and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

#296, The Hymnal 1982

“We know that Christ is raised and dies no more”

The Gospel: John 20:19-23

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Homily

Mother Dina

After the homily, we will sing “I was there to hear your borning cry”(insert) while the altar party, Claire, her parents and godparents process to the baptismal font. You are invited to leave your pew and move closer to the font, and we especially invite all children to come up close so they can see and participate in the baptism.

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

The Celebrant says

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

The Parents and Godparents say

We present Claire Garman Zartman to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

The Celebrant then asks

Will you be responsible for seeing that **Claire** will be brought up in

the Christian faith and life?

The Parents and Godparents answer **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you by your prayers and witness help her to grow into the full stature of Christ?

The Parents and Godparents answer **I will, with God's help.**

The Celebrant asks the following questions

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer **I do.**

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer **I do.**

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer **I do.**

The Celebrant then addresses the congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support **Claire** in her life in Christ?

People **We will! (SAY IT BIG!)**

The Celebrant then says Let us join with **Claire**, her parents and godparents, and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

- Celebrant* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
- People* **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**
- Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
- People* **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**
- Celebrant* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?
- People* **I will, with God's help.**
- Celebrant* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
- People* **I will, with God's help.**
- Celebrant* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
- People* **I will, with God's help.**
- Celebrant* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
- People* **I will, with God's help.**
- Celebrant* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
- People* **I will, with God's help.**

Prayers for the Candidates

The Celebrant then says to the congregation

Let us now pray for **Claire** who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open her heart to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send her into the world in witness to your love.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant says

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving over the Water

The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant (as the water is being poured) We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Baptism

Claire Garman, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

When this action has been completed, the Celebrant, at a place in full sight of the congregation, prays over her, saying Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Then the Celebrant places a hand on Claire's head, marking on her forehead the sign of the Cross, and saying to her
Claire, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever. **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Minister lights a baptismal candle from the Paschal Candle and hands it to the godparents as the Celebrant says
"Receive the Light of Christ, and share this Light with all the world."

Then the Celebrant says
Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People
We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

The Peace BCP 360
All stand. The Celebrant says to the people
The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**
We greet one another in the name of the Risen Lord.

Offertory Hymn **"Shine, Jesus, shine"** **Graham Kendrick**

Shine, Jesus, Shine

Capo 2: (G) (C) (G) (D) (G)
 A D A E A

1 Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing, in the
 2 Lord, I come to your awe - some pres - ence, from the
 3 As we gaze on your king - ly bright-ness, so our

(C) (G) (D) (C) (D)
 D A E D E

midst of the dark - ness, shin - ing; Je - sus, Light of the
 shad - ows in - to your ra - diancy; by the blood I may
 fac - es dis - play your like - ness; ev - er chang - ing from

(Bm7) (Em7) (C) (D) (Bm7)
 C#m7 F#m7 D E C#m7

World, shine up - on us; set us free by the truth you now
 en - ter your bright-ness. Search me; try me; con - sume all my
 glo - ry to glo - ry, mir - rored here may our lives tell your

(Em7) (F) (Dsus)(D) (F) (Dsus)(D)
 F#m7 G ESUS E G ESUS E

bring us. Shine on me; shine on me.
 dark - ness. Shine on me; shine on me.
 sto - ry. Shine on me; shine on me.

Refrain (G) (D) (Em) (C) (G) (Am7) (C) (D7) (C) (D)
 A E F#m D A Bm7 D E7 D E

Shine, Je - sus, shine; fill this land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry.

(G) (D) (Em) (C) (G) (Am) (Am/G) (F) (D7sus)(D7)
 A E F#m D A Bm Bm/A G E7sus E7

Blaze, Spir - it, blaze; set our hearts on fire.

(G) (D) (Em) (C) (G) (Am7) (C) (D7) (C) (D)
 A E F#m D A Bm7 D E7 D E

Flow, riv - er, flow; flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy.

(G) (D) (Em) (C) (G) (Am) (D7) (G)
 A E F#m D A Bm E7 A

Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.

Celebrant Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People **By his blood, he reconciled us.**
By his wounds, we are healed.

Celebrant And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

The Sanctus

#858, Wonder Love and Praise

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving:

People **We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

Celebrant Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Celebrant Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**



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The Lord's Prayer And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

The Fraction Anthem

S-154, *The Hymnal 1982*

“Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us”

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion Music

“This Little Light of Mine”

#221, *Lift Every Voice and Sing II*

1. This lit - tle light of mine, _____ I'm gon - na let it
 2. Ev - 'ry - where I go, _____ I'm gon - na let it
 3. Je - sus gave it to me, _____ I'm gon - na let it

Oh _____

1. shine, _____ This lit - tle light of mine,
 2. shine, _____ Ev - 'ry - where I go,
 3. shine, _____ Je - sus gave it to me,

Oh _____

1. I'm gon - na let it shine; _____ This lit - tle light of
 2. I'm gon - na let it shine; _____ Ev - 'ry - where I
 3. I'm gon - na let it shine; _____ Je - sus gave it to

Oh _____

1. mine, _____ I'm gon - na let it shine, _____ Let it
 2. go, _____ I'm gon - na let it shine, _____ Let it
 3. me, _____ I'm gon - na let it shine, _____ Let it

Oh _____

1. shine, let it shine, let it shine. _____
 2. shine, let it shine, let it shine. _____
 3. shine, let it shine, let it shine. _____

Oh _____

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“Come Down, O Love divine”

#516, The Hymnal 1982

A Prayer for Spiritual Communion

The people and Celebrant pray together

Dearest Jesus, we believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since we all cannot receive communion in the consecrated bread and wine, we pray you to come into our hearts.

We unite ourselves with you and embrace you with our hearts, souls, and minds. Let nothing separate us from you; let us serve you in this life until, by your grace, we come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

BCP 365

The Celebrant says Let us pray.

Celebrant and People Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Easter Blessing

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us children through the resurrection of God's Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of God's blessing. Amen.

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ forever. Amen.

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. Amen.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. Amen.

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Recessional Hymn

#645, Oramos Cantando

“Lord, You Give the Great Commission”

Lord, You Give the Great Commission / Cristo, Tú Nos Has Mandado



1. Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion:
 2. Lord, you call us to your serv - ice:
 3. Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly:
 4. Lord, you show us love's true meas - ure:

1. *Cris - to, tú nos has man - da - do*
 2. *Cris - to, lla - mas al ser - vi - cio,*
 3. *Cris - to, san - ti - fi - cas to - do;*
 4. *Cris - to, a - mas sin me - di - da:*



"Heal the sick and preach the word."
 "In my name bap - tize and teach."
 "This my bod - y, this my blood."
 "Fa - ther, what they do, for - give."

A sa - nar y pre - di - car -
En tu nom - bre a bau - ti - zar.
En tu cuer - po cam - bias pan.
"Pa - dre, da - les tu per - dón."



Lest the Church ne - glect its mis - sion
 That the world may trust your prom - ise,
 Let us all, for earth's true glo - ry,
 Yet we hoard as pri - vate treas - ure

La mi - sión que no fa - lle - mos,
Que con - fie - mos tu pro - me - sa,
Pu - ri - fi - ca nues - tras vi - das:
Mas tus do - nes co - di - cia - mos,



And the Gos - pel go un - heard,
 Life a - bun - dant meant for each,
 Dai - ly lift life heav - en - ward,
 All that you so free - ly give.

Ni el men - sa - je ni el a - mar.
Vi - da en ple - ni - tud cre - ar.
A - s ho - nor a ti da - rán.
Aun - que es gra - tis tu crea - ción.



Help us wit - ness to your pur - pose
 Give us all new fer - vor, draw us
 Ask - ing that the world a - round us
 May your care and mer - cy lead us
Pues a - yú - da - nos ser fie - les,
Da - nos el fer - vor de nue - vo,
Te ro - ga - mos por tu mun - do
Que tu com - pa - sión nos guí - e



With re - newed in - teg - ri - ty;
 Clos - er in com - mun - i - ty;
 Share your chil - dren's lib - er - ty;
 To a just so - ci - e - ty;
Y tu a - mor tes - ti - fi - car.
En co - mu - ni - dad li - gar.
Li - ber - tad a to - dos dar.
La jus - ti - cia a ins - ta - lar.



With the Spir - it's gifts em - pow'r us
Por tu Es - pt - ri - tu di - vi - no



For the work of min - is - try.
Da - nos fuer - za a mi - nis - trar.

5. Lord, you bless with words assuring:

“I am with you to the end.”
 Faith and hope and love restoring,
 May we serve as you intend,
 And, amid the cares that claim us,
 Hold in mind eternity;
 With the Spirit’s gifts empow’r us
 For the work of ministry.

5. *Cristo, tú nos aseguras:*

“Con ustedes estaré.”
Que sirvamos como quieres,
Restaurando amor y fe.
Si lo eterno olvidamos,
Haznos siempre recordar.
Por tu Espíritu divino
Danos fuerza a ministrar.

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The Dismissal *The Priest dismisses the People*

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the Risen Christ and the power of the Spirit, Alleluia, Alleluia!!

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!!**

Postlude “The Spirit of God” Anon., 1844, arr. B. Jorgensen

Serving today’s liturgy

The Reverend Dina Carter Ishler, *Celebrant and Preacher*
Patrick Ishler, *Director of Music Ministry*; St. Matthew’s Choir

Mary Ann Loftus, *Thurifer*; Fran Zartman, *Flute*

David Hollabaugh, *SubDeacon and Lector*

Dana Kelly, *Eucharistic Minister*; Barry Treon, *Usher*

Danny and Jacob Renn, Amber Kuczynski, *Altar Assistants*

Alex, Chelsey, and Natalia Zartman, *Claire’s family*

Samuel and Morgan Zartman, *Godparents*



PARISH NOTES FOR May 24, 2026

COLE ALLEN DIAPER PANTRY: The next Diaper Pantry will be Saturday, June 6, 2026 from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. Our needs are: volunteers to distribute diapers; diaper wipes, pull-ups, and sizes 5 and 6 diapers; and monetary donations (please place in envelope labeled “Diaper Pantry.”) **We covered 84 baby bottoms in May!**
Contact: Connie Kistler at kistinpa@ptd.net.

HIS DISCIPLES FOOD PANTRY: The next Food Pantry will be Saturday, May 30, 2026, from 9:00-11:00 a.m. **All donations are greatly appreciated, especially canned fruits and vegetables. We fed 35 families in April!** Contact John Blanchard, 570-286-5415 (leave message) to volunteer.

CARLA’S OFFICE HOURS: Office hours are Tuesday and Wednesday, 10AM to 2PM, and Thursday, 10AM to Noon.
MOTHER DINA’S OFFICE HOURS: Tuesdays, 11:30am until 5pm or so. Call, text, or email me any time- **I love hearing from you!**

ALTAR SERVERS: St. Matthew's is looking for altar servers of all ages for the ministries of: **Eucharistic Minister, Crucifer, Torch Bearers, Lector, Thurifer, etc.** Please contact Mother Dina if interested in participating in these or ANY of our other ministries!

COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS: Volunteers are needed each month to sign up for a weekly coffee hour session. Sign-up sheets are posted in the Choir Room. Any questions, please contact Carol Hixson. This month's sign-ups are:

May 24- Fran Z.

May 31- Tina M.

June 7- Lynda C.

June 14- Krista & Cheryl

June 21- *Need Volunteer*

June 28- Matt & David

CHOIR REHEARSAL: Rehearsals will continue to be Thursday evenings at 5:30pm. All are welcome to join us!!!

YOGA CLASSES: Yoga classes will be held in the Social Hall every Thursday starting at 7:00PM.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Please notify Elaine Schlegel, or the Parish Administrator, Carla Treon, of anyone who needs prayers so they may be added for next upcoming Sunday.

WEEKDAY SERVICE: Our week-day service of Holy Eucharist will be held on Wednesdays at Noon. All are welcome!

COMPLINE SERVICE: Please join us for these evening services on Wednesdays, 8:00PM, in the Church, on Zoom, or Facebook live.

David Hollabaugh will be officiating. Zoom link is listed here:

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/88684946715?pwd=xvTfSYXhjln6ce8ANK1pqbbG6ANeE.1#success>

CHANGE IN MONTHLY MORNING BREAKFAST: The breakfast for June will be **Father's Day, June 21-** Note the change!

UP-COMING MONTHLY EVENTS: Details to follow closer to the time of the events. Please visit our website for more information

Sun., **May 24:** Whitsunday (Pentecost) with Holy Baptism, 10AM

Wed., **May 27:** Weekday Eucharist, Noon

Wed., **May 27:** Compline, 8:00PM

Sat., **May 30:** His Disciple's Food Pantry, 9:00AM-11:00AM

Wed., **June 3:** Weekday Eucharist, Noon
 Wed., **June 3:** Compline, 8:00PM
 Sat., **June 6:** Cole Allen Diaper Pantry, 10AM-11:30AM
 Sun., **June 7:** NO monthly breakfast- moved to Father's Day
 Wed., **June 10:** Weekday Eucharist, Noon
 Wed., **June 10:** Compline, 8:00PM
 Wed., **June 17:** Weekday Eucharist, Noon
 Wed., **June 17:** Vestry Meeting, 6PM, Social Hall Parish
 Wed., **June 17:** Compline, 8:00PM
 Thurs., **June 18:** Takery, 4:00PM, Cameron Park
 Sun., **June 21:** Father's Day Breakfast, 9:00AM-10:00AM
 Sun., **June 21:** NO Adult Bible Study due to breakfast
 Wed., **June 24:** Weekday Eucharist, Noon
 Wed., **June 24:** Compline, 8:00PM

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Director of Music Ministry: Patrick Ishler.

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### The Prayers of the People

I ask your prayers for Mother Dina and family, Father Fred and family, David and Matthew, Frances, Mike, the Sterner family, Dawson, Erika, Becky, Easton, AmberLynn, Daya, Arabella, Derick, Noelle, Dean, Fred, Barb, Carol, Baby Ruby and family, Chelsea, Jill, Scott, Heather and family, Jan, Mary, Danielle, Austin and Lou, Gina, Darrel, Becky, Dan, Joey and family, Suzy, and for those whose needs are known to God alone. Please pray for all healthcare workers, especially Dan, Kara, Melissa, Janice and their co-workers, and all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. Also, please pray for all serving in our military, especially Ann and Jayden, in law enforcement for Brian and Jake. I ask your prayers for all the departed, especially Edith, MaryLou, Bob, and Rich.

Pray for those who have died. *Silence*

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