

The Third Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 5
June 9, 2024



St. Matthew's Episcopal Church
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The Reverend Dina Carter Ishler, *Priest in Charge*

"The LORD will make good his purpose for me; O LORD, your love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands."
-Psalm 138: 9

By mission does the church live: “you will be my witnesses,” said the Risen Jesus as we hear in Acts 1:8, just before he ascended into heaven. As the Body of Christ alive and at work in our world, we are the church- gathered and fed in Word and Sacrament before the Spirit calls us to bear joyful witness as we learn together to be the hands and feet of Christ everywhere we go. We are to see Christ in all others- to share the life-giving narrative of salvation with those to whom the Spirit sends us.

Please know you are always completely welcome here at St. Matthew’s for everything we do- our fellowship, our mission and outreach activities, our regular Sunday worship at 10am, and our occasional evening 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 pew racks. 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. 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 Third Sunday after Pentecost- Proper 5 Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10:00 am

(Directions to stand, kneel, etc., in our services should always be considered an invitation. If you find any of these to be challenging, please worship in whatever pose may work for you, knowing you are fully in God's presence.)

The Ringing of the Bells

We ring the sacristy bells five minutes before each service to invite us into the silence and reflection that helps to settle our souls for this time of Spirit-filled worship.

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude “Give thanks with a grateful heart” Henry Smith

Processional Hymn #48, The Hymnal 1982
“O day of radiant gladness”

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

The people and Celebrant say together Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Gloria in Excelsis S-280, The Hymnal 1982
“Glory to God in the highest”

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant says the Collect.

O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons *The people sit.*

A Reading from 1 Samuel 8:4-11, (12-15), 16-20, (11:14-15)

All the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, and said to him, “You are old and your sons do not follow in your ways; appoint for us, then, a king to govern us, like other nations.” But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, “Give us a king to govern us.” Samuel prayed to the LORD, and the LORD said to Samuel, “Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. Just as they have done to me, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so also they are doing to you. Now then, listen to their voice; only—you shall solemnly warn them, and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them.”

So Samuel reported all the words of the LORD to the people who were asking him for a king. He said, “These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots; and he will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and some to plow his ground and to reap his harvest, and to make his implements of war and the equipment of his chariots. He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive orchards and give them to his courtiers. He will take one-tenth of your grain and of your vineyards and give it to his officers and his courtiers. He will take your male and female slaves, and the best of your cattle and donkeys, and put them to his work. He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his

slaves. And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves; but the LORD will not answer you in that day.”

But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they said, “No! but we are determined to have a king over us, so that we also may be like other nations, and that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles.”

Samuel said to the people, “Come, let us go to Gilgal and there renew the kingship.” So all the people went to Gilgal, and there they made Saul king before the LORD in Gilgal. There they sacrificed offerings of well-being before the LORD, and there Saul and all the Israelites rejoiced greatly.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 138 *Confitebor tibi Said in unison.*

**1 I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; *
before the gods I will sing your praise.**

**2 I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your Name,
*because of your love and faithfulness;**

**3 For you have glorified your Name *
and your word above all things.**

**4 When I called, you answered me; *
you increased my strength within me.**

**5 All the kings of the earth will praise you, O LORD, *
when they have heard the words of your mouth.**

**6 They will sing of the ways of the LORD, *
that great is the glory of the LORD.**

**7 Though the LORD be high, he cares for the lowly; *
he perceives the haughty from afar.**

**8 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; *
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;**

your right hand shall save me.

9 The LORD will make good his purpose for me; *

O LORD, your love endures forever;

do not abandon the works of your hands.

**A Reading from Paul's Second Letter to the Church at Corinth
2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1**

Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—"I believed, and so I spoke"—we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

#209, The Hymnal 1982

"We walk by faith, and not by sight"

The Gospel: Mark 3:20-35

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

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

The crowd came together again, so that Jesus and his disciples could

not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, “He has gone out of his mind.” And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, “He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.” And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

“Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin”— for they had said, “He has an unclean spirit.”

Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.” And he replied, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” And looking at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Homily

Mother Dina

A time of silence after the homily is held for reflection.

The Nicene Creed *all stand and say together*

BCP 358

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true

God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit, he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son, he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People, Form IV

Leader Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. *Today in our Susquehanna Convocation Cycle of Prayer we pray for All Saints, Selinsgrove. In our Diocesan/Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Christ Episcopal Church, Berwick, and the Anglican Province of the Congo.*

Silence is held.

Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. We pray especially for our President Joe Biden; our Governor Josh Shapiro, our Mayor Josh Brosnious, and our Senator Lynda Schlegel-Culver.

Silence is held.

Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation,
that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others
and to your honor and glory.

Silence is held.

Lord, in your mercy

People Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant
that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he
loves us. We pray especially for those who have asked for our
prayers: Mother Dina and family, Father Fred and family, Frances
(Fran), Angela, Tanya, Weston, Mike B., Anita, Carole, Richard S.,
the Sterner family, Dawson, Ellen and family, Erika, Stan R., Nancy
R., Carlos K., Frank L., Tammy R., Barbara and family, Becky,
Robert, Roy C., Marley, Christopher, Christina, Barry, Scott,
Sandra S., and Father Louis. Please pray for all healthcare workers,
especially Dan D., Kara, Melissa, Janice and their co-workers. Also,
please pray for all serving in our military and law enforcement.

Silence is held.

Lord, in your mercy

People Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or
spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and
bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence is held.

Lord, in your mercy

People Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for
them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your
saints in your eternal kingdom. *Silence is held.*

Lord, in your mercy

People Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

People Amen.

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 Lord.

Offertory Hymn

#620, Wonder, Love, and Praise

“Jerusalem, my happy home”

The Presentation of the Offerings

#380, v.3, The Hymnal 1982

“Praise God from whom all blessings flow”

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Eucharistic Prayer C

BCP 369

The Celebrant says The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you

are worthy of glory and praise.

People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People **By your will they were created and have their being.**

Celebrant From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and we betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

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

S-130, The Hymnal 1982

“Holy, holy, holy”

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.**

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

#301, The Hymnal 1982

“Bread of the world, in mercy broken”

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 Hymn

#325, The Hymnal 1982

“Let us break bread together on our knees”

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 Blessing *The Priest blesses the people.*

Recessional Hymn

#533, The Hymnal 1982

“How wondrous and great thy works, God of praise!”

The Dismissal *The Priest dismisses the People*

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit!
People Thanks be to God, and all God's people say, Amen!

Postlude "O God beyond all praising" Gustav Holst

Serving today's liturgy

The Reverend Dina Carter Ishler, *Celebrant and Preacher*
Patrick Ishler, *Music Minister*; and St. Matthew's Choir
Mary Ann Loftus, *Thurifer*; Roy Casey, *Eucharistic Minister*
Bill Bohner, *Lector*; Barry Treon, *Greeter and Usher*

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PARISH NOTES FOR JUNE 9, 2024

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| <p><b>COLE ALLEN DIAPER PANTRY:</b> The next Diaper Pantry will be Saturday, July 6, 2024 from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. We're in need of volunteers to distribute diapers. Please contact Connie Kistler at <a href="mailto:kistinpa@ptd.net">kistinpa@ptd.net</a>. Monetary donations are very much welcomed. Please give to the Treasurer, Tom Culver, in an envelope labeled "Diaper Pantry." <b>Donations of diaper wipes and pull-ups are appreciated and urgently needed- we covered 86 baby bottoms in June!</b></p> |
| <p><b>HIS DISCIPLES FOOD PANTRY:</b> Is the last Saturday of each month. Please contact John Blanchard, 570-286-5415, leave message, to volunteer. Donations of canned soups and cereals are welcome. <b>We fed 48 families in May!</b> The next Food Pantry will be held Saturday, June 29th, from 9:00-11:00 a.m. <b>Any donations are greatly appreciated!</b></p>                                                                                                                                                 |
| <p><b>CHURCH SERVICE TIME is 10:00 AM.</b> Masks are now optional. Please follow any current COVID restrictions.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <p><b>CARLA'S OFFICE HOURS:</b> Office hours are Tuesday and Wednesday, 10AM to 2PM, and Thursday, 10AM to Noon.<br/><b>MOTHER DINA'S OFFICE/PASTORAL CALLING HOURS:</b> Wednesday, 11:30- 5:00pm (or text/call (717) 481-0708 to plan a time to share together.) <b>I LOVE hearing from you!</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <p><b>YOUNG PEOPLE'S MINISTRY:</b> Please prayerfully consider participating in this vital ministry. If interested in guiding our</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

young people in their faith, please contact Mother Dina or Anissa DeCapria-Sanduta, 570-898-2275.

**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!

**CHOIR REHEARSAL: NO rehearsals during the summer...**  
**please consider joining us in the fall. We have a lot of fun while making music!**

**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:

June 9<sup>th</sup>- Dana Kelly

June 16<sup>th</sup>- ECW

June 23<sup>rd</sup>- Rose & Kirk Miller

June 30<sup>th</sup>- Stephanie Sterner

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

**FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST:** A breakfast for Father's Day will be held June 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:00AM.

**VESTRY MEETING:** The monthly Vestry Meeting will be held on June 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM in the Parish Hall.

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

Sun., **June 16<sup>th</sup>:** Father's Day Breakfast Hour, 9:00AM

Sun., **June 16<sup>th</sup>:** **NO Adult Bible Study**

Wed., **June 19<sup>th</sup>:** Vestry Meeting, 6PM, Social Hall

\*Looking ahead: Sat., **July 6<sup>th</sup>,** 10:30AM, the Ordination of the Reverend Lisa Work to the Sacred Order of Priests, Christ Memorial Episcopal Church, Danville.

Parish Picnic/Outdoor Service is **July 21<sup>st</sup>** at Zartman's Pavilion, rain date July 28<sup>th</sup>. Directions will be provided.

Sat., **July 27<sup>th</sup>:** the Ordination of the Reverend Kevin Lowe to the Sacred Order of Priests, St. Andrew's, State College (He will be Priest in Charge at St. Andrew's, Lewisburg, beginning August.)

**VESTRY MEMBERS:** Fran Zartman, *Senior Warden*; Roy Casey, *Junior Warden*; Mary Ann Loftus, *Clerk of the Vestry*; Nathan Blanchard; Martha Bohner; Anissa DeCapria-Sanduta; Dana Kelly; Carol Lamparter; Pam Schlegel; Lynda Schlegel-Culver. Charlie Schlegel, *Senior Warden Emeritus*

**SEXTON** Sharon Baney

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