

The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 7
June 21, 2026



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The Reverend Dina Carter Ishler, *Rector*

"Keep watch over my life, for I am faithful; save your servant who puts his trust in you." -Psalm 86:2

We are so glad you are here to worship with us! Please know you are always completely welcome at St. Matthew's for everything we do- our fellowship, our mission and outreach activities, our regular Sunday worship at 10am, and our Wednesday services. 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!**

During the long green season after Pentecost, there are two 'tracks' each week for Old Testament readings and a Psalm chosen to accompany the particular lesson. We're using Track 1 this year, which follows major stories and themes, read mostly continuously from week to week. Here in Year A we begin with Genesis. (lectionarypage.net.)

All are welcome at the Lord's Table. 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 permitted.** 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 to you on this holy day and always- Mother Dina

The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost- Proper 7
Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10:00 AM

We ring the sacristy bells ten minutes before each service to signal we are entering into a time of reverent silence, respectful of those gathering and praying around us. This helps us all prepare “to worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness” (Psalm 96:9) We will greet each other at the Peace!

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude “Come and Journey” Marty Haugen

Processional Hymn #296, The Hymnal 1982
“We know that Christ is raised and dies no more”

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 Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; 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 the Book of Genesis **Genesis 21:8-21**

The child grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. So she said to Abraham, “Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac.” The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. But God said to Abraham, “Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you. As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring.” So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba.

When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, “Do not let me look on the death of the child.” And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, “What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him.” Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink.

God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness, and became an expert with the bow. He lived in the wilderness of

Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17 *Said in unison.*

1 Bow down your ear, O LORD,
and answer me, *
for I am poor and in misery.

2 Keep watch over my life,
for I am faithful; *
save your servant who puts his trust in you.

3 Be merciful to me, O LORD, for you are my God; *
I call upon you all the day long.

4 Gladden the soul of your servant, *
for to you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

5 For you, O LORD, are good and forgiving, *
and great is your love toward all who call upon you.

6 Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer, *
and attend to the voice of my supplications.

7 In the time of my trouble I will call upon you, *
for you will answer me.

8 Among the gods there is none like you, O LORD, *
nor anything like your works.

9 All nations you have made will come and worship you,
O LORD, *
and glorify your Name.

10 For you are great;
you do wondrous things; *
and you alone are God.

16 Turn to me and have mercy upon me; *
give your strength to your servant;
and save the child of your handmaid.

17 Show me a sign of your favor,
so that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed; *
because you, O LORD, have helped me and comforted me.

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Church in Rome

Romans 6:1b-11

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

#490, The Hymnal 1982

“I want to walk as a child of the light”

Please stand as you are able for the reading of the Gospel.

The Gospel: Matthew 10:24-39

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

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

Jesus said to the twelve disciples, “A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign

those of his household!

“So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

“Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

For I have come to set a man against his father,
and a daughter against her mother,
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;
and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

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

BCP 358

All rise in body and/or spirit and say together

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 Christ Memorial Church, Danville. For the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for and with The Church of South India (United). In our Diocesan/Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Trinity, West Pittston; Trinity, Jersey Shore. For the Diocese of Kajo Keji, we pray for Sonder Parish. *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 Donald Trump, our Governor Josh Shapiro, our Senator Lynda Schlegel

Culver, our State Representative Mike Stender, and our Mayor Josh Broscious; and for the well-being of all people. *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, 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, Darrel, Becky, Dan, Jane, Suzy, Max, Vanessa, Weston, Melissa and family, Miranda, Kathy, Elaine, Mary, Bill, 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. *Silence 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, especially Bob, Rich, Dave, Dawny, Helcha, Leslie, Rick, and Julia, that your will

for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. *Silence 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

#558, The Hymnal 1982

“Faith of our fathers”

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, #120, The Hymnal 1982

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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.**


His Eye Is on the Sparrow

Verse



Why should I feel dis - cour - aged? Why should the sha - dows come?
"Let not your heart be trou - bled," his ten - der word I hear,
When - ev - er I am temp - ted, when - ev - er clouds a - rise,

5



Why should my heart be lone - ly and long for heaven and home,
and rest - ing on his good - ness, I lose my doubts and fears;
when song gives place to sigh - ing, when hope with - in me dies,

9



When Je - sus is my por - tion? My con - stant friend is he:
though by the path he lead - eth but one step I may see:
I draw the clos - er to him; from care he sets me free:

14



His eye is on the spar - row, and I know he watch - es me;
His eye is on the spar - row, and I know he watch - es me;
His eye is on the spar - row, and I know he watch - es me;

19



his eye is on the spar - row, and I know he watch - es me.
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his eye is on the spar - row, and I know he watch - es me.

24 *Refrain*



I sing be - cause I'm hap - py, I sing be - cause I'm free,

30



for his eye is on the spar - row, and I know he watch - es me.

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

#675, The Hymnal 1982

“Take up your cross, the Savior said”

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

“I have decided to follow Jesus”

Indian Folk Melody, arr. Norman Johnson

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*; Carol Lamparter, *Lector*

Roy Casey, Dana Kelly, *Eucharistic Ministers*
 David Hollabaugh, *SubDeacon*; Fran Zartman, *Flute*
 Amber Kuczynski, Danny and Jacob Renn, *Worship Assistants*
 Carter Ishler, *Livestream*; Barry Treon, *Greeter and Usher*

PARISH NOTES FOR JUNE 21, 2026

COLE ALLEN DIAPER PANTRY: The next Diaper Pantry will be Saturday, July 4, 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 112 baby bottoms in June!**
Contact: Connie Kistler at kistinpa@ptd.net.

HIS DISCIPLES FOOD PANTRY: The next Food Pantry will be Saturday, June 27, 2026, from 9:00-11:00 a.m. **All donations are greatly appreciated, especially canned fruits and vegetables. We fed 44 families in May!** 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:

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| June 21- ECW | June 28- Matt & David |
| July 5- Kistlers | July 12- Mary & Justina |
| July 19- Jerry | July 26- Picnic @ Zartman’s |

COMMUNITY AID REMINDER: If you are cleaning out and taking things to Community Aid, please remember to use our **ID#**

<p>30026 so we can receive credit for those donations. By doing this, we are continuing our partnership with them which then allows us to apply for grants through them to help benefit our Diaper Pantry.</p>
<p>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.</p>
<p>CHOIR REHEARSALS: will resume in the fall. Please thank <u>all our musicians for their faithful and loving service!</u></p>
<p>YOGA CLASSES: Yoga classes will be held in the Social Hall every Thursday starting at 7:00PM. **NO Yoga on June 25th.</p>
<p>WEEKDAY SERVICE: Our week-day service of Holy Eucharist will be held on Wednesdays at Noon. All are welcome!</p>
<p>COMPLINE SERVICE: <u>No</u> Compline service for the months of June and July.</p>
<p>CHANGE IN MONTHLY MORNING BREAKFAST: The breakfast for June will be Father's Day, June 21- Note the change! **Please bring a pic of your father/father figure to be honored!</p>
<p>NO ADULT BIBLE STUDY: <u>NO</u> Adult Bible Study on June 21st due to breakfast . Any questions, please contact Nathan Blanchard.</p>
<p>**ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC: Just a reminder- July 26, 2026 at Zartman's Creekside Pavilion, Kratzerville. *Rain date Aug. 9.</p>
<p>UP-COMING MONTHLY EVENTS: Details to follow closer to the time of the events. Please visit our website for more info: Wed., June 17: Weekday Eucharist, Noon Thurs., June 18: Takery Day, 4:00-5:30 pm, Cameron Park Sun., June 21: <u>NO</u> Adult Bible Study due to breakfast Sun., June 21: Father's Day Breakfast, 9:00AM Wed., June 24: Weekday Eucharist, Noon Thurs., June 25: <u>NO</u> Yoga Sat., June 27: His Disciple's Food Pantry, 9:00AM-11:00AM</p>

DONATIONS:

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and to keep ourselves vital and active in our community through our worship, our witness, our outreach, and our presence. You may now donate to Saint Matthew's Episcopal Church "online" at the link listed: <https://diosusquehanna.org/donate/>

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