

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 12
Worship and Church Picnic
at Zartman's Pavilion- July 26, 2026



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The Reverend Dina Carter Ishler, *Rector*

"Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." -Matthew 9: 37-38

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

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Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 11:00 AM

We ring 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

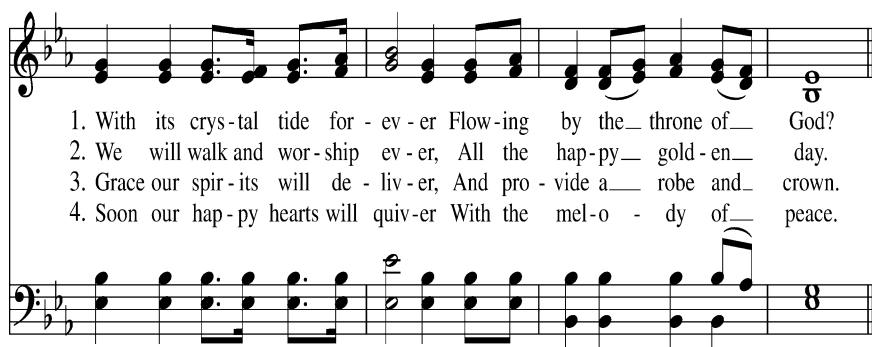
Prelude

“Ubi Caritas”
“Healing River”

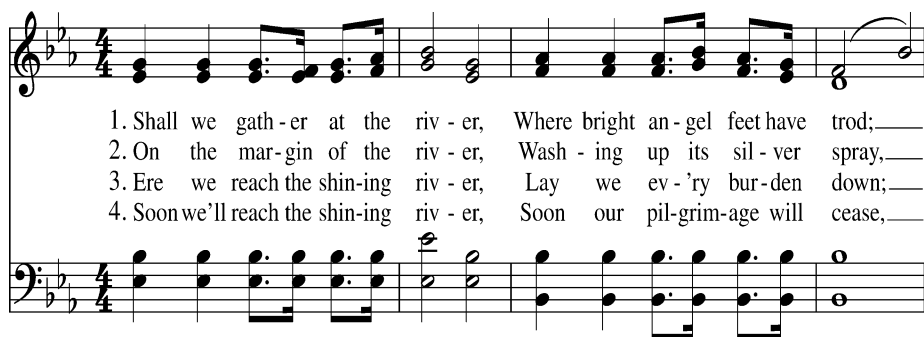
J. Berthier
The Sacred Harp

Processional Hymn

#141, Lift Every Voice and Sing II
“Shall We Gather at the River”



1. With its crys-tal tide for - ev - er Flow-ing by the__ throne of__ God?
2. We will walk and wor-ship ev - er, All the hap-py__ gold-en__ day.
3. Grace our spir-its will de - liv - er, And pro - vide a__ robe and__ crown.
4. Soon our hap-py hearts will quiv-er With the mel-o - dy of__ peace.



1. Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, Where bright an - gel feet have trod;__
2. On the mar-gin of the riv - er, Wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,__
3. Ere we reach the shin-ing riv - er, Lay we ev - 'ry bur-den down;__
4. Soon we'll reach the shin-ing riv - er, Soon our pil-grim-age will cease,__

Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, The beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful_ riv - er;

Gath - er with the saints_ at the riv - er That flows by the throne of_ God.

Words: Robert Lowry (1826-1899). Music: Robert Lowry.

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.

Song of Praise "Morning has broken" #8, The Hymnal 1982
Unison or harmony

1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing,
 2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from hea - ven,
 3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing

black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird. _____
 like the first dew - fall on the first grass. _____
 born of the one light E - den saw play! _____

Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!
 Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,
 Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - ery morn - ing,

Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word! _____
 sprung in com - plete - ness where his feet pass. _____
 God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day! _____

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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, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; 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 29:15-28**

Laban said to Jacob, "Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?" Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah's eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, "I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel." Laban said, "It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me." So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her.

Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed." So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?" Laban said, "This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years." Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 105:1-11, 45b *Said in unison.*

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD and call upon his Name; *
 make known his deeds among the peoples.
- 2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, *
 and speak of all his marvelous works.
- 3 Glory in his holy Name; *

- let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.
- 4 Search for the LORD and his strength; *
continually seek his face.
- 5 Remember the marvels he has done, *
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,
- 6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, *
O children of Jacob his chosen.
- 7 He is the LORD our God; *
his judgments prevail in all the world.
- 8 He has always been mindful of his covenant, *
the promise he made for a thousand generations:
- 9 The covenant he made with Abraham, *
the oath that he swore to Isaac,
- 10 Which he established as a statute for Jacob, *
an everlasting covenant for Israel,
- 11 Saying, "To you will I give the land of Canaan *
to be your allotted inheritance."
- 45b Hallelujah!

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Church in Rome Romans 8:26-39

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is

against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

#711, The Hymnal 1982

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness;
And all these things shall be added unto you, Allelu, alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, Allelu, alleluia.

Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek, and ye shall find.
Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you.
Allelu, alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, Allelu, alleluia.

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

The Gospel: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

“Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

A Reflection

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 Northwestern Region Convocation Cycle of Prayer we pray for Trinity, Tyrone. For the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for and with The Anglican Church of Tanzania. In our Diocesan/Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. Paul's, Montrose; St. Matthew's Chapel; St. Andrew's, Lewisburg. For the Diocese of Kajo Keji, we pray for Emmanuel Parish Kiri. *Silence.*

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 Broschius; 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, Amanda and Easton, AmberLynn, Daya, Arabella, Derick, Noelle, Dean, Fred, Barb, Carol, Baby Ruby and family, Keith, the victims of the Venezuela earthquakes, Jill, Amanda, Cole, Chase, Tim, Peter, 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, and in law enforcement for Brian, Jake, and Sarah. *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 Michael,

Cheryl, and Hailey, 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

#60, The Hymnal 1982

“How great thou art”

1. O Lord my God, when I in awe - some won - der Con - sid - er
2. When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der And hear the
3. And when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing, Sent him to
4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion And take me

1. all the worlds* thy hands have made, I see the stars I hear the roll - ing*
 2. birds sing sweet - ly in the trees, When I look down from loft - y moun - tain
 3. die, I scarce can take it in, That on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly
 4. home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -

1. thun - der, Thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played.
 2. gran - deur, And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze.
 3. bear - ing, He bled and died to take a - way my sin.
 4. ra - tion, And there pro - claim, my God how great thou art.

Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior, God, to Thee: How great Thou

* The translator's original words are "works" and "mighty."

art, how great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior, God, to

Thee: How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

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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

Celebrant 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 Lord, God of power and might”

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 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

#645, The Hymnal 1982

"The King of Love my Shepherd is"



1	The	King	of	love	my	shep-herd	is,	whose	good-ness
2	Where	streams	of	liv-ing	wa-ter	flow,	my	ran-somed	
* 3	Per-	verse	and	fool-ish	oft	I	strayed,	but	yet in
* 4	In	death's	dark	vale	I	fear	no	ill	with thee, dear
5	Thou	spread'st	a	ta-ble	in	my	sight;	thy	unc-tion
6	And	so	through	all	the	length	of	days	thy good-ness



1	fail-	eth	nev-	-	er;	I	noth-ing	lack	if
2	soul	he	lead	-	eth,	and	where	the	ver-dant
3	love	he	sought		me,	and	on	his	shoul-der
4	Lord,	be	-	side	me;	thy	rod	and	staff
5	grace	be	-	stow	eth;	and	oh,	what	trans-port
6	fail-	eth	nev-	-	er:	Good	Shep-herd,	may	I

1 I am his, and he is mine for ev - er.
 2 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
 3 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
 4 com - fort still, thy cross be - fore to guide me.
 5 of de - light from thy pure chal - ice flow - eth!
 6 sing thy praise with - in thy house for ev - er.

Words: Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877); para. Psalm 23. Music: *St. Columba*, Irish melody, harm. *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 Blessing *The Priest blesses the people.*

Recessional Hymn

#376, The Hymnal 1982

“Joyful, joyful we adore thee”

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,
 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,

hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
 stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
 well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way;
 Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, bloom - ing mea - dow, flash - ing sea,
 Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Bro - ther: all who live in love are thine;

giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
 chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, call us to re - joice in thee.
 teach - us how to love each o - ther, lift us to the joy di - vine.

Words: Henry Van Dyke (1852-1933). Music: *Hymn to Joy*, Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827); adapt. Edward Hodges (1796-1867), alt.

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!

Serving today's liturgy

The Reverend Dina Carter Ishler, *Celebrant and Preacher*
Patrick Ishler, *Director of Music Ministry*; St. Matthew's Choir
Fran Zartman, *flute*; Roy Casey, Dana Kelly, Mary Ann Loftus,
Eucharistic Ministers; David Hollabaugh, *SubDeacon and Lector*
Amber Kuczynski, Danny and Jacob Renn, *Worship Assistants*
Carter Ishler, *Livestream*; Barry Treon, *Greeter and Usher*
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PARISH NOTES FOR JULY 26, 2026

**COLE ALLEN DIAPER PANTRY:** The next Diaper Pantry will be Saturday, Aug. 1, 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 45 baby bottoms in July!**  
**Contact:** Connie Kistler at [kistinpa@ptd.net](mailto:kistinpa@ptd.net).

**HIS DISCIPLES FOOD PANTRY:** The next Food Pantry will be Saturday, Aug. 29, 2026, from 9:00-11:00 a.m. **All donations are greatly appreciated, especially canned fruits and vegetables. We fed 45 families in June!** 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:

July 26- Picnic @ Zartman's

Aug. 2- Carol & Lori

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| Aug. 9- Rose & Kirk<br>Aug. 23- Lynda C.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Aug. 16- Karen & Carol B.<br>Aug. 30- <i><b>Need Volunteer</b></i> |
| <b>COMMUNITY AID REMINDER:</b> If you are cleaning out and taking things to Community Aid, please remember to use our ID# <b>30026</b> 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.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                    |
| <b>PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:</b> Please notify Elaine Schlegel, or the Parish Administrator, Carla Treon, of anyone who needs prayers so they may be added for next upcoming Sunday.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                    |
| <b>CHOIR REHEARSALS:</b> will resume in the fall. Please thank <u>all</u> our musicians for their faithful and loving service!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                    |
| <b>YOGA CLASSES:</b> <b>**NO Yoga in August.</b> Yoga classes will be held in the Social Hall, Thursdays, 7:00PM when resuming in Sept.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                    |
| <b>WEEKDAY SERVICE:</b> Our weekday service of Holy Eucharist will be held on Wednesdays at Noon. All are welcome!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                    |
| <b>*NO MONTHLY BREAKFAST FOR AUGUST.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                    |
| <b>ADULT BIBLE STUDY:</b> Adult Bible Study on Aug. 16 at 9:00AM. Any questions, please contact Nathan Blanchard.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                    |
| <b>VESTRY:</b> Aug. 19, 6:00PM, Social Hall                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                    |
| <b>**ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC: <u>Just a reminder-</u> July 26, 2026</b> at Zartman's Creekside Pavilion, Kratzerville at 11:00AM. *Rain date <b>Aug. 9.</b> Directions are available.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                    |
| <b>UP-COMING MONTHLY EVENTS:</b> Details to follow closer to the time of the events. Please visit our website for more info:<br>Sun., <b>July 26:</b> Picnic/Outdoor service at 11:00AM is Sunday at Zartman's Pavilion, *rain date Aug 9. Directions are available.<br>Wed., <b>July 29:</b> Weekday Eucharist, Noon<br>Sat., <b>Aug. 1:</b> Cole Allen Diaper Pantry, 10AM-11:30AM<br>Sun., <b>Aug. 2:</b> <b>NO</b> monthly breakfast<br>Wed., <b>Aug. 5:</b> Weekday Eucharist, Noon<br>Wed., <b>Aug. 12:</b> Weekday Eucharist, Noon<br>Sun., <b>Aug. 16:</b> Adult Bible Study, 9:00AM<br>Wed., <b>Aug. 19:</b> Weekday Eucharist, Noon.<br>Wed., <b>Aug. 19:</b> Vestry, 6:00PM, Social Hall |                                                                    |

Thurs., **Aug. 20:** Takery, 4:00PM, Cameron Park  
Wed., **Aug. 26:** Weekday Eucharist, Noon  
Sat., **Aug. 29:** His Disciple's Food Pantry, 9:00AM-11:00AM  
**\*\*ECW Cape May Retreat:** Sat., 9/12/26 - Sat., 9/19/26. Sign-up sheets in Choir/Library Room. **Deadline Aug. 27, money & sign-up**  
Please indicate what days you will attend. The cost is \$75/per day and includes breakfast and dinner for Sat., Sun., Mon., and Tues. Lunch is on your own. Please indicate the days you will attend. If you are willing to be a driver to help carpooling, please indicate this also on the sign-up sheet.  
Morning prayer (optional) will be led each morning on the beach at sunrise; in addition, Compline will be led each evening at 9PM.  
Look for a second sign-up sheet for volunteers to lead the 2 services listed above. Room assignments will be completed once we have the names of all attending.

## DONATIONS:

All tithes and offerings are most greatly appreciated, as we rely on your prayerful generosity to care lovingly for our physical space and to keep ourselves vital and active in our community through our worship, our witness, our outreach, and our presence.  
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The Cole Allen Diaper Pantry

**We need volunteers to donate money, diapers,
or to organize a diaper drive!**

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WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

