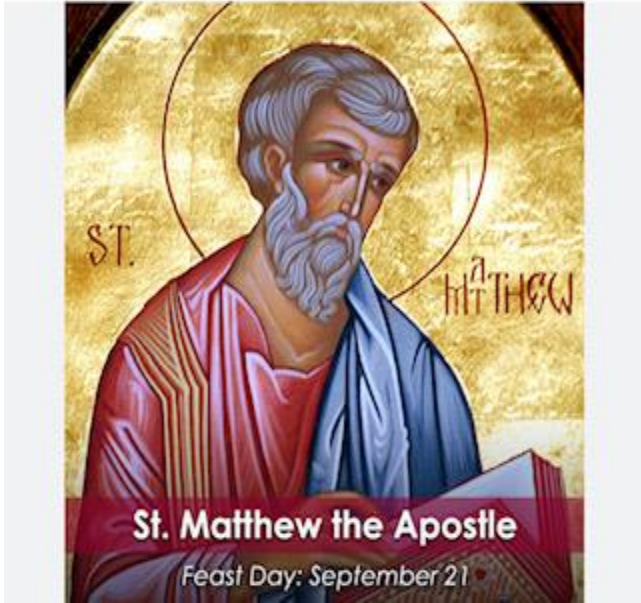


The Feast of Saint Matthew

(transferred)
September 22, 2024



St. Matthew's Episcopal Church
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Sunbury, PA 17801
570-286-7002

The Reverend Dina Carter Ishler, *Priest in Charge*

“As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he got up and followed him.” -*Matthew 9:9*

“The feast of the Dedication of a Church, and the feast of its patron or title, may be observed on, or be transferred to, a Sunday, except in the seasons of Advent, Lent, and Easter.”

(The Book of Common Prayer, p.16.) According to the Gospel that bears his name, Matthew was working at a collection booth in Capernaum when Jesus came to him and asked, "Follow me." With this simple call, Matthew became a disciple of Christ. We are transferring the Feast of St. Matthew from September 21st to celebrate it today because here, in this church that bears his name, we too believe we are called to follow when Jesus beckons us to share in the work of discipleship.

We are so happy you are with us- you are always completely welcome here at St. Matthew's. 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 Feast of St. Matthew (transferred)
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 “Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ” Carl F. Schalk

Processional Hymn #636, The Hymnal 1982
“How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord”

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.

We thank you, heavenly Father, for the witness of your apostle and

evangelist Matthew to the Gospel of your Son our Savior; and we pray that, after his example, we may with ready wills and hearts obey the calling of our Lord to follow him; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Lessons *The people sit.*

A Reading from the Book of Proverbs 3:1-6

My child, do not forget my teaching,
but let your heart keep my commandments;
for length of days and years of life
and abundant welfare they will give you.

Do not let loyalty and faithfulness forsake you;
bind them round your neck,
write them on the tablet of your heart.

So you will find favour and good repute
in the sight of God and of people.

Trust in the LORD with all your heart,
and do not rely on your own insight.

In all your ways acknowledge him,
and he will make straight your paths.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 119:33-40 *Said in unison.*

33 Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, *
and I shall keep it to the end.

34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; *
I shall keep it with all my heart.

35 Make me go in the path of your commandments, *
for that is my desire.

- 36 Incline my heart to your decrees *
and not to unjust gain.
- 37 Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; *
give me life in your ways.
- 38 Fulfill your promise to your servant, *
which you make to those who fear you.
- 39 Turn away the reproach which I dread, *
because your judgments are good.
- 40 Behold, I long for your commandments; *
in your righteousness preserve my life.

A Reading from 2 Timothy 3:14-17

As for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

#232, The Hymnal 1982

“By all your saints still striving”

(For the second verse, please sing the verse about St. Matthew as found on the opposite page in the hymnal.)

The Gospel: Matthew 9:9-13

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

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

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his

disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” But when he heard this, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.”

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 St. Andrews, Lewisburg. In our Diocesan/Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for All Saints Episcopal Church, Hanover and The Church of North India (United). 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 Brosnahan, 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., Frank L., Tammy R., Becky W., Marley, Alexis, Tanner Fasold and family, Tyanne, Adam, Richard V., Barry T., Matthew J. and family, Maria W. and family, Easton C., the Cresswell family, the Zartman family, Chris, Darlene and family, Ariella, David H. Jr. and family, Ed and Cindy, Angelia Thomas and family. 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, including Logan M., 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, *especially Jaxon, Ada, David Hollabaugh Sr. (Military), Mason, Christian, Richard, Christina, Warren, and J. Meckly Jr.,* 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

#541, The Hymnal 1982

“Come, labor on”

The Presentation of the Offerings

#380, v.3, The Hymnal 1982

“Praise God from whom all blessings flow”

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 367

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.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Sanctus

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

S-130, The Hymnal 1982

Then the Celebrant continues We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In

him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,
Celebrant and People **We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory.**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with **St. Matthew** and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

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

#660, The Hymnal 1982

“O Master, let me walk with thee”

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 #482, The Hymnal 1982
“Lord of all hopefulness”

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 “Come, O Thou Traveller” Arr. Lucius Chapin

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*
Tina McGee, *Lector*; Barry Treon, *Greeter and Usher*

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PARISH NOTES FOR SEPTEMBER 22, 2024

**COLE ALLEN DIAPER PANTRY:** The next Diaper Pantry will be Saturday, Oct. 5th, 2024 from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. We’re in need of volunteers to distribute diapers. Please contact Connie Kistler at [kistinpa@ptd.net](mailto:kistinpa@ptd.net). Monetary donations are very much welcomed, please give in an envelope labeled “Diaper Pantry.”  
**Donations of diaper wipes and pull-ups are so appreciated and urgently needed- We covered 116 baby bottoms in September!**

**HIS DISCIPLES FOOD PANTRY:** Is the last Saturday of each month. Please contact John Blanchard, 570-286-5415, leave

message to volunteer. Donations of canned soups, cereals, and canned fruit are welcome. **We fed 49 families in August!** The next Food Pantry will be held Saturday, Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00-11:00 a.m. **Any donations are greatly appreciated!**

**CHURCH SERVICE TIME is 10:00 AM.** Masks are now optional. Please follow any current COVID restrictions.

**CARLA'S OFFICE HOURS:** Office hours are Tuesday and Wednesday, 10AM to 2PM, and Thursday, 10AM to Noon.  
**MOTHER DINA'S OFFICE/PASTORAL CALLING HOURS:** Wednesday, 11:30- 5:00pm (or text/call (717) 481-0708 to plan a time to share together.) **I LOVE** hearing from you!

**YOUNG PEOPLE'S MINISTRY:** Please prayerfully consider participating in this vital ministry. If interested in guiding our 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:** Choir rehearsal will resume Thursday, 9/26 at 5:30 pm. Please consider joining us- we have a lot of fun while making music! All you need to bring is your love of praising God through singing- no experience necessary.

**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:

Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>- St. Matthew Day: ECW

Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>- Lori F. & Carol H.

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

**BREAKFAST:** Morning breakfast will be held on Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>, 9:00AM-10:00AM in the Social Hall.

**VESTRY MEETING:** The monthly Vestry Meeting will be held on September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00PM in the Parish Hall.

**DIAPER NEED AWARENESS WEEK:** September 23-29 week, We need help... donate money, diapers, or organize a diaper drive for this week! There are families that count on us to help them! Please read the last page of this bulletin.

**CHICKEN 'N WAFFLE DINNER:** We will be having a Chicken 'N Waffle Dinner "All You Can Eat" on Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>, 4:00PM - 6:30PM. Take-outs available. Meal includes: homemade waffles, chicken 'n gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, and applesauce. Dessert included. **\$12.00 a meal/adults; \$6.00 a meal/12yrs & under; under 3yrs/FREE.**

**MONTHLY MORNING BREAKFAST:** The monthly morning breakfast will be held on October 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:00AM.

**CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY SUNDAYS:** Starts Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:30AM. Any questions, please contact Anissa DeCapria.

**PET BLESSINGS:** Sunday, Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> at 3:00PM, Pet Blessings will be held on the lawn at St. Matthew's. All pets/farm animals are welcomed but must be leashed or crated. Blessing Certificates and goodies will be given. **PLEASE JOIN US!!!!**

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

Sun., **Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>:** Breakfast, 9:00AM, Social Hall

Wed., **Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>:** Vestry Meeting, 6:00PM, Social Hall

Tues., **Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>:** Chicken N' Waffle Dinner, 4:00PM-6:30PM

Sun., **Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>:** Monthly Breakfast Hour, 9:00AM

Sun., **Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>:** Children's Activity Sunday, 9:30AM

Sun., **Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>:** Pet Blessings, 3:00PM on the lawn

Tues., **Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>:** Convocation Meeting, Social Hall, 4PM-8:00PM

Tues., **Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>:** Octoberfest Dinner, 4:00PM-6:30PM

**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

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.

You may now donate to Saint Matthew's Episcopal Church "online" at the link listed: <https://diocesecpa.org/stewardship>

Or you may continue to mail your contributions to:

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# The Cole Allen Diaper Pantry



*“Diaper Need” Awareness Week*  
September 23<sup>rd</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>, 2024

## Facts about “our” community

- Northumberland County approximate population for 2022 was 91,340 with an estimated 12.4%+ below poverty.
- Snyder County approximate population for 2022 was 39,797 with an estimated 8.37%+ below poverty.
- One in two U.S. families struggle to provide enough diapers to keep babies clean, dry, and healthy.
- No federal governmental agency, including SNAP and WIC, provides funding for families to purchase diapers.

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

Organizations, churches, schools, groups, and clubs – we will gladly provide collection baskets to assist with your diaper drive to support this great outreach program.

**WITH YOUR HELP  
WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**