

The Eighteenth Sunday
after Pentecost - Proper 23
October 12, 2025



St. Matthew's Episcopal Church
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The Reverend Dina Carter Ishler, *Rector*

*"We praise thee for the radiance that from the scripture's page,
a lantern to our footsteps, shines on from age to age."
-From today's sequence hymn, #632, The Hymnal 1982*

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 other services we offer. We hope and pray you will find this to be one of your spiritual homes- please do not hesitate to let us know what your needs are. All our contact information is listed at the back of this bulletin.

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

During the long green season after Pentecost, there are two 'tracks' each week for Old Testament readings. Within each track, there is a Psalm chosen to accompany the particular lesson. We're using Track 2 this year, which thematically pairing the Old Testament reading with the Gospel reading- a sort of foretelling of Jesus Christ's life and ministry, if you will. This second track is almost identical to our previous Book of Common Prayer lectionary. (credit to The Reverend Dr. J. Barrington Bates.)

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

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

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(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 a respectful silence that settles our souls for this time of Spirit-filled worship.

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude “Blessed Assurance” arr. Zach James

Processional Hymn #1, The Hymnal 1982
 “Father, we praise thee”

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.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; 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 2 Kings: 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy."

When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean." But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean!'" So he went

down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel."

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 111 *Said in unison.*

1 Hallelujah!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, *
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

2 Great are the deeds of the LORD! *
they are studied by all who delight in them.

3 His work is full of majesty and splendor, *
and his righteousness endures forever.

4 He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; *
the LORD is gracious and full of compassion.

5 He gives food to those who fear him; *
he is ever mindful of his covenant.

6 He has shown his people the power of his works *
in giving them the lands of the nations.

7 The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; *
all his commandments are sure.

8 They stand fast for ever and ever, *
because they are done in truth and equity.

9 He sent redemption to his people;
he commanded his covenant forever; *
holy and awesome is his Name.

10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; *
those who act accordingly have a good understanding;
his praise endures forever.

A Reading from 2 Timothy: 2 Timothy 2:8-15

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David~ that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;
if we endure, we will also reign with him;
if we deny him, he will also deny us;
if we are faithless, he remains faithful~
for he cannot deny himself.

Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

#632, The Hymnal 1982

“O Christ, thy Word incarnate”

The Gospel: Luke 17:11-19

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

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

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan.

Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

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. Andrew's, Lewisburg. In our Diocesan/Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Harrisburg, and The Church of the Province of Uganda. *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 State Representative Mike Stender, our Mayor Josh Brosious, 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, Angela, Tanya, Weston, Mike, the Sterner family, Dawson, Erika, Stan, Nancy, Becky, Easton, Ariella, Ereda, Junior, and Brendaly, AmberLynn, Bena, Daya, Arabella, Derick, Noelle, Dean, the Kirk family, Katie, Sedona, Monte, Fred, the Stark family, Bill, Christina, Tara, Macy, Patrick, Nancy, Quentin, Abigail, 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, 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, law enforcement, and first responders. *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 Charlie K., Audrey, Officer Mark B., Officer Cody B., Officer Isaiah E., Desiree*, 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

#440, The Hymnal 1982

“Blessed Jesus, at thy Word”

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 (S-120, The Hymnal 1982)

Celebrant *People*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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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 you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. 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-129, 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

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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

Celebrant *People*

A-men.

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days of full - ness, all a - round us is our food.
lost and scat - tered in com - mun - ion's love have stood.
from this ta - ble live their days in grat - i - tude.

Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal.
Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal.
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Taste and see that God is good.
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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 Hymns

“God of mercy, God of grace”

#538, The Hymnal 1982

“Will you come and follow me?”

(see insert)

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 Celebrant blesses the people.*

Recessional Hymn #537, The Hymnal 1982
“Christ for the world we sing!”

The Dismissal *The Priest dismisses the People*
Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit,
Alleluia, Alleluia!
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Postlude “Herr Jesus Christ” from Cantionale Germanicum

Serving today’s liturgy

The Reverend Dina Carter Ishler, *Celebrant and Preacher*

Patrick Ishler, *Music Minister*; and St. Matthew’s Choir

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

Roy Casey, David Hollabaugh, Dana Kelly, *Eucharistic Ministers*

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

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

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PARISH NOTES FOR October 12, 2025

**COLE ALLEN DIAPER PANTRY:** The next Diaper Pantry will be Saturday, Nov. 1, 2025 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 to the Treasurer, Tom Culver, in an envelope labeled “Diaper Pantry.” Donations of sizes 5, 6, 7 diapers, diaper wipes and pull-ups are appreciated and urgently needed- we covered 111 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 and cereals are welcome. **We fed 42 families in September!** The next Food Pantry will be held Saturday, Oct. 25th, from 9:00-11:00 a.m. **Any donations are greatly appreciated!**

**CHURCH SERVICE TIME is 10:00 AM.** Masks are 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 HOURS:** Tuesdays, 11:30am until 5pm or so. Call, text, or email me any time to plan a conversation, pastoral visit, or to share any other need you may have. **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!

**CHOIR REHEARSALS:** Choir rehearsals will be on Thursdays at 5:30PM. All are welcome to sing with us- no musical 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:

Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> - Tina M.

Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> - Kistler's

Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> - Carol H. & Lori

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

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

**WEEKDAY SERVICE:** For the month of October, our weekday service will be held on Wednesdays at noon. All are welcome!

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| <b>VESTRY MEETING:</b> The monthly Vestry Meeting will be held on Oct. 15th at 6:00PM in the Parish Hall.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>ESTATE SALE:</b> Oct. 18 <sup>th</sup> , 9:00AM-2:00PM in the Social Hall,<br><b>Lunch Counter available:</b> Pulled pork sandwich, hotdogs, Chicken Corn Soup by the bowl, \$3 or \$10/quart. <b>Some items for Sale:</b> Air Fryers, multiple appliances, Christmas ornaments, crystal and much more!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>ADULT BIBLE STUDY:</b> Adult Bible Study starts at 9:00AM on Oct. 19th. Any questions, please contact Nathan Blanchard.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>POLISH DINNER:</b> Tues., Oct. 21 <sup>st</sup> , 4:00PM-6:30PM, \$15 adults; \$7 for 12 yrs and under; FREE for under 3 yrs old.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>UP-COMING MONTHLY EVENTS:</b> Details to follow closer to the time of the events. Please visit our website for more info:<br>Wed., <b>Oct. 15:</b> Vestry meeting, 6:00PM, Social Hall<br>Fri., <b>Oct. 17-</b> Sat., <b>Oct. 18:</b> Diocesan Convention (Our delegates Martha Bohner, David Hollabaugh, Carter Ishler, and Mother Dina, will be representing St. Matthew's.)<br>Sat., <b>Oct. 18:</b> Estate Sale, 9:00AM-2:00PM, Social Hall<br>Sun., <b>Oct. 19:</b> Adult Bible Study, 9:00AM<br>Tues., <b>Oct. 21:</b> Polish Dinner, 4:00PM-6:30PM, Social Hall |

**VESTRY MEMBERS:** Fran Zartman, **Senior Warden** and vestry member, Martha Bohner, **Junior Warden**, Mary Ann Loftus, Clerk of the Vestry, Ric Haines, Carter Ishler, Dana Kelly, Carol Lamparter; Tina McGee, Lynda Schlegel-Culver. Charlie Schlegel, **Senior Warden Emeritus** Sharon Baney, Sexton

### 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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