

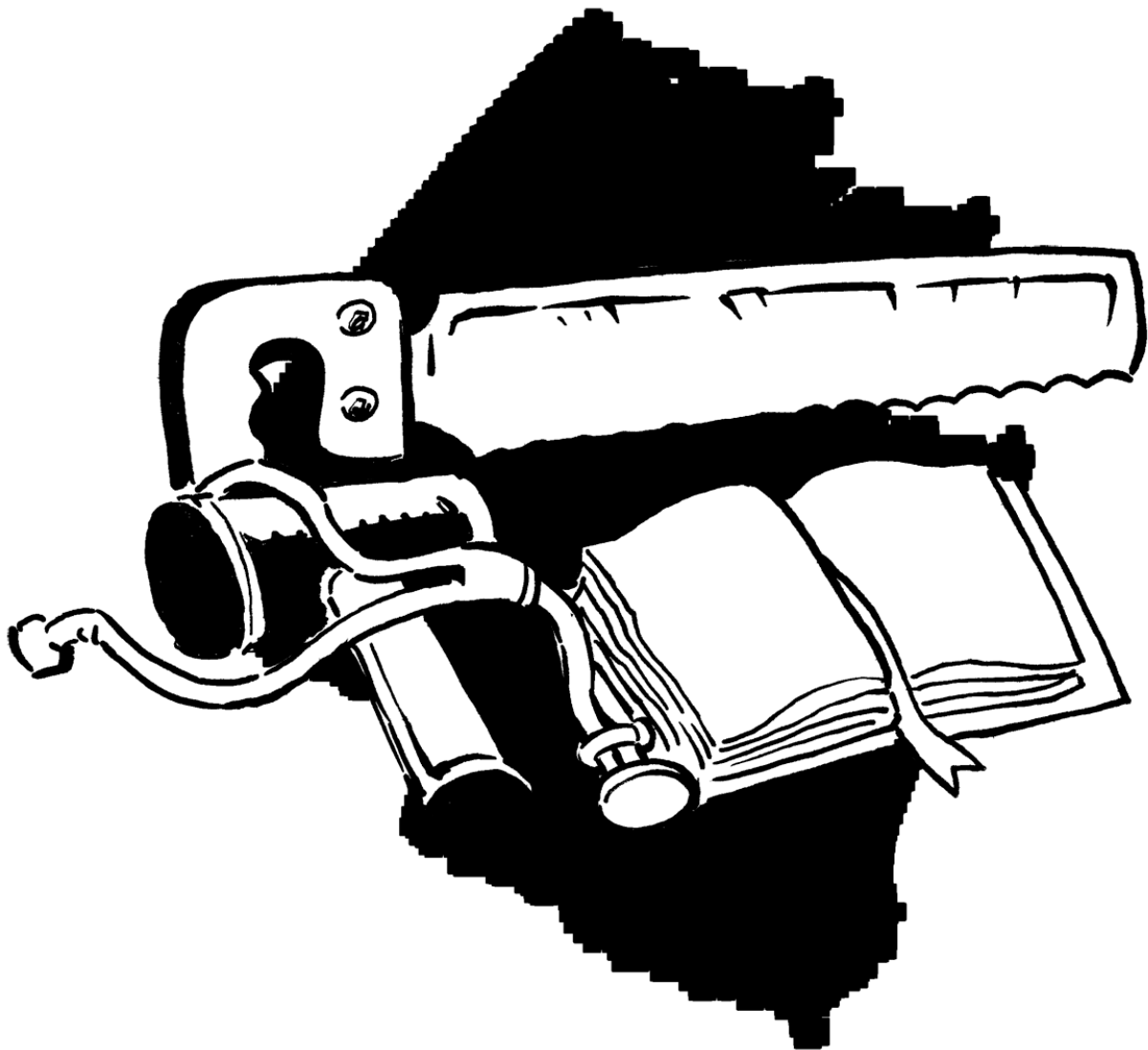


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We Will Be Like Him

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As We Gather This Sunday

We live in the here and now, sinning daily, but by the grace of God, we are declared to be His saints, exonerated, forgiven, blessed citizens of His eternal kingdom. Today, through His Word we catch sight of the saints who have gone before us in faith. We ask for God's help so that we, too, might live as faithful saints--- the very children of God, recipients of His forgiveness, grace, and mercy.



Saint Matthew's Mission Statement

We are a congregation of Christians who worship, pray, hear the Word of God, receive the sacraments, give thanks, grow through Christian education, serve others, and witness to God's love because God has commanded it and we believe this. We attempt to follow this commandment at all times and in all aspects of our lives, especially in church where the fellowship of believers is reinforced. We rely on the work of the Holy Spirit to guide our thoughts, words, and deeds in our daily relationships; and to lead us in the use of our time, talent, and treasure.

Our Worship Service This Week: Lutheran Service Book, Divine Service

Words of Welcome

At this time, Pastor Iovine will outline some parish news and information. For further information on these announcements, please look in the "Saint Matthew's Matters" insert in your bulletin AND on our church's website, www.smelcnewmilford.org and click the "Saint Matthew's Matters" under the "About Us" tab.

Prelude - Pre-Service Prayer & Meditation

"Miserere," Gregorio Allegri

↑ Opening Hymn

"Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones," Lutheran Worship Hymn #308

Ye watchers and ye holy ones, Bright seraphs, cherubim, and thrones,
Raise the glad strain: "Alleluia!" Cry out dominions, principedoms, pow'rs,
Archangels, virtues, angel choirs: "Alleluia, alleluia!"
Alleluia, alleluia, Alleluia!

Respond, O souls in endless rest, Ye patriarchs and prophets blest:
"Alleluia, alleluia!" Ye holy twelve, ye martyrs strong,
All saints triumphant, raise the song: "Alleluia, alleluia!"
Alleluia, alleluia, Alleluia!

O friends, in gladness leet us sing, Eternal anthems echoing:
"Alleluia, alleluia!" To God the Father, God the Son
And the Spirit, Three in one: "Alleluia, alleluia!"
Alleluia, alleluia, Alleluia!

Text: J. Athelstan Riley, 1858-1945
Tune: Geistliche Kirchengesang, Koln, 1623

Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us [look] to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith (Hebrews 12:1a, 2, alt). He took our sins to the cross so that He might take us to heaven as His saints, forgiven forever. With that guarantee of grace, let us come before our Lord in all humility and repentance.

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)

Confession and Forgiveness

This morning, our Confession and Forgiveness is based directly on our Epistle Reading for today, 1 John 3:1-3

P: See what kind of love the Father has given to us that we should be called children of God; and so we are.

C: **We confess, heavenly Father, that we have not loved You with all that we are and have. We have failed to love others as ourselves. Forgive us.**

P: The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know Him.

C: **We confess that we have allowed the world's opposition to blind us to the truth of Your forgiving love; at times we have set our hope in Christ aside. Forgive us.**

P: Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when He appears we shall be like Him, because we shall see Him as He is.

C: **We confess that we have often obsessed about the present moment, losing sight of Your eternal glory and abiding presence. Forgive us.**

P: And everyone who thus hopes in Him purifies himself as He is pure.

C: **We confess that our thoughts, words, and deeds have not been pure. At times we wallow in hopelessness, without contrite hearts. Forgive us.**

P: The Lord hears your repentant confession. By His grace you are declared the children of God for the sake of Jesus Christ. God hears and responds to your repentant pleas for mercy. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

Hymn

"Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise," Lutheran Service Book hymn 680

Thine the amen Thine the praise, Alleluias angels raise
Thine the everlasting head, Thine the breaking of the bread
Thine the glory Thine the story Thine the harvest then the cup
Thine the vineyard then the cup is lifted up lifted up.

Thine the life eternally Thine the promise let there be
Thine the vision Thine the tree All the earth on bended knee
Gone the nailing gone the railing Gone the pleading gone the cry
Gone the sighing gone the dying what was loss lifted high.

Thine the truly Thine the yes Thine the table we the guest
Thine the mercy all from Thee Thine the glory yet to be

Then the ringing and the singing Then the ending of all war
Thine the living Thine the loving evermore evermore.

Thine the kingdom Thine the prize Thine the wonder full surprise
Thine the banquet then the praise Then the justice of Thy ways
Thine the glory Thine the story Then the welcome to the least
Then the wonder all increasing at Thy feast at Thy feast.

Thine the glory in the night No more dying only light
Thine the river Thine the tree Then the Lamb eternally
Then the holy holy holy Celebration jubilee
Thine the splendor Thine the brightness only Thee only Thee.

Text: Herbert F. Brokering, b. 1926
Music: Carl F. Schalk, b. 1929

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ.

C: **Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You,**

P: through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

↓ First Reading

Revelation 7: (2-8)9-17

(John sees saints and angels around God's throne.)

L: The First Reading for the Observance of All Saint's Day is taken from Revelation, Chapter 7:

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me,

"These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. "Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple; and He who sits on the throne will shelter them with His presence. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and He will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

L: This is the Word of the Lord.
C: **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading

1 John 3:1-3
(The Righteousness of God through Faith)

L: The Epistle Reading is taken from First John, Chapter 3:

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.
C: **Thanks be to God.**

↑ Psalm 149

P: Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song, His praise in the assembly of the godly! Let Israel be glad in his Maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!
C: **Let them praise His name with dancing, making melody to Him with tambourine and lyre! For the LORD takes pleasure in His people; He adorns the humble with salvation.**

P: Let the godly exult in glory; let them sing for joy on their beds. Let the high praises of God be in their throats and two-edged swords in their hands,
C: **to execute vengeance on the nations and punishments on the peoples, to bind their kings with chains and their nobles with fetters of iron, to execute on them the judgment written!**
P: This is honor for all His godly ones.
C: **Praise the Lord!**

Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12

(Jesus teaches the Beatitudes.)

Today, our Gospel reading is slightly different - there are congregational responses. As the Gospel is read, worshipers will be responding as those first hearers of those words spoken by Jesus.

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the 5th Chapter:
C: **Glory to You, O Lord!**

P: Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when He sat down, His disciples came to Him. And He opened His mouth and taught them, saying:
"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. . ."
C: **theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

P: "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. . ."
C: **they shall be comforted.**

P: "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth..."
C: **they shall inherit the earth.**

P: "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied..."
C: **they shall be satisfied.**

P: "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. . ."
C: **they shall receive mercy.**

P: "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. . ."
C: **they shall see God.**

P: "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. . ."
C: **they shall be called sons of God.**

P: "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. . ."
C: **theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

P: "Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account."

C: Revile and persecute us!?

P: "Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven. . . ."

C: Our reward is great in heaven?

P: . . .for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

C: the prophets who have gone to heaven before us!

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

↓ Hymn of the Day

"For All the Saints," Lutheran Worship hymnal #191, vs. 1-3

For all the saints who from their labors rest,
All who by faith before the world confessed,
Your name, O Jesus, be forever blest: Alleluia! Alleluia!

You were their rock, their fortress, and their might;
You, Lord, their captain, in the well-fought fight;
You in the darkness, drear their one true light. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Oh, may your soldiers, faithful true and bold,
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old.
And win with them the victor's crown of gold. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Text: William W. How, 1823-97, alt.
Tune: Ralph Vaugh Williams, 1872-1958

Sermon

Creed

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life + everlasting. Amen.**

↓ Offering

Voluntary

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↑ Prayer of the Church

Our weekly prayers are responsive in nature. At the end of each petition, “Lord, in Your mercy,” is spoken, to which the congregation responds, “Hear our prayer.”

P Let us pray to the Lord our God, who raised Jesus from the dead.

E For all God’s chosen people whom He has knit together in the one mystical body of His Son, that He would give His whole Church in heaven and on earth His light and His peace, Lord, in Your mercy:

C **Hear our prayer.**

P For all who have been baptized into Christ’s death and resurrection, that they may die to sin and rise to newness of life and so pass with Him through the gate of death and the grave to their joyful resurrection, Lord, in Your mercy:

C **Hear our prayer.**

E For all who have been nourished by the holy body and blood of God’s Son, that they may be raised to immortality and incorruption to be seated with Him at His heavenly banquet, Lord, in Your mercy:

C **Hear our prayer.**

P For all ministers of the Gospel and for the congregations committed to their care, that they may proclaim the comfort of Christ’s sacrifice and the joy of His resurrection to all who grieve their sin and mourn their dead, Lord, in Your mercy:

C **Hear our prayer.**

E For all in authority over us, and especially all who work to bring peace and justice, that God would supply them with His blessing that they may be inclined to His will and walk according to His commandments, Lord, in Your mercy:

C **Hear our prayer.**

P For all who travel, for those in need, for the sick and injured [*especially* _____], for all who mourn [*especially* _____], for all who have asked our intercessions [*especially* _____], that God's great mercy may relieve and comfort each, Lord, in Your mercy:

C Hear our prayer.

E Let us commemorate before God those we remember and love, our departed family and friends who have gone before us in faith and who are in our hearts and minds this day (*PAUSE - 5 Seconds*), asking that He would bring us with them to the feast that never ends, Lord, in Your mercy:

C Hear our prayer.

P Keep us in fellowship with all Your saints, O Lord, and bring us at last to the joy of Your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. In the communion of all Your saints gathered into the one body of Your Son, You have surrounded us with so great a cloud of witnesses that we, encouraged by their faith and strengthened by their fellowship, may run with perseverance the race that is set before us and, together with them, receive the crown of glory that does not fade away. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

“Holy, Holy, Holy”



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Eucharistic Prayer and Words of Institution

P: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, who of Your tender love for mankind gave Your only Son, Jesus Christ, to take our nature upon Him and to suffer death on the cross for our redemption. Assembled in His name and in the communion of all saints, we pray You to send down Your Holy Spirit on us, and through Him to sanctify and renew us in body and soul for the sake of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ.

C: **Amen.**

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My body which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new

testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

Matthew 26: 26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11: 23-26

P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. 1 Corinthians 11:26

C: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.** Revelation 22:20

P: Remembering therefore His whole work of redemption, His conception and birth, His suffering and death, His resurrection and ascension, and looking for His glorious coming again, we beseech You graciously to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. We pray You that so many of us as shall here receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ may be filled with all heavenly benediction and grace. Grant to us, who trust in the multitude of Your mercies, our part and fellowship with all saints, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Christ our Lord, by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory be to You, O Father Almighty, forever and ever.

C: **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

A: **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 forever and ever. Amen.**

Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

P: We share a sign of that peace with one another.

Agnus Dei

"Lamb of God"

© Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

↓ Communion Distribution

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The Lord's Supper will be distributed from the altar rail this morning.

↑ Collect

E: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;

C: **for His steadfast love endures forever.** Psalm 118:1

E: We give thanks, heavenly Father, that You have strengthened us through this sacrament for our pilgrim journey. Accompany us with Your grace until we join saints and angels to sing Your praises around Your eternal throne, through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

"For All the Saints," Lutheran Worship hymnal #191, vs. 4-8

Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine,
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one within your great design: Alleluia! Alleluia!

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
Steals on the ear, the distant triumph song,
And hearts are brave against and arms are strong. Alleluia! Alleluia!

The golden evening brightens in the west;
Soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest;
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

But then there breaks a yet more glorious day:
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The king of glory passes on his way: Alleluia! Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Text: William W. How, 1823-97, alt.
Tune: Ralph Vaughn Williams, 1872-1958

Musical Benediction

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Dismissal

Postlude

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