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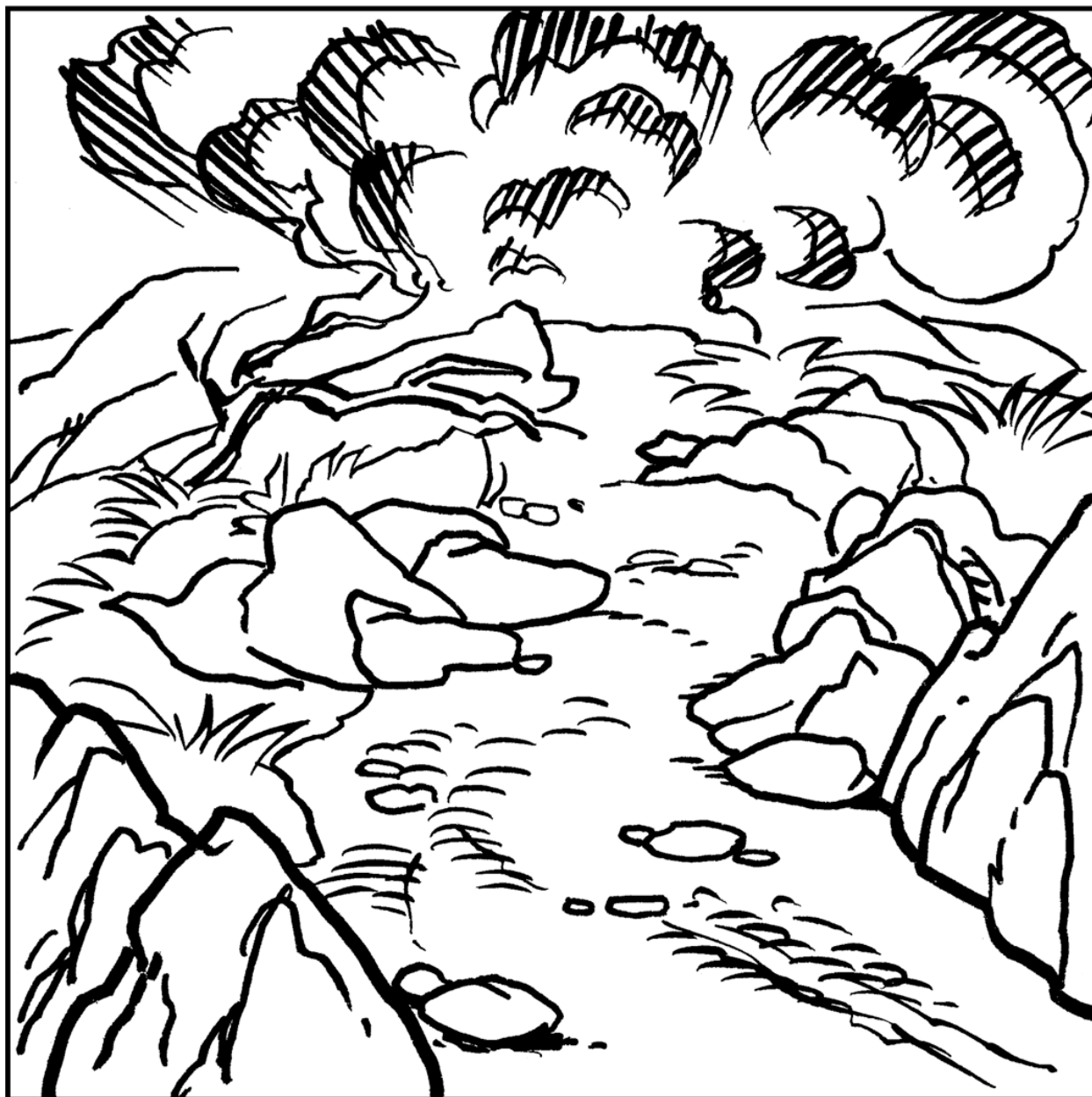
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To the Glory of God

This Weekend at Saint Matthew's

We thank everyone who helped with our church services
this weekend:

Sunday Lector:
Channing Wilson

If you are interested in being a reader here at St. Matthew's, please speak
with either Adam Wong, Warren Born, or Pastor Iovine

Altar Guild for July:
Inge Eicher

Elder:
Debbie Bigbee

Celebrations

Birthdays

Doris Traumuller - 15th

Gail Dever - 16th

Anniversaries:

None this week

Flowers on the Altar

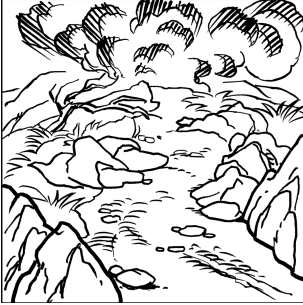
Flowers this week are dedicated to the Glory of God.

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.

As We Gather This Sunday

Losing is Living



Jesus let nothing deter Him from going to the cross; no one could change His divinely mandated destiny. His sacrifice is the power that enables us to follow where He leads, no matter how difficult our own crosses may seem. Even when Jeremiah doubted the Lord's intentions, God promised to deliver and redeem him. In response to our Savior's redemption, we are able to lose ourselves in living the Christian life St. Paul outlines in the Epistle reading.



Stewardship Reflection on Pentecost 11

Romans 12:9-21: Christian stewards are people who are joyful in hope, patient in affliction and patient in prayer. We lovingly practice Christian hospitality and share with people in need. Jesus told us that “others will know we are Christians by our love.” What we say and do as God’s stewards really does make a difference. How we use our resources, whatever they may be, makes a powerful witness to our love for Jesus who first loved us.

FINDING INFO ON THE CHURCH WEBSITE

[Weekly Saint Matthew's Matters](#)

[Sunday Service Downloads](#)

[Saturday Service Downloads](#)

[Wednesday Service Downloads](#)

Our Worship Service This Week:

The Jaroslav Vajda Hymn 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

"Now the Silence," Carl Schalk, arr. Sue Mitchell-Wallace

Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that, by patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope for everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Taken from the Lutheran Service Book

↑ Opening Hymn

"Now the Silence," Lutheran Service Book #910

Now the si-lence Now the peace Now the emp-ty hands up-lift - ed

Now the kneel-ing Now the plea Now the Fa-ther's arms in wel - come

Now the hear-ing Now the pow'r Now the ves-sel brimmed for pour - ing

Now the bod - y Now the blood Now the joy-ful cel - e - bra - tion

Now the wed-ding Now the songs Now the heart for-giv - en leap - ing

Now the Spir - it's vis - i - ta - tion Now the Son's e-piph - a - ny

Now the Fa - ther's bless - ing Now Now Now

This text traces the path of the Divine service: from confession and absolution through Word and Sacrament. Earthly worship, centered in these precious means of grace, is a joyful foretaste of the heavenly wedding banquet to come.

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b 1919-2008

Tune: Carl F. Schalk, b. 1929

Invocation and Opening Versicles

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

C: **Amen.**

P: I wash my hands in innocence and go around Your altar, O LORD,

C: **proclaiming thanksgiving aloud, and telling all Your wondrous deeds.**

P: O Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

C: **Do not sweep my soul away with sinners, nor my life with bloodthirsty men, in whose hands are evil devices, and whose right hands are full of bribes.**

Kyrie

Lord, Have Mercy

Sung to the melody "Amazing Grace" or "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

Look down in mercy on us, Lord,
Receive our prayers and praise,
Eternal Father, Spirit, Word,
For Your amazing grace.

Gloria

Sung to the melody "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

Angels, sing, and earth, reply:
"Glory be to God on high!"
God who flung the stars in space,
God who formed the human race,
God the mind and God the cause,
God the source of nature's laws,
God of wisdom, power, and love,
God of gods, all gods above.
Angels, sing, and earth, reply:
"Glory be to God on high!"

Angels, sing, and earth, reply:
"Glory be to God on high!"
God who saw your creatures fall,
Loved them still, and loved them all,
Gave Your only Son to prove
What is mercy, what is love;
And the Spirit, given free,
Recreates Your family.
Angels, sing, and earth, reply:
"Glory be to God on high!"

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, Your Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption.

C: **Grant us courage to take up our cross daily and follow Him wherever He leads;**

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

C: **Amen.**

↓ Old Testament

Jeremiah 15:15-21

(Although Jeremiah thinks he is faultless, God promises to defend him if he repents.)

L: The Old Testament Reading for the 11th Sunday after Pentecost is taken from Jeremiah, Chapter 15:

“O LORD, you know;
remember me and visit me,
and take vengeance for me on my persecutors.
In your forbearance take me not away;
know that for your sake I bear reproach.
Your words were found, and I ate them,
and your words became to me a joy
and the delight of my heart,
for I am called by your name,
O LORD, God of hosts.
I did not sit in the company of revelers,
nor did I rejoice;
I sat alone, because your hand was upon me,
for you had filled me with indignation.
Why is my pain unceasing,
my wound incurable,
refusing to be healed?
Will you be to me like a deceitful brook,
like waters that fail?
Therefore thus says the LORD:
“If you return, I will restore you,
and you shall stand before me.
If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless,
you shall be as my mouth.
They shall turn to you,
but you shall not turn to them.
And I will make you to this people
a fortified wall of bronze;
they will fight against you,

but they shall not prevail over you,
for I am with you
to save you and deliver you,
declares the LORD.
I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading

Romans 12:9-21

(Paul outlines how the person of faith ought to live.)

L: The Epistle Reading is taken from Romans, Chapters 12:

Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” To the contrary, “if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.” Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

↑ Holy Gospel

Matthew 16:21-28

(Jesus promises that losing one's life for Him means truly finding it.)

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the 16th Chapter:

C: **Glory to You, O Lord!**

From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you.” But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”

Then Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul? For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in

the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

↓ Hymn of the Day

“Not for Tongues of Heaven’s Angels,” Lutheran Service Book #695



1 Not for tongues of heav-en's an - gels, Not for wis - dom to dis -
2 Love is hum - ble, love is gen - tle, Love is ten - der, true, and
3 Nev - er jeal - ous, nev - er self - ish, Love will not re - joice in
4 In the day this world is fad - ing Faith and hope will play their



cern, Not for faith that mas - ters moun - tains, For this
kind; Love is gra - cious, ev - er pa - tient, Gen - er -
wrong; Nev - er boast - ful nor re - sent - ful, Love be -
part; But when Christ is seen in glo - ry Love shall



bet - ter gift we yearn:
ous of heart and mind: May love be ours, O Lord.
lieves and suf - fers long:
reign in ev - 'ry heart:

Text: Timothy Dudley-Smith, b. 1926 (c) 1985 Hope Publishing Co.

Music: Peter W.. Cutts, b. 1937 (c) 1969 Hope Publishing Co.

Sermon

↑ Creed

Sung to the Melody "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

Great God, our Creator, from whom all receive
Their being and blessing, in You we believe.
Almighty, all-knowing, all-gracious, all true,
Provider and Father, our trust is in You.

And You, Jesus Christ, we affirm as our Lord,
True Son of the Father, by angels adored;
Redeemer incarnate, You paid for our sins,
And, joined in Your rising, our new life begins.

Free Spirit of wisdom, of power and love,
On us, as on Christ, You descend from above;
You call us, You cleanse us, You open our eyes,
You keep us in peace, You restore paradise.

Offering

Voluntary

"God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale," Carl Schalk, arr. Robert Powell

Prayer of the Church

Our prayers this evening are responsive. Following each petition, the officiant will say "Lord, in Your mercy," to which the congregation responds, "Hear our prayer."

P Let us pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ and for everyone in need.

E Heavenly Father, grant Your protection to all those living on the East Coast, especially all of us here in New Jersey, as Hurricane Irene moves up the eastern seaboard. For those who have already felt the impacts of this storm, we ask that the clean up is quick, and for those who have lost material possessions, that Your church comes with merciful arms to help. Lord, in your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P Heavenly Father, give us Your Holy Spirit so that we deny our sinful selves, take up the crosses You give us the privilege of carrying, and follow Your Son through this troubled life into heaven. Prepare each of us to give up our lives knowing that Christ has already saved our lives. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

E Heavenly Father, in mercy turn to Yourself all who resist You or persecute Your people. Work in their lives repentance and faith in Jesus. Remove our hatred for them and fill us with

compassion because they do not know You. Grant us the same zeal that You gave to Paul, so that our heart's desire and constant prayer is for the salvation of the lost. Lord in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

P Heavenly Father, forgive our inability and unwillingness to forgive those who sin against us. We hear Your promise that when we return to You, You will restore us. Melt our hard hearts, so that we confess our sin, relent of evil, turn to You in repentance, and confidently trust Your Son's saving work for us. Lord in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

E Heavenly Father, protect our nation and its people. Deliver us from drought and flood, from war and famine, and from terrorism and disaster. Provide good weather and a bountiful harvest. Watch over the members of our military, especially those now deployed or in harm's way, and care for their families. Lord in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

P Heavenly Father, make this church a house of prayer where we call on You in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks. For the sick here at Saint Matthew's, we pray for healing and both physical and spiritual strength. With Your Word and with Christ's body and blood, grant us forgiveness, fill us with joy, and prepare us for the day of Your Son's visitation. Lord in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

E Into Your hands, heavenly Father, we place ourselves and all those for whom we pray, through Jesus Christ our Lord,
C Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Gracious God,

C: we have tended to our physical, emotional, and social well-being as if our salvation depended on our own efforts. In the process we have failed to love You with our whole heart, soul, and mind; we have failed to love our neighbors as ourselves. We ask for Your forgiveness, knowing, believing, and confessing that for Christ's sake You offer it freely. By Your Holy Spirit, help us to lose ourselves daily as we follow our Savior---the source of eternal life.

P: Jesus promised, "Whoever loses his life for My sake will find it."
Matthew 16:25b

Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

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 up 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, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the same, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. 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

Sung to the melody "Holy, Holy, Holy"

"Holy, Holy, Holy!" All the saints in glory
Fill Your temple with their song around Your golden throne;
"Holy, Holy, Holy!" With them we adore You;
God in three Persons, all in Christ as one.

Eucharistic Prayer and Words of Institution

P: Blessed are You, heavenly Father, for from the beginning You promised a Savior, and that in Jesus, who did not disdain going to the cross for us, You have opened eternal life to us. We pray that we may faithfully receive our Lord under this bread and wine and thereby be strengthened to bear our own crosses as we follow where He leads the way. To You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all praise and glory now and forever.

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

This is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

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: Let us greet one another with a sign of peace.

Agnus Dei

Sung to the melody "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

Meek, slaughtered Lamb of God,
You bore the sinners' load
To buy our peace:
Now risen and enthroned,
With life and glory crowned,
To all the lost and found
Please grant Your peace.

↓ Communion Distribution

"Take the Bread, Children," Carl Schalk

The Lord's Supper will be distributed from the floor of the sanctuary this morning.

↑ Prayer of Thanksgiving

E: Let us pray: We give thanks, almighty God, that through this Sacrament You have refreshed us for our pilgrim way. Lead and guide us today and always, until that day when faith gives way to sight; 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

Selection of the Congregation

Musical Benediction

“Son of God, Which Christmas Is It?,” Carl Schalk

Dismissal

Postlude

“Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise,” Carl Schalk, arr. Robert Powell

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