



Holy Baptism - Rite II The Feast of St. Luke June 18, 2023 10:00 am

Welcome to St. Matthew's! We are glad you are here.

The People are invited to read the words in **bold**. If you're joining us from home, please stand, kneel, sing, and pray with us as you're able. No matter where you are, joining in this worship service is a form of prayer that connects you to God and to each other. Whenever two or three are gathered, even virtually, Scripture reminds us that Jesus is present among us.

Children are most welcome and are encouraged to participate in worship.

To the parents of children: Relax! God put the wiggle in children. Sit toward the front so your little ones can see and hear. Go ahead and quietly answer their questions. If you don't know the answer, the priest would love to talk to your little one. When you sing the hymns and join in the prayers, you teach little hearts how to be faithful; you are their best model. If you need to leave the service, that's okay. Don't be shy about coming back. It was Jesus who said, "Let the little children come to me."

Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, there is a place for you at St. Matt's.

+ THE WORD OF GOD +

Bagpipe Prelude

Prelude

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

Fugue in B Major, BWV 892/II

Please stand as you are able.

"Christ is made the sure foundation"



Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;

People There is one hope in God's call to us;

Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People One God and Father of all.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray. Almighty God, who inspired your servant Luke the physician to set forth in the Gospel the love and healing power of your Son: Graciously continue in your Church this love and power to heal, to the praise and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The congregation is seated.

The First Reading

Isaiah 11:1-9

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them.

The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain;

for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

Lector The Word of the Lord. People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 147

sung by the Choir

- ¹ Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God! * how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!
- ² The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem; * he gathers the exiles of Israel.
- ³ He heals the brokenhearted * and binds up their wounds.
- ⁴ He counts the number of the stars * and calls them all by their names.

- ⁵ Great is our Lord and mighty in power; * there is no limit to his wisdom.
- ⁶ The Lord lifts up the lowly, * but casts the wicked to the ground.
- ⁷ Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; * make music to our God upon the harp.
- ⁸ He covers the heavens with clouds * and prepares rain for the earth;
- ⁹ He makes grass to grow upon the mountains * and green plants to serve mankind.
- ¹⁰ He provides food for flocks and herds * and for the young ravens when they cry.
- ¹¹ He is not impressed by the might of a horse; * he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;
- ¹² But the Lord has pleasure in those who fear him, * in those who await his gracious favor.
- Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem; * praise your God, O Zion;
- ¹⁴ For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; * he has blessed your children within you.
- ¹⁵ He has established peace on your borders; * he satisfies you with the finest wheat.
- ¹⁶ He sends out his command to the earth, * and his word runs very swiftly.

- ¹⁷ He gives snow like wool; * he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.
- ¹⁸ He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; * who can stand against his cold?
- ¹⁹ He sends forth his word and melts them; * he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.
- ²⁰ He declares his word to Jacob, * his statutes and his judgments to Israel.
- ²¹ He has not done so to any other nation; * to them he has not revealed his judgments. Hallelujah!

The Second Reading

2 Timothy 4:5-13

As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully. As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. Do your best to come to me soon, for Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful in my ministry. I have sent Tychicus to Ephesus. When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the parchments.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn 382

GENERAL SEMINARY

"King of glory, King of peace"



The Holy Gospel

Luke 4:14-21

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke. People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free,

to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

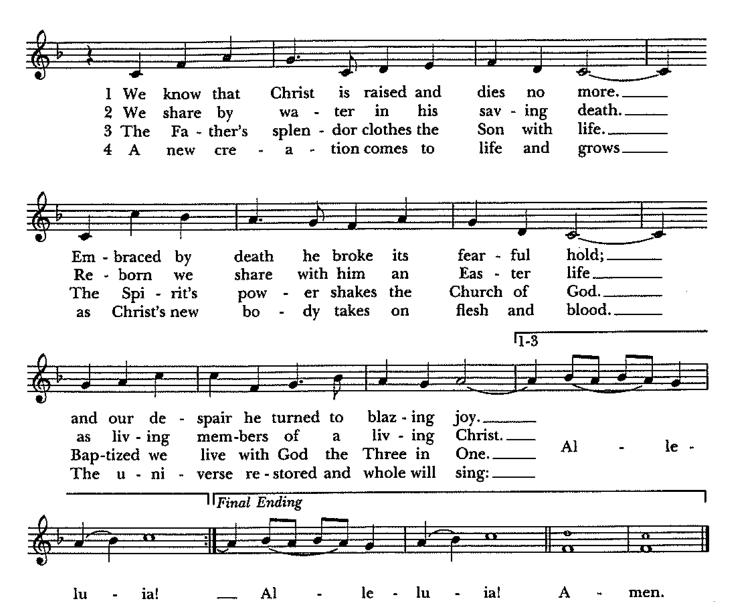
The Sermon

The Rev. Erika Takacs

Baptismal Hymn 296

ENGELBERG

"We know that Christ is raised and dies no more"



The Presentation and Examination of the Candidate

Celebrant

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and Godparents

We present Luke Paul to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Celebrant

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents

I will, with God's help.

Celebrant

Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents

I will, with God's help.

The Celebrant asks the parents and Godparents the following questions:

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness

that rebel against God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and

destroy the creatures of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of

God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer I do.

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer I do.

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer I do.

Then the Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this child in his life in Christ?

People We will.

The Celebrant then says to the gathered congregation

Let us join with Luke, and his parents and Godparents who are committing themselves to Christ as we renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People I believe in God, the Father almighty,

creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People I will, with God's help.

Prayers for the Candidate

Leader Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Open his heart to your grace and truth.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Send him into the world in witness to your love.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Silence may be kept.

The Celebrant concludes

We pray for Lyn and Marissa, Luke's parents, for Laine, Luke's sister, and for Josh, Mark, and Erika who have taken vows as Godparents. Gracious God, make each of them strong and faithful in the promises they have made this day.

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving over the Water

The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore, in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Baptism

The Priest says

Luke Paul, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Then the Priest places a hand on the child's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross using the Chrism and saying

Luke Paul, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

The Celebrant continues
Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Then the Parents and Godparents are presented with a candle, lit from the Pascal candle, Marissa and Lyn, Erika, Mark, and Josh receive this light on behalf of Luke and help him to shine in this world with the light of Christ.

Celebrant Let us welcome the newly baptized.

People We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

+ THE HOLY COMMUNION +

Celebrant says an Offertory sentence, the congregation is seated. Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Offertory Anthem

DEUS TUORUM MILITUM

What thanks and praise to thee we owe

What thanks and praise to thee we owe, eternal God and Word divine, for Luke, thy saint, through whom we know so many gracious words of thine.

O happy saint! his sacred page, so rich in words of truth and love, pours on the Church from age to age the healing unction from above.

Historian of the Savior's life, the great apostle's chosen friend, through weary years of toil and strife was still found faithful to the end.

So grant us, Lord, like him to live, beloved on earth, approved by thee, till thou at last the summons give, and we, with him, thy face shall see.



Whether you've joined us today from near or far, in person or online, please consider making a gift of thanksgiving to support the work of God at St. Matthew's as we seek to participate in God's mission of love and reconciliation in the world. Visit www.stmatthewswilton.org/offering. Designate it as a gift or as part of your pledge. No gift is too small. All gifts honor the God who honors us with life, breath, love, and salvation.

THE OLD HUNDREDTH Doxology at the Presentation sung by all

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures here below, Praise God above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. Celebrant People And also with you. Lift up your hearts. Celebrant

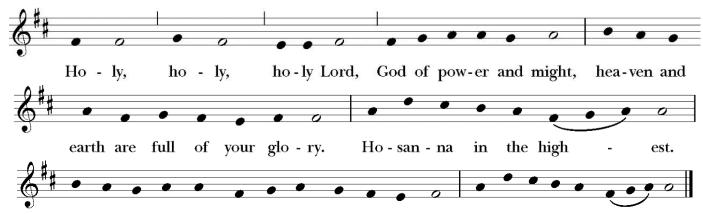
We lift them to the Lord. People

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. Celebrant

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right, and good and joyful to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your children, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:



Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

The people remain standing. The Celebrant continues

Blessed are you, Gracious God, creator of the universe and giver life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word made mortal flesh in Jesus.

Born into the human family and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, 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."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People say together

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world.

Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with Mary Magdalene, Mary the Mother of Jesus, Luke the Evangelist, and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN**.

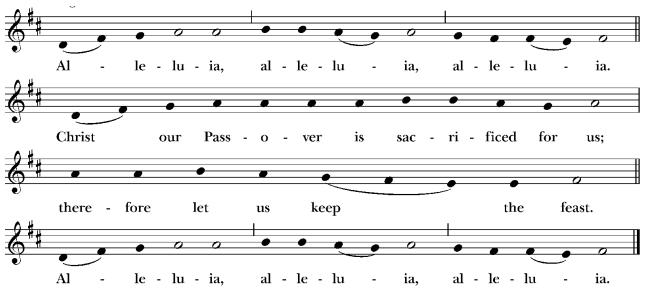
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say, *Celebrant and People*

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.

Fraction Anthem – S154 Sung by all setting by David Hurd (b. 1950)



The Celebrant says the following Invitation

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.

All are welcome to come forward, as directed by ushers, to receive communion or a blessing. Please wait for the Ushers and follow their instructions. When you reach the center of the space, please open your hands and lay them flat to receive the bread or cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing. You may then choose to drink from the silver chalice to your left or intinct (dip the wafer in the wine) in the clay chalice to your right. If you do not wish to receive wine, simply pass the cup, and make your way back to your seat. We believe Jesus is fully present in both the bread and the wine, so if you receive the bread, you have participated fully in communion. Let the Priest know if you need a gluten free wafer by first extending your palms down. If you would like to have communion brought to your pew, please let an Usher know.

The People may remain seated to sing the communion hymns.

Communion Hymn 178

All sing.

"Alleluia, Alleluia, Give thanks to the risen Lord"



All sing.

"Take my life, and let it be"



The Act of Reception

Saint Augustine's Prayer Book (2nd ed)

The Celebrant and the People say together

In union, Blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, I long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory.

I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace.

Come Lord Jesus, and dwell in my heart in the fullness of your strength; be my wisdom and guide me in right pathways; conform my life and actions to the image of your holiness; and, in the power of your gracious might, rule over every hostile power that threatens or disturbs the growth of your kingdom, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

The Postcommunion Prayer

The People stand or kneel.

Celebrant Let us pray.

People

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Parish Announcements

The Blessing

The Celebrant blesses the People

The Wisdom of God, the Love of God, and the Grace of God give you strength to be Christ's hands and heart in this world. And the blessing of God Almighty, who creates, redeems, and sanctifies be with you this day and always. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn 405

ROYAL OAK

All sing.



The Celebrant offers the dismissal to which the people respond,

Celebrant Alleluia! Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Bagpipe Postlude

Worship Leaders

Celebrants The Rev. Julie V. Kelsey, The Rev. Marissa S. Rohrbach

Preacher The Rev. Erika L. Takacs
Lectors Karen Geller, Jean Campbell

Intercessor Lyn Rossano

Eucharistic Ministers Pam Ely, Sharon Pearson

Ushers Keith DeAngelis, David Gortz, and Chris Perry

Music Director Andrew Leslie Cooper

Choir St. Matthew's Summer Choir

Bagpiper Al Gonzales

Counters David Gortz, Rob Kyle



Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the baptism into new life of Luke Paul Rossano Rohrbach by The Rev. & Mrs. Rohrbach.

<u>Prayer Requests</u> Specific prayer requests will be kept on the prayer list for <u>six weeks</u>. Please call or email the office if you have additions or deletions to the prayer list. You are encouraged to offer your own prayers silently or aloud as indicated in the Prayers of the People.

Today and through the week, we remember all those who have been commended to our prayers. For those who are sick or in need: James, Carol, Susan, Lee, Arlene, Barbara, Beth, Becky, Mike, Susan, Jack, Chuck, David, Joan, Joy, Peter, Liz, Ann, Jack, Pat, Kathy, Dick, Brooks, Scott, Martin, Ann, Melinda, Aaron, Dann. For those serving in the military, Matthew Comeau.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. Ann's, Old Lyme; Grace Church, Old Saybrook; Good Shepherd, Orange; Camp Washington: staff, board, counselors, and campers.

Weekly Calendar – June 18 – June 25

Sunday, June 18 The Third Sunday after Pentecost

10:00am Baptism & Holy Eucharist (Livestream)

11:15am Coffee Hour and Reception

Tuesday, June 20

11:00am Staff Meeting

7:00pm Finance Committee Meeting

Sunday, June 25 The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00am Holy Eucharist – Rite II (Livestream)

11:15am Coffee Hour 11:30-1:00pm Vestry Meeting

August Worship Schedule

Sundays August 6th and 13th – joint worship with WPC at St. Matt's Sundays August 20th and 27th – joint worship at WPC's sanctuary

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Connection details available on our website, in the e-news, and in our Parishioner Facebook group. Need to sign up for the e-news? It's easy – just go to www.stmatthewswilton.org/newsletter.

Need to join the Parishioner Facebook Group? Go here: https://www.facebook.com/groups/StMatthewsOnline/

Need something else? Send Marissa a note or be in touch with another member of the staff.

Summer Church School

Summer Church School begins on Sunday, July 9th through Sunday, July 30th. There will be a break from church school for the month of August – we will resume mid-September, date TBD.



Interfaith Service Day - Sunday August 6th



New Haven Green (at College and Elm/Chapel)

This will be St. Matthew's second year participating in Interfaith Service Day. It will be our act of worship for this Sunday as we gather with folks from all different religious and non-religious communities to serve the city of New Haven. May our act of worship this day be coming together in love with folks who believe differently, think

differently, and look different, to create stories and experiences of hope to display that all our religions and our identities are safe and that our faith communities will not be hidden in isolation but are part of a diverse and beloved community. Please RSVP to Sam (samantha@stmatthewswilton.org) if you and your family and friends will join us this day. Additional information can be found at www.iwagepeace.org.

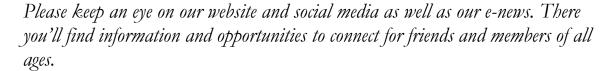
Flat Matt is back!

Save this digital image of Matt (or be creative and make your own!) and take him with you on your summer adventures! Email us a photo of you and Flat Matt and be sure to tell us where you are and we will share with the Parish via Facebook and Instagram. What a fun way to stay connected this summer! Please send to social@stmatthewswilton.org



Worship Schedule at St. Matthew's

Holy Eucharist on Sundays at 10am





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