Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024

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Welcome to all our Guests and Visitors worshipping with us today! Whoever you are and



from whatever walk of life vou come -- we welcome you in Jesus' name. May you find in Him, the Way,

the Truth, and the Life. Do come again! If you have

no Church home, we invite you to join our fellowship. The Pastor will be pleased to discuss membership with you. Please take a moment to introduce yourself and to sign our guest register in the narthex (please include full mailing address or email address). May the Lord bless your worship with us today. We would be pleased to have you return again!

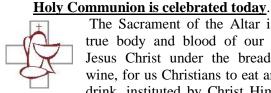


Remember in your prayers:

• all who are sick, hospitalized, or shut in, especially all members of our church family. including: Grace Bowley, Doreen Doering.

Shirley Grundy, Marlene Miller, Trena Neuman;

- all who are dealing with various health issues;
- our organists as they serve God's people;
- the leaders of our congregations and parish;
- the pastor of our parish and all pastors of the synod;
- Pastor Jacob Quast, who will be installed as LCC Director of Domestic Missions, next Sunday in Winnipeg;
- our neighbours and friends that they might respond favourably to our invitation to come meet Jesus in our midst.



The Sacrament of the Altar is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, for us Christians to eat and to drink, instituted by Christ Himself.

Jesus Christ is present in the sacrament by His Word and we receive His gifts through faith for the assurance of the forgiveness of our sins and for strength to live new life in Him.

Our practice of closed communion is the historic practice of the church. It is prompted by love, both for God's Word and God's people. It does not deny that members of other denominations are Christians. Rather, it acknowledges God's deep concern for doctrinal truth (Rom. 16:17) and the Bible's witness that doctrinal unity is central to the common reception of this sacrament.

For this reason, guests who desire to commune are asked to speak with the pastor before the service.

Please mark the registration sheet for communion and worship attendance in the narthex. Those who are not yet confirmed are welcome to come to receive a blessing, but are asked to keep their hands folded.

Bible Class continues this Wednesday at 7:30 P.M. with our study of The Messiah: Revealing Jesus in the Old Testament.

Next Sunday is Food Bank Sunday and LWMLC Mite Box Sunday at St. Matthew's.

The LWMLC Spring renewal will be hosted at St. Matthew's on Saturday, May 4th at 10:00 A.M. (MB). All are invited to attend. Please see the poster on the entrance door for more information.

Jackfish Lutheran Bible Camp is looking for male and female counsellors for our 2024 camp. It would be approximately 3 1/2 weeks of employment working with youth. Any applicant must be a confirmed Lutheran. For more information contact your Jackfish Camp church representative Wendy or Lutz at awlutz@sasktel.net 306 896 2605.

God empowers His people to share the Gospel with those they meet along the way. Hear Guest Speaker Rev. Dr. John Nunes' message entitled "Rejoicing On the Way" based on Acts 8:28-39 next Sunday on The Lutheran Hour.

At Jesus' feet last week				
	Grace	St. Matthew's		
Divine Service	18	62		
Communion	17	45		
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Bible Class		9		

This Week in the Grace - St. Matthew's Parish:				
Today	- Divine Service (with Holy Communion) at St. Matthew's	9:30 A.M. (MB)		
	- Divine Service (with Holy Communion) at Grace	10:30 A.M. (SK)		
Tuesday	- Junior Confirmation at St. Matthew's	4:00 P.M – 5:30 P.M. (MB)		
Wednesday	- Bible Class hosted at St. Matthew's	7:30 P.M. (MB)		
Saturday	- LWMLC Spring Renewal hosted at St. Matthew's	10:00 A.M. (MB)		
Next Sunday	- Divine Service (with Holy Communion) at St. Matthew's	9:30 A.M. (MB)		
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A READING FROM THE BOOK OF CONCORD FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER FORMULA OF CONCORD, SOLID DECLARATION ARTICLE XI, GOD'S ETERNAL ELECTION

We should listen to God's revealed will. For He has made "known to us the mystery of His will" (Ephesians 1:9) and made it clear through Christ so that it might be preached.

This is revealed to us in the way Paul says "those whom He predestined [elected and foreordained] He also called" (Romans 8:30). God does not call without means, but through the Word. For He has commanded "that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in His name" [Luke 24:47]. St. Paul also testifies in a similar way when he writes, "Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making His appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God" (2 Corinthians 5:20). The King calls the guests that He wants to have at His Son's wedding through the ministers He sends out (Matthew 22:2–14). He sends some at the first and some at the second, third, sixth, ninth, and even at the eleventh hour.

If we want to think about our eternal election to salvation helpfully, we must hold strongly and firmly to this truth: just as the preaching of repentance is universal, so also the promise of the Gospel is universal, that is, it belongs to all people. For this reason Christ has given these commands:

Repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in His name to all nations. (Luke 24:47) (paragraphs 26-28)

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Life Quotes

"It is He who sustains us each and every day. It is He who brings us into the world, and He who draws our earthly lives to a close at the proper time. It is He who was born for us, He who died for us, He who rose for us, and He who reigns on high for us. His is the pattern of our lives."

Deaconess Bethany Stoever, Director-at-Large, LFL of Kansas A "Life Quote" is from Lutherans For Life – www.lutheransforlife.org.



About the Cover: Without someone to assist him, the Ethiopian eunuch could not clearly envision the figure God's Word painted in Isaiah. But the Holy Spirit used Philip to lead him to Jesus, in whom the full picture of the Scriptures comes together. Christ's generous love and sacrifice is for the sake of the whole world as He delivers forgiveness of sins through Word and Sacrament.

Grace

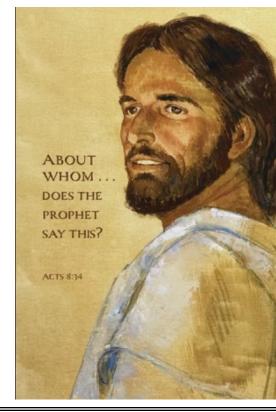
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April 28 Anno Domini 2024 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER PROCLAIMING CHRIST AND HIM CRUCIFIED, RISEN, ASCENDED, AND RETURNING

Divine Service – 9:30 A.M. (MB) November 3, 2024 - March 9, 2025: Divine Service 11:30 A.M.

Grace Lutheran Church, Zorra, SK



Pastor: Office: **Residence:** Cell: email: webpage:

Divine Service – 10:30 A.M. (SK) November 3, 2024 - March 9, 2025: Divine Service 9:30 A.M. Rev. Barry D. Wood 204-937-2748 204-937-8117 204-247-0744

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