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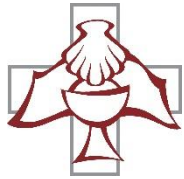
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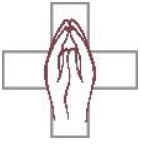


**Welcome to all our Guests and Visitors worshipping with us today!** Whoever you

are and from whatever walk of life you 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!

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**Remember in your prayers:**

- all who are sick, hospitalized, or shut in, especially all members of our church family, including: Irma Baumung, Grace Bowley, Earl Chase, Doreen Doering, Walter Eckert, Bernice Edel, Geraldine Edel, Norman Kauk, Elizabeth Kleebaum, Jack Miller, Georgina Nabe, Annie Nernberg, Ruth Zimmer;
- Leonard Gerbrandt (Jessica Frey’s father);
- all affected by the coronavirus, that we not lose trust in our gracious heavenly Father;
- all who are unemployed or under-employed as a result of the pandemic;
- that the Lord would bring an end to the pandemic according to His good and gracious will;
- the leaders of our congregations and parish;
- the members of Grace and St. Matthew’s;
- the pastor of our parish;
- our neighbours and friends – that they might respond favourably to our invitation to come meet Jesus in our midst.

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**Holy Communion is celebrated today.**

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.*

**Advance registration for this service today is also registration for communion. In the interim the use of communion registration cards will be suspended and have been removed from the pews.**

Those who are not yet confirmed are welcome to come to receive a blessing, but are asked to keep their hands folded.

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*“I was glad when they said to me, ‘Let us go to the house of the LORD!’” (Psalm 122:1 ESV) Under the provincial health guidelines we are allowed to have 25% capacity (to maximum of 50 people) at St. Matthew’s. The use of non-medical masks will be required by all attending the service. There will be one service at St. Matthew’s: 9:30 A.M. (MB).*

Divine Service at Grace is limited to 30 (30 persons plus pastor and organist). The use of non-medical masks will be required by all attending the service.

**Pre-registration is required for all services (by Saturday noon MB time please).**

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Information from LCMS on the covid vaccines is available on the information table in the narthex. This document presents information on vaccines with ethical concerns. If faced with no choice in vaccine and having to receive a vaccine with ethical concerns, consider this from Martin Luther (though not in the same context at all): “Sin boldly, but trust Christ more boldly.” Pastor Wood is available to discuss any concerns you might have on this matter.

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

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Lutheran Church Canada is seeking nominations for various offices to be elected at the Convention next June. Copies of the nomination forms as well as descriptions of the office to be filled are on the information table in the narthex.

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*Speaking out against the prevailing culture might prompt ridicule but it could also produce repentance.* Hear the message entitled **“Laughed At”** based on Jonah 3 next Sunday on The Lutheran Hour on 620/am at 7:30 AM or 940/am at 9:00 AM or 1250/am at 10:30 AM (MB time) or 810/am at 12:30 PM (MB time) or Streaming audio and pod-casts at [www.lutheranhour.ca](http://www.lutheranhour.ca).

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## **This Week in the Grace - St. Matthew's Parish:**

Today	- Divine Service (with Holy Communion) at St. Matthew's and live-streamed	9:30 A.M. (MB)
	- Sunday School at Grace	9:30 A.M. (SK)
Next Sunday	- Divine Service (with Holy Communion) at Grace	10:30 A.M. (SK)
	- Divine Service (with Holy Communion) at St. Matthew's and live-streamed	9:30 A.M. (MB)
	- Sunday School at Grace	9:30 A.M. (SK)
	- Divine Service (with Holy Communion) at Grace	10:30 A.M. (SK)

### **A READING FROM THE BOOK OF CONCORD**

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APOLOGY OF THE AUGSBURG CONFESSION

ARTICLE XIII, REPENTANCE

The adversaries say that sin is pardoned because a contrite person brings forth an act of love to God, and by this act deserves the forgiveness of sins. This is nothing but teaching the Law, the Gospel being blotted out, and the promise about Christ being abolished. For they require only our works because the Law demands love. Besides, they teach us to be confident that we obtain forgiveness of sins because of contrition and love. What else is this than to put confidence in our works, not in God's promise about Christ? But if the Law is enough for receiving the forgiveness of sins, what need is there of the Gospel? What need is there of Christ if we receive forgiveness of sins because of our own work? We, on the other hand, call consciences away from confidence in their own works to confidence in the promise and Christ. We do so because the Gospel presents Christ to us and freely promises the forgiveness of sins for Christ's sake. In this promise it asks us to trust, namely, that we are reconciled to the Father for Christ's sake, not for the sake of our own contrition or love. For there is no other Mediator or Atoning Sacrifice than Christ. Neither can we do the works of the Law unless we have first been reconciled through Christ. We must believe that for Christ's sake, as Mediator and Atoning Sacrifice, we receive the forgiveness of sins.

(paragraphs 75-76)

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### **Life Quotes**

“Death is the one thing no Christian has to do on his or her own. Jesus has already been through suffering and death before us. He knows the way through death and the way back to life, too. Our friends and family cannot go with us—but Jesus can. He will never let go of our hands. And He will bring us back to life with Him because He has promised, and He will never lie.”

*Dr. Kari Vo, Lutheran Hour Ministries*

**A “Life Quote” is from Lutherans For Life – [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org).**



**About the Cover:** With patient and loving care, Christ looks upon each and every sheep in His flock. Such care above all else is demonstrated in that He laid down His life for us and took it up again three days later. Since He was willing to die for us upon the cross and lives today, surely He daily cares and tends to our needs as our shepherd in order to guide us into life everlasting.

**Grace**

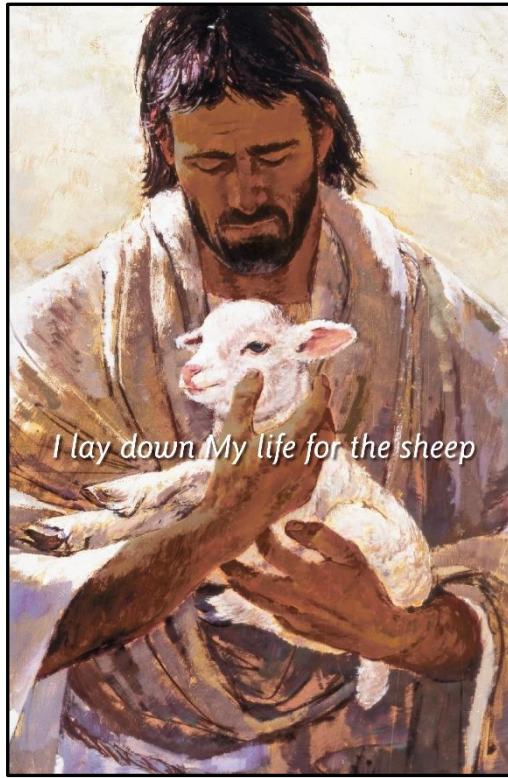
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Zorra, Saskatchewan



**St. Matthew's**

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Highway #5, at Park Street  
Roblin, Manitoba

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**APRIL 25 ANNO DOMINI 2021**  
**THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
*PROCLAIMING CHRIST AND HIM CRUCIFIED,  
RISEN, ASCENDED, AND RETURNING*

**St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Roblin, MB**

**Divine Service – 9:30 A.M. (MB)**

*November 7, 2021 - March 13, 2022: Divine Service 11:30 A.M.*

**Grace Lutheran Church, Zorra, SK**

**Divine Service – 10:30 A.M. (SK)**

**Sunday School – 9:30 A.M. (SK)**

*November 7, 2021 - March 13, 2022: Divine Service 9:30 A.M.*

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