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*\*"O Living Bread from Heaven" # 642*

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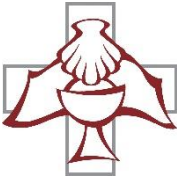
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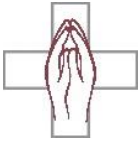
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**Welcome to all our Guests and Visitors worshipping with us today!** Whoever you are and from whatever walk of life you come -- we welcome you in Jesus' name. May you find in Him, the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Do come again! If you have no Church 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: Grace Bowley, Doreen Doering, Trena Neuman;

- all who are dealing with various health issues;
- our catechumens at St. Matthew’s as they begin their catechism study this week;
- 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;
- our neighbours and friends – that they might respond favourably to our invitation to come meet Jesus in our midst.

**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.

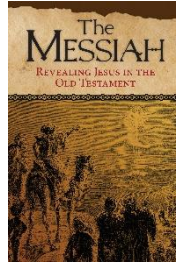
Jesus Christ is present in the sacrament by His Word and we receive His gifts through faith for the assurance of the forgiveness of our sins and for strength to live new life in Him.

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.*

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.

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



Beyond God's promise of a Saviour just after the fall in Genesis 3:15, do we really see much of Christ in the Old Testament? Well, if we take His New Testament words to heart, we must! *“You search the Scriptures...and it is they that bear witness to me!”* (John 5:39)

*The Messiah: Revealing Jesus in the Old Testament* will lead us through the entirety of the Old Testament with readings, questions, and discussion prompts. After a brief introduction that reviews Christ's earthly ministry, we will dive into the heart of the Holy Books that have spiritually nourished God's people from creation to today!

Christ makes Himself very clear when He claims that the Scriptures all testify of Him. (John 5:39) This Bible study walks us through that claim! The study begins Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 P.M. (MB) at St. Matthew’s

The St. Matthew’s junior confirmation class has been participating in a Bible overview for the last year. This week they begin the study of Luther’s Small Catechism in preparation for affirming their faith next year in the rite of Confirmation. Please keep them in your prayers.

*Learn how the followers of Christ are raising God's flag in the world.* Hear Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler’s message entitled **“Raise the Flag”** based on Acts 1:1-11 next Sunday on The Lutheran Hour.

**At Jesus’ feet last week**

	Grace	St. Matthew’s
Divine Service	27	~87
Communion	26	59
Easter Vigil (att/comm)		
		21/17

### **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	- Pastor Wood leading Divine Service at Moosomin	7:00 P.M. (SK)
Next Sunday	- 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)

### **A READING FROM THE BOOK OF CONCORD SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER APOLOGY OF THE AUGSBURG CONFESSION ARTICLE V, LOVE AND FULFILLING THE LAW**

The Church Fathers have clearly handed down the doctrine that we need mercy even in good works.

Scripture teaches the same. “Enter not into judgment with Your servant, for no one living is righteous before You” (Psalm 143:2). This passage denies absolutely—even to all saints and servants of God—the glory of righteousness, if God does not forgive, but judges and convicts their hearts. For when David boasts about his righteousness, he speaks about his own cause against the persecutors of God’s Word. He does not speak of his personal purity. He asks that God’s cause and glory be defended, “Judge me, O Lord, according to my righteousness and according to the integrity that is in me” (Psalm 7:8) Likewise, in Psalm 130:3, he says that no one can endure God’s judgment:

“If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities,  
O Lord, who could stand?”

If I wash myself with snow and cleanse my hands with lye, yet You will plunge me into a pit.  
(Job 9:30–31)

Who can say, “I have made my heart pure;  
I am clean from my sin”? (Proverbs 20:9)

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves,  
and the truth is not in us. (1 John 1:8)

In the Lord’s Prayer the saints ask for the forgiveness of  
sins. Even the saints have sins. (paragraphs 204-208)

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### **Life Quotes**

“In the resurrection we find solace in our mourning, in our uncertainty, and in our troubles. Our longing for escape finds its hope in the resurrection of Christ. It is God’s approval upon the redemptive work of His Son. It is the assurance that as He was raised from the dead, so shall we, and all who have ‘fallen asleep in Him’ shall be raised to life eternal.”  
*Pastor Robert Fleischmann, Christian Life Resources*

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



**About the Cover:** Great power characterized the apostles’ preaching of Jesus’ resurrection. The source of that great power did not come from them but from the One who sent them to speak with His authority. For this great power flows from the great grace of Jesus that was upon them all. Likewise, we today can do nothing apart from the grace of Jesus, who was crucified and raised for us.

**Grace**

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Highway #8, ½ km South of Highway #10  
Zorra, Saskatchewan



**St. Matthew's**

Evangelical=Lutheran Congregation  
Highway #5, at Park Street  
Roblin, Manitoba

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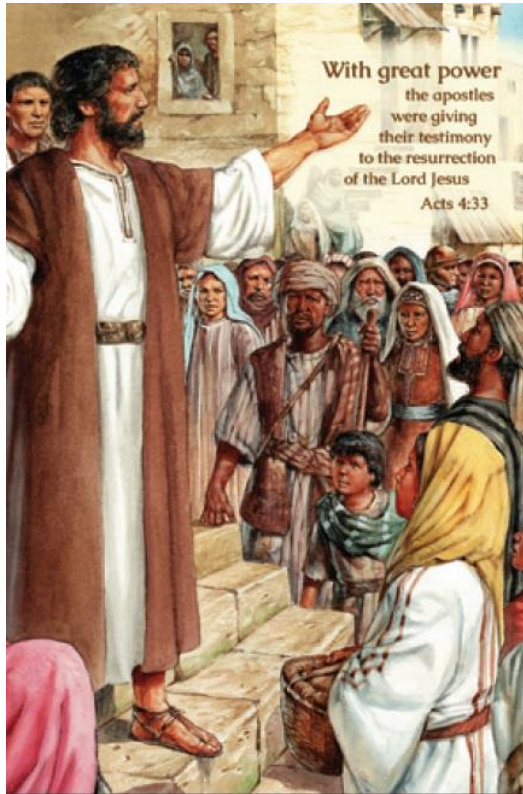


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**APRIL 7 ANNO DOMINI 2024**  
**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
*PROCLAIMING CHRIST AND HIM CRUCIFIED,  
RISEN, ASCENDED, AND RETURNING*

**St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Roblin, MB**  
**Divine Service – 9:30 A.M. (MB)**

*November 3, 2024 - March 9, 2025: Divine Service 11:30 A.M.*

**Grace Lutheran Church, Zorra, SK**  
**Divine Service – 10:30 A.M. (SK)**

*November 3, 2024 - March 9, 2025: Divine Service 9:30 A.M.*