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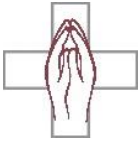


Welcome

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!



Remember in your prayers:

- all who are sick, hospitalized, or shut in, especially all members of our church family, including: Grace Bowley, Doreen Doering, Wilma Kroll, Ruth Zimmer;
- all who are dealing with various health issues;
- our organists as they serve God’s people;
- 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.

An Advent/Christmas devotion book from Lutheran Laymen’s League and Lutheran Hour Ministries *“What Child is This?”* is available by the mailboxes at both Grace and St. Matthew’s.

Midweek Advent Services are Wednesdays, at Noon at St. Matthew’s and this week at St. Matthew’s at 7:30 P.M. The theme is: *“Resounding Psalms for Advent”*. An audio recording of the sermon from the midweek services are posted online.

This is advance notice of the St. Matthew’s Prayer Pal/Mug exchange on January 14th after service.

*What happens when a passenger suddenly has to be the pilot? Dr. Michael Zeigler talks about the power of words to save. Hear Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler’s message entitled “**Life After Landing**” based on Isaiah 61:1-2 next Sunday on The Lutheran Hour on 620/am at 7:30 AM (SK) or 940/am at 9:00 AM (SK) or 1250/am at 10:30 AM (MB) or Streaming audio and pod-casts at www.lutheranhour.ca.*

Christmas Eve falls on Sunday, December 24th this year. *December 24th is also the 4th Sunday in Advent (in the morning).*

A parish service will be held at Grace on the morning of December 24th at 10:00 A.M. for the 4th Sunday in Advent. Holy Communion will be celebrated.

A parish Christmas Eve Candlelight service will be held at St. Matthew’s at 7:30 P.M.

Christmas Day with Holy Communion will be at our usual service times.

At Jesus’ feet last week

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

Today	- Divine Service (with Holy Communion) at Grace	9:30 A.M.
	- Divine Service (with Holy Communion) at St. Matthew's	11:30 A.M.
Tuesday	- Junior Confirmation at St. Matthew's	4:00 P.M – 5:30 P.M.
Wednesday	- Advent Midweek Service 3 at St. Matthew's	Noon
	- Advent Midweek Service 3 at St. Matthew's	7:30 P.M.
Thursday	- Adult Instruction Class at St. Matthew's	7:30 P.M.
Next Sunday	- Divine Service (with Holy Communion) at Grace	9:30 A.M.
	- Divine Service (with Holy Communion) at St. Matthew's	11:30 A.M.

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF CONCORD

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

LARGE CATECHISM, PART III, THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lead us not into temptation.

Although we have received forgiveness and a good conscience and are entirely acquitted, yet our life is of such a nature that we stand today, and tomorrow we fall [Isaiah 40:6–8]. Even though we are godly and stand before God with a good conscience, we must pray again that He would not allow us to fall again and yield to trials and temptations.

Temptation is of three kinds: of the flesh, of the world, and of the devil. For we dwell in the flesh and carry the old Adam about our neck. He encourages us daily to unchastity, laziness, gluttony and drunkenness, greed and deception, to defraud our neighbor. In short, the old Adam encourages us to have all kinds of evil lusts, which cling to us by nature. They often wound and inflame even an innocent heart.

Next comes the world. It drives us to anger and impatience. In short, there is nothing but hatred and envy, hostility, violence and wrong, unfaithfulness, vengeance, cursing, railing, slander, pride and haughtiness. No one is willing to be the least. Everyone desires to sit at the head of the group and to be seen before all.

Then comes the devil to agitate matters that concern the conscience and spiritual affairs. He leads us to despise and disregard God's Word and works. He tears us away from faith, hope, and love, and he brings us into misbelief, false security, despair, denial of God, blasphemy. (pars. 99-104)

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Life Quotes

“You might not be impressive by the world's standards. You might be a third-shift worker, a nameless neighbor, or a sinner who messed up in very public ways. But the angel declared good news for all people, which logically must include you. So, rejoice today! A Savior was born to you!”

Pastor Mike Novotny, Time of Grace

A “Life Quote” is from Lutherans For Life – www.lutheransforlife.org.



About the Cover: As the King returns to His Holy City in victory, the voice in the wilderness calls out to clear the way. John's “baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins” (Mark 1:4; Luke 3:3) was a call to prepare every heart for Christ's coming. God's Law continues to call us to repentance so that His saving Gospel may reside in our hearts. Christ has conquered sin, death, and the power of the devil for us. Behold, He is coming again.

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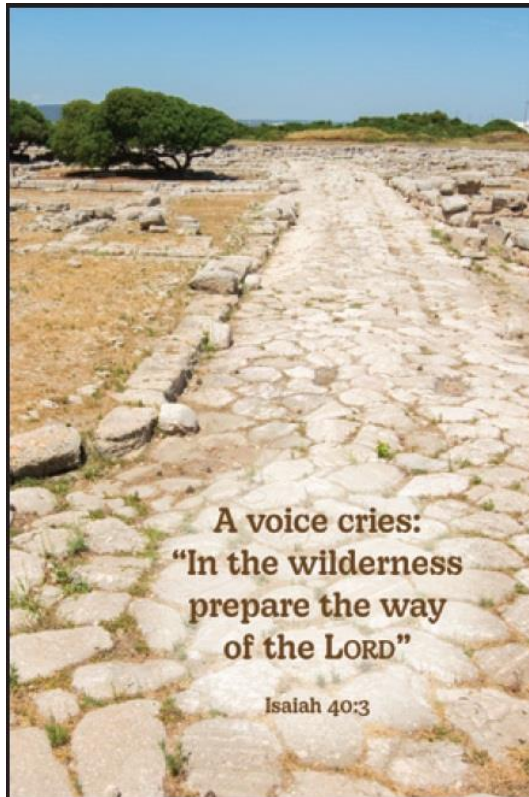
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DECEMBER 10 ANNO DOMINI 2023
SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT
*PROCLAIMING CHRIST AND HIM CRUCIFIED,
RISEN, ASCENDED, AND RETURNING*

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Roblin, MB
Divine Service – 11:30 A.M.

March 10, 2024 - November 3, 2024: Divine Service 9:30 A.M. (MB)

Grace Lutheran Church, Zorra, SK
Divine Service – 9:30 A.M.

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