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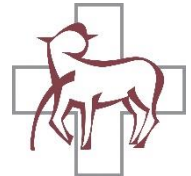
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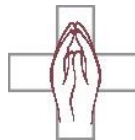
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Welcome to all our Guests and Visitors worshipping with us today! Whoever you are and from

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!



Remember in your prayers:

- all who are sick, hospitalized, or shut in, especially all members of our church family, including: Grace Bowley, Doreen Doering, Bernice Edel, Wilma Kroll, Marie Mohr; Annie Nernberg, Ruth Zimmer;
- all affected by the coronavirus, including all who are unemployed or under-employed, that we not lose trust in our gracious heavenly Father and that He would

bring an end to the pandemic according to His good and gracious will;

- all health care workers;
- all who are dealing with various health issues;
- the people of Ukraine, that peace be restored;
- Pastor Airton Glitz, who has accepted the call to Trinity, Churchbridge;
- The Triune Lutheran Parish (Langenburg, Landestreu, MacNutt);
- Todd & Kirsten Guggenmos;
- 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. 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.

Midweek Advent Services continues this Wednesday, at 7:30 P.M. at St. Matthew's. The theme is: *"Come, Lord Jesus."*

The LWMLC is again delivering **Christmas Gift trays for Maple Manor and Roblin Residence.** These will be assembled on December 19th for delivery on December 21st and 22nd. Donations of cookies and/or squares is appreciated.

Mailboxes at St. Matthew's have been adjusted and will resume being used. Your mailbox is the one above your name.

IPC Pictures update: You may have received your pictures this past week or should this week. If anyone ordered the laminated photos (ones that don't need a frame) they will take a bit longer.

Christmas Service Schedule

Friday, December 23

– Christmas "Eve" Candlelight Service
at St. Matthew's 7:30 P.M.

Saturday, December 24 (Christmas Eve)

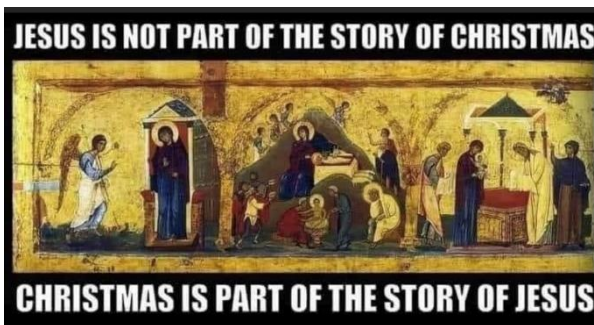
– Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
at Grace 7:30 P.M.

Sunday, December 25 --The Nativity of our Lord

– Divine Service (with Holy Communion)
at Grace 9:30 A.M.

– Divine Service (with Holy Communion)
at St. Matthew's 11:30 A.M.

Dr. Michael Zeigler shows how even the smallest acts of kindness can go a long way, by God's grace. Hear Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler's message entitled "Gestures of Hope" based on Isaiah 7:14 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 podcasts at www.lutheranhour.ca.



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.
	- Sunday School at Grace	10:30 A.M.
	- Divine Service (with Holy Communion) at St. Matthew's and live-streamed	11:30 A.M.
Tuesday	- Junior Confirmation at St. Matthew's	4:00 P.M. – 5:30 P.M.
Wednesday	- Midweek Advent Service hosted at St. Matthew's	7:30 P.M.
Friday	- Assiniboine Circuit Pastor & Family Christmas gathering hosted at St. Matthew's	5:00 P.M.
Saturday	- Pastor Wood leading Divine Service at MacNutt	7:00 P.M.
Next Sunday	- Divine Service (with Holy Communion) at Grace	9:30 A.M.
	- Sunday School at Grace	10:30 A.M.
	- Divine Service (with Holy Communion) at St. Matthew's and live-streamed	11:30 A.M.
	- Pastor Wood leading Divine Service at Langenburg	3:00 P.M.

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF CONCORD THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT FORMULA OF CONCORD, EPITOME ARTICLE XI, GOD'S ETERNAL FOREKNOWLEDGE

God's foreknowledge is nothing else than this: God knows all things before they happen.

This foreknowledge extends over the godly and the wicked alike. But it is not the cause of evil or of sin. In other words, it is not what causes people to do wrong (which originally arises from the devil and mankind's wicked, perverse will).

Predestination, or God's eternal election, covers only the godly, beloved children of God. It is a cause of their salvation, which He also provides. Our salvation is founded so firmly on it that the gates of hell cannot overcome it.

God's Word leads us to Christ, who is the Book of Life, in whom all are written and elected who are to be saved in eternity. For it is written in Ephesians 1:4, "Even as He chose us in [Christ] before the foundation of the world."

Christ calls all sinners to Himself and promises them rest. He is eager <seriously wills> that all people should come to Him and allow themselves to be helped. He offers them Himself in His Word and wants them to hear it and not to plug their ears or <neglect and> despise the Word. Furthermore, He promises the power and working of the Holy Spirit and divine assistance for perseverance and eternal salvation <so that we may remain steadfast in the faith and gain eternal salvation>.
(paragraphs 3-5, 7-8)

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Life Quotes

"As sure as Christmas will come again on December 25, our Lord will come again. As we look forward to the Last Day, let's dress for the occasion, putting on godliness and repentance. Let's celebrate everything He did the first time He came to assure us of our home of righteousness. Let's be spiritually awake and alert for His coming again, knowing that we will enjoy God's perfect paradise, our eternal home." *Rev. Peter Sutzle, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota*

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



About the Cover: The curse of Adam and Eve's first sin has traveled down every highway and byway and through every street, leaving all manner of devastation, brokenness, and illness in this world. But behold, the Lord is coming and bringing healing. By taking on the curse of the cross, He promises healing and makes all who are in Him whole, in body and soul! There is nowhere He will not travel for us to bring this healing, "far as, far as the curse is found" (LSB 387:3).



St. Matthew's

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Roblin, Manitoba

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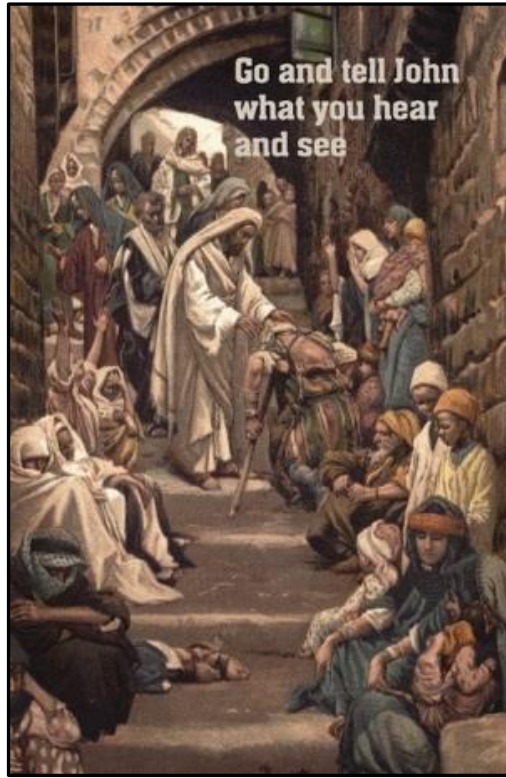
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DECEMBER 11 ANNO DOMINI 2022
THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT
*PROCLAIMING CHRIST AND HIM CRUCIFIED,
RISEN, ASCENDED, AND RETURNING*

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

March 12, 2023 – November 5, 2023: Divine Service 9:30 A.M. (MB)

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

Sunday School – 10:30 A.M.

March 12, 2023 – November 5, 2023: Divine Service 10:30 A.M. (SK)



St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Roblin, MB
Grace Lutheran Church, Zorra, SK
The Cross-Border Lutheran Parish