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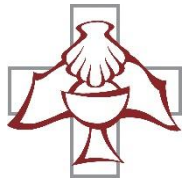
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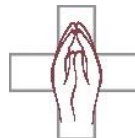
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Welcome to all our Guests and Visitors worshipping with us today! Whoever you are and from

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: Irma Baumung; Grace Bowley, Doreen Doering, Walter Eckert, Bernice Edel, Geraldine Edel, Elizabeth Kleebaum,

Hanna Liske, Jack Miller, Georgina Nabe, 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 mental health issues;
- Zion, Yorkton, as the pastor they have called considers the call;
- Pastor Francis Hoffman (ELC of Brazil), as he considers the call to Trinity, Churchbridge;
- Pastor Dan Barr (Faith, Atikokan, ON) as he considers the call to the Inglis-Grandview 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.



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.

"O LORD, I love the habitation of your house and the place where your glory dwells" (Psalm 26:8 ESV)

St. Matthew's is limited to approximately 68 persons depending on seating.

We are NOT requiring a proof of vaccination to attend service.

The use of at minimum non-medical masks is required.

**Pre-registration is requested/required because of seating limitations to ensure you have a place.
(by Saturday noon MB time please).**

Divine Service at Grace:

The use of at minimum non-medical masks is required.

In Christian freedom please continue to respect others' desire for physical distancing when entering/exiting and being seated.

Be mindful that not all may be vaccinated or fully vaccinated.

The St. Matthew's Prayer Partner 2019-2021 wrap-up is today after service. Please see the special insert for more information.

Grab and Go Lunch proceeds amounted to \$900. The LWMLC will be sponsoring two Lutheran Hour broadcasts (Jan 23rd and March 13th) on GX94.

Midweek Advent Services will be recorded on Tuesdays and posted online by 3:00 P.M. on Wednesdays. The theme is: *"When Heaven Met Earth: Advent Answers to Hard Questions Hardly Anybody Is Asking."* The question this week is: *"The Man's Man: Why Would Jesus Ever Cry?"* based on Luke 19:41-44 and John 11:30-36.

As Christmas Eve (December 23rd at Grace/December 24th at St. Matthew's) and Christmas Day approaches and in light of the situation in which we find ourselves, you are asked to please pre-register for our Christmas Eve/Day services this year **by December 19th**. I know this is less than ideal but this will ensure that we are within the guidelines for faith gatherings (particularly for St. Matthew's). A second Christmas Eve service may be added at 9:00 ish p.m. at St. Matthew's.

Please see the special insert regarding Bill C-4

At Jesus' feet last week

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The drama surrounding the first airing of "The Charlie Brown Christmas Special" 56 years ago, against all odds, it gave viewers the true story of Christmas and doomed aluminum Christmas trees to near extinction. Hear Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler's message entitled "Charlie Brown Christmas Tree" based on

Luke 2:1-15 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.

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 (in person/live streamed)	11:30 A.M.
Wednesday	- Advent Midweek Service posted online	by 3:00 P.M.
	- Bible Class at St. Matthew's	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 (in person/live streamed)	11:30 A.M.

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF CONCORD THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT APOLOGY OF THE AUGSBURG CONFESSION ARTICLE V, LOVE AND FULFILLING OF THE LAW

Clear testimonies in Scripture and in the Church Fathers declare that, even though we have good works, yet in these very works we need mercy. Faith, looking upon this mercy, cheers and consoles us. The adversaries are wrong when they praise merits and add nothing about this faith that takes hold of mercy. The promise [of mercy] is grasped only through faith. We justly find fault with the doctrine about wholly deserving merit, since it omits justifying faith. It also hides Christ's glory and office as Mediator. We are not teaching anything new. The Church Fathers have 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 denies absolutely the glory of righteousness, if God does not forgive, but judges and convicts their hearts. For when David boasts in other places 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). 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?" (paragraphs 202-205)

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Life Quotes

"The birth of Christ is the ultimate solution to the loneliness that began in the Garden of Eden. Jesus came because God cares about lonely people, and so should we. Find opportunities to give lonely people gifts—not merely physical items, but the gift of your time, presence, and encouragement. May the glorious Gospel that is preached to you in the birth of Jesus be the gospel that you preach to yourself and your family this month."

Paul David Tripp, pastor, author, conference speaker

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



About the Cover: Many who saw Jesus stumbled over His humble appearance and lowly birth. But for those who heard the Word and saw with the eyes of faith, there was—and is—only blessing. So when John sent his disciples to ask Jesus if He was the Messiah, Jesus sent them back with their eyes and ears filled, having witnessed His healing and preaching. In the culmination of Jesus' ministry to sinners, He took up the greatest stumbling block of all in His cross. And yet, by God's grace and mercy, therein, we see only blessing through the forgiveness of our sins.



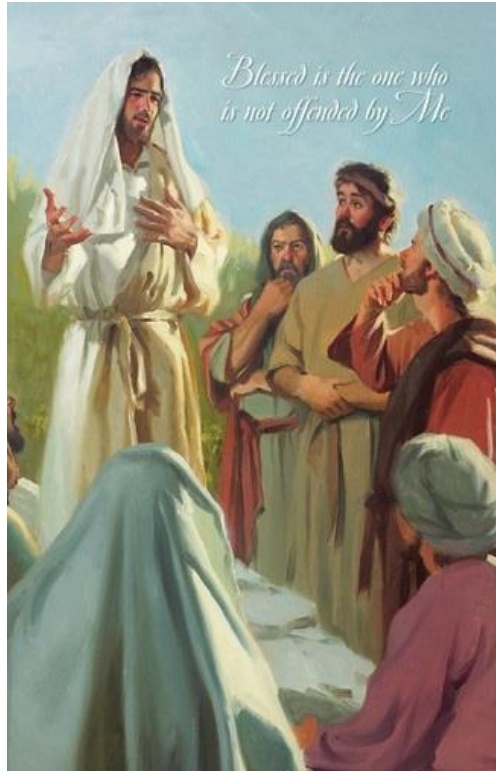
St. Matthew's

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

Members of Lutheran Church Canada

Grace

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Highway #8, 1/2 km South of Highway #10
Zorra, Saskatchewan



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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 13, 2022 - November 6, 2022: Divine Service 9:30 A.M. (MB)

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

Sunday School – 10:30 A.M.

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