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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, Grace Dressler, Walter Eckert, Bernice Edel, Geraldine Edel, Bev Erickson, Norman Kauk, Elizabeth Kleebaum, Marie Mohr, Jack Miller, Albert Nabe, Georgina Nabe, Annie Nernberg, Trena Neumann, Gladys Timoruski,

Ruth Zimmer, Wilfred Zimmer;

- all affected by the coronavirus, that we not lose trust in our gracious heavenly Father;
- all who are unemployed 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.



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.

Midweek Advent Services will be recorded and posted on our Facebook pages and on our Youtube channel on Wednesdays. The theme is: *"The Incarnation."* This week focuses on **"The Joy of the Incarnation"** based on Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 and 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24.

As Christmas Eve (December 24th at Grace) 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 20th**. I know this is less than ideal but this will ensure that we are within the guidelines for faith gatherings.

Divine Services are suspended at St. Matthew's until further notice (at least January 8th, 2021). Sunday service will be live streamed at 11:30 A.M. on Facebook and posted on our YouTube channel (Roblin Zorra Lutheran Parish) by 3:00 P.M. Christmas Eve/Day will be recorded and posted on Facebook and YouTube. All other activities at St. Matthew's are also suspended.

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

We will never fully grasp the idea of God, but that doesn't keep us from experiencing God's love for us in Christ. Hear the message by Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler entitled **"Experience God"** based on John 1:1-18 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.

At Jesus' feet last week

	Grace	St. Matthew's
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Sunday School	--	--

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 livestreamed at St. Matthew's	11:30 A.M.
Wednesday	- Advent Midweek Service 3 (to be posted on Facebook and Youtube)	
Next Sunday	- Divine Service (with Holy Communion) at Grace	9:30 A.M.
	- Sunday School at Grace	10:30 A.M.
	- Divine Service livestreamed at St. Matthew's	11:30 A.M.

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF CONCORD THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT LARGE CATECHISM, TEN COMMANDMENTS

You shall not steal. Beware of this: The poor man will come to you (there are so many now). When you are harsh to him and when you turn him away with pride and arrogance to whom you ought to give things without payment, he will go away sorrowful. He will cry and call to Him who takes care of the poor, sorrowful hearts. He will not allow them to go unavenged [Isaiah 61:1–3]. But if you despise this, see the One you have brought upon you.

We have warned, and protested enough. Yet it must be impressed upon the young so that they may be careful not to follow the old lawless crowd, but keep their eyes fixed upon God's commandment, lest His wrath and punishment come upon them too. But to check greediness the government should take note and have the courage to establish and maintain order in all kinds of trade and commerce. They must do this lest the poor be burdened and oppressed.

This is an explanation of what stealing is. Let the commandment not be understood too narrowly. It applies to everything that has to do with our neighbors. Briefly, in summary this is what is forbidden: (a) To do our neighbor any injury or wrong (by hindering, and withholding his possessions and property), or even to consent or allow such injury. Instead, we should prevent it. (b) It is commanded that we improve his possessions. When they suffer lack, we should help and share, both to friends and foes (pars. 247-251)

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Life Quotes

“Will you be without loved ones this holiday season? Will you be struggling with illness or discouragement? Will you feel the pressure to make the holiday season great? You are not alone. You are not on your own. Read John 10, a great chapter about a Good Shepherd. Listen to His voice comfort and strengthen you.”

Rev. John Boeder, Martin Luther College

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



About the Cover: *Ecce Agnus Dei!* (“Behold, the Lamb of God!”) These Latin words appear on the ribbon held by John the Baptist in the seventeenth-century painting by Bernardo Strozzi. How fitting that when we sing the Agnus Dei (Lamb of God) prior to Holy Communion, we are reminded of John’s words and our reason for gathering. Christ’s body and blood—along with the benefits of His sacrifice for us—are delivered, taking our sins away.

Grace

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Zorra, Saskatchewan



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St. Matthew's

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Highway #5, at Park Street
Roblin, Manitoba



[and they asked John:]

Who are you?

December 13 Anno Domini 2020
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 14, 2021 - November 7, 2021: 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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