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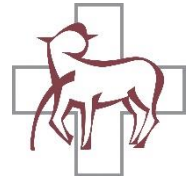
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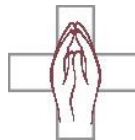
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Welcome to all our Guests and Visitors worshipping with us today! Whoever you are and from

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.

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.

Thank you to all who have remembered us with cards and/or gifts this Adventide.

- Pastor Barry & Yvonne and Caitlin

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.

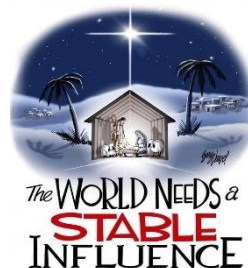
Sunday, December 25 --The Nativity of our Lord

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

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

Our **Bible Class** on *Revelation* begins Wednesday January 11th, 2023 hosted at St. Matthew's.

A shoot springs forth from the stump of Jesse. Is it a sign of hope – or a threat? Hear Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler's message entitled "A Shoot from the Stump" based on Isaiah 11:1 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.



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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.
	- Pastor Wood leading Divine Service at Langenburg	3:00 P.M.
Friday	- Christmas "Eve" Candlelight Service at St. Matthew's	7:30 P.M.
Saturday	- Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at Grace	7:30 P.M.
Next Sunday	The Nativity of our Lord – Christmas Day	
	- Divine Service (with Holy Communion) at Grace	9:30 A.M.
	- Divine Service (with Holy Communion) at St. Matthew's and live-streamed	11:30 A.M.
Sunday January 1, 2023	The Circumcision and Name of Jesus – New Year's Day	
	- Divine Service (with Holy Communion) at Grace	9:30 A.M.
	- Divine Service (with Holy Communion) at St. Matthew's and live-streamed	11:30 A.M.



A READING FROM THE BOOK OF CONCORD FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT FORMULA OF CONCORD, SOLID DECLARATION ARTICLE VIII, THE PERSON OF CHRIST

What kind of communion of the divine nature must that be of which the apostle says, "in [Christ] the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily" so that God and man are one person? It is important that this doctrine about the communion of the properties of both natures be treated and explained with proper discrimination. There are many ways of speaking about the person of Christ and of its natures and properties. When these are used without proper distinction, the doctrine becomes confused and the simple reader is easily led astray. The following explanation should be carefully noted:

In Christ two distinct natures exist and remain unchanged and unconfused in their natural essence and properties. Yet there is only one person consisting of both natures. Therefore, that which is an attribute of only one nature is attributed not to that nature alone, as separate. It is attributed to the entire person, who is at the same time God and man (whether the person is called God or man).

In this way of speaking, it does not make sense that what is attributed to the person is at the same time a property of both natures. But its nature is distinctively explained by what is ascribed to the person. So "His Son ... was descended from David according to the flesh" (Romans 1:3). Also: Christ was "put to death in the flesh" (1 Peter 3:18) and "suffered in the flesh" (1 Peter 4:1). (paragraphs 34-37)

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Life Quotes

"Unlike Christmas ornaments, each baby is a unique life never to be replicated in all of history. Each life brutally snuffed out by abortion will leave the world a lesser place for it."

Bradley Mattes, president of Life Issues Institute

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



About the Cover: We can know a lot through a name. It was revealed to Joseph that this child to be born to Mary would be named Jesus, the Savior. Our Lord's name tells us who He is and what He does. Jesus saves us from our sins. Through Baptism, we are placed under the name of our Lord and receive all the benefits of what He has come to do.

Grace

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



St. Matthew's

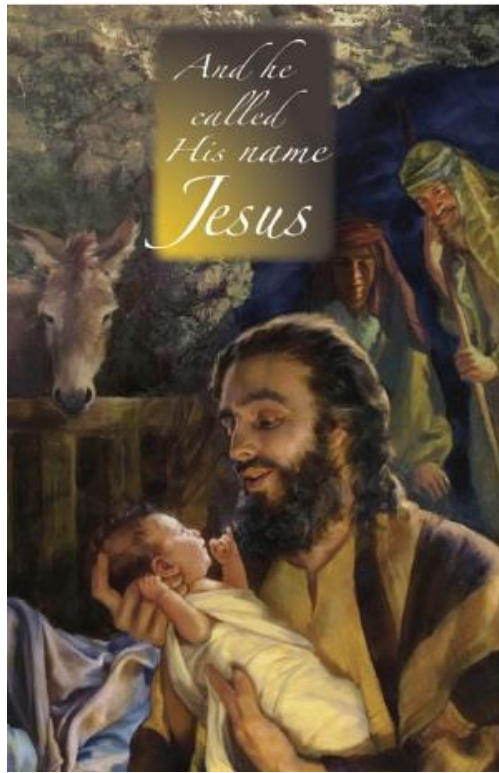
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DECEMBER 18 ANNO DOMINI 2022
THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT
PROCLAIMING CHRIST AND HIM CRUCIFIED,
RISEN, ASCENDED, AND RETURNING

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