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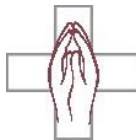
"Soul, adorn yourself with gladness" # 636*"Comfort, Comfort Ye My People" # 347**"Hark the glad sound" # 349**"O little town of Bethlehem" # 361**"Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord" # 935**"Nunc Dimittis" p. 165*

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"The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns" # 348**Welcome to all our Guests and Visitors worshipping with us today!** Whoever you are and fromwhatever 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, Bernice Edel, Geraldine Edel, Elizabeth Kleebaum, Jack Miller, Georgina Nabe, Annie Nernberg, Ruth Zimmer;

- Walter Eckert, who is being treated for pneumonia;
- Hanna Liske, hospitalized in Russell;
- 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 and other health issues;
- Pastor David Smilek (Sudbury, ON) as he considers the call to Zion, Yorkton;
- Trinity, Churchbridge as they resume the call process (Pastor Hoffman declined the call);
- the Inglis-Grandview parish, as they resume the call process (Pastor Barr declined the call);
- 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.

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

- Pastor Barry & Yvonne and Caitlin

"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.

Christmas Service Schedule

Thursday December 23

- Christmas "Eve" Service at Grace - 7:30 P.M.

Friday, December 24 (Christmas Eve)

- Christmas Eve Service at St. Matthew's 7:30 P.M. (and possibly at 9 ish)

Saturday, 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.

Sunday, December 26 -- The First Sunday of Christmas

- Divine Service (with Holy Communion) at Grace 9:30 A.M.
 - Divine Service (with Holy Communion) at St. Matthew's 11:30 A.M.

Life proceeds in stages marked by rites of passage. Dr. Zeigler talks about the changes we go through, and the Savior Who goes with us. Hear Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler's message entitled "Rite of Passage" based on Luke 2:21-40 next Sunday on The Lutheran Hour on 620/am at 7:30 AM or 940/am at 9:00 AM or 1250/am (MB time) or Streaming audio and at 10:30 AM (MB time) or 810/am at 12:30 PM pod-casts at www.lutheranhour.ca.

At Jesus' feet last week

	Grace	St. Matthew's
Divine Service	14	44
Communion	14	40
Sunday School	--	
Bible Class		--

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.
Thursday	Christmas "Eve"	
	- Christmas "Eve" Candlelight Service at Grace	7:30 P.M.
Friday	Christmas Eve	
	- Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at St. Matthew's	7:30 P.M.
Saturday	The Nativity of our Lord – Christmas Day	
	- Divine Service (with Holy Communion) at Grace	9:35 A.M.
	- Divine Service (with Holy Communion) at St. Matthew's	11:30 A.M.
Next Sunday	The First Sunday of Christmas	
	- Divine Service (with Holy Communion) at Grace	9:30 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 FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT APOLOGY OF THE AUGSBURG CONFESSION ARTICLE V, LOVE AND FULFILLING THE LAW

The will commands the intellect to agree with God's Word. We say also, "Just as the terrors of sin and death are not only thoughts of the intellect, but also horrible movements of the will fleeing God's judgment, so faith is not only knowledge in the intellect, but also confidence in the will. In other words, it is to want and to receive that which is offered in the promise, namely, reconciliation and the forgiveness of sins." Scripture uses the term *faith* this way. Paul says in Romans 5:1, "Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." In this passage, to justify means to acquit a guilty person and declare him righteous. But this happens because of the righteousness of another, namely, of Christ. This righteousness is given to us through faith. Therefore, since our righteousness is the righteousness of another, we must here speak about righteousness in a way different than in philosophy or in a civil court. (There we seek after the righteousness of one's own work, which certainly is in the will.) It says in 1 Corinthians 1:30, "He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness..." In 2 Corinthians 5:21, "For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God." In other words, we are made acceptable to God... (pars. 183-186)

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Life Quotes

"In carols of Christmas, you'll sometimes hear more than gladness that the Child is born on Christmas. You'll hear of deliverance: 'Born that man no more may die. Born to raise the sons of earth ...' There is much to ponder before, during, and after Christmas. Let the meaning of Christmas fill our hearts with anticipation, wonder, and thanksgiving for many days! For death's days are numbered because of a birth—the birth of the Key of David."

James M. Kushiner, Fellowship of St. James

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



About the Cover: Blessing abounds in the greeting between Mary and Elizabeth! The unborn Christ has hallowed the womb of Mary and of all women. This life she carries in her womb brings life to the world, and so blessing abounds! Christ has become like us in every respect except for sin. He was born under the Law to redeem those under the curse of the Law. So then, the fruit of Mary's womb has, in turn, blessed us!



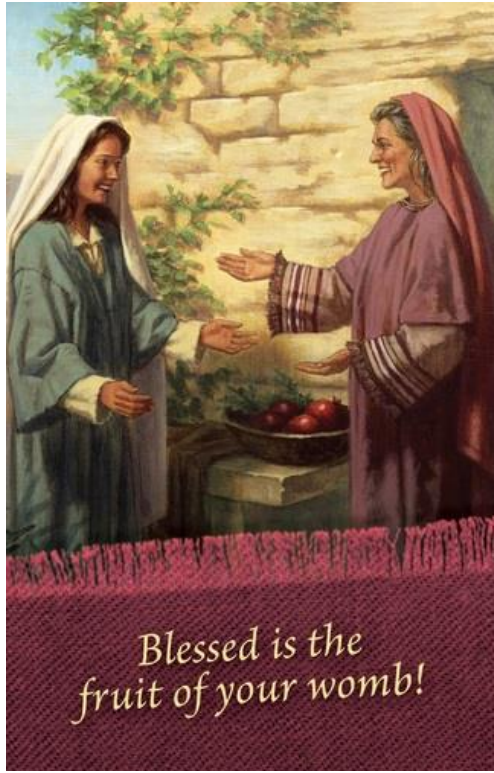
St. Matthew's

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

Members of Lutheran Church Canada

Grace

Evangelical=Lutheran Congregation
Highway #8, 1/2 km South of Highway #10
Zorra, Saskatchewan



DECEMBER 19 ANNO DOMINI 2021
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 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.

March 13, 2022 - November 6, 2022: Divine Service 10:30 A.M.(SK)

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