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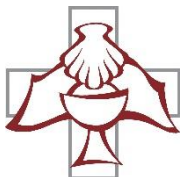
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Welcome

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, 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;
- Pastor Dan Moeller, recovering at home in Inglis;
- 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.

 As Christmas Eve (December 24 at 7:30 P.M.) and Christmas Day (December 25 at 9:30 A.M.) 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 today (December 20th)**. I know this is less than ideal but this will ensure that we are within the guidelines for faith gatherings. We are currently at 29/32 for Christmas Eve and 14/32 for Christmas Day. A second Christmas Eve service will be added if necessary.

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.

*The book of Galatians gives us a glimpse inside the family of God. It describes the Christian family as one that stands firm in Christ's freedom, walks united in the Spirit, and bears one another's burdens in love. Hear the message by Guest Speaker Rev. Dr. Anthony (Tony) Cook entitled **"Welcome to the Family!"** based on Galatians 4:4-7 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

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This Week in the Grace - St. Matthew's Parish:

Today	- Divine Service (with Holy Communion) at Grace - Sunday School at Grace - Divine Service livestreamed at St. Matthew's	9:30 A.M. 10:30 A.M. 11:30 A.M.
Thursday	Christmas Eve - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at Grace A Christmas Eve Service will also be posted online	7:30 P.M.
Friday	The Nativity of our Lord – Christmas Day - Divine Service (with Holy Communion) at Grace - A Christmas Service will also be posted online	9:30 A.M.
Next Sunday	- Divine Service (with Holy Communion) at Grace - Sunday School at Grace - Divine Service livestreamed at St. Matthew's	9:30 A.M. 10:30 A.M. 11:30 A.M.



A READING FROM THE BOOK OF CONCORD FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT LARGE CATECHISM, PART III, THE LORD'S PRAYER

The test is to be steadfast and to suffer with patience in whatever way we are assaulted, and to let go whatever is taken from us.

So there is just as great a need, as in all the other petitions, that we pray without ceasing, “Dear Father, Your will be done, not the devil’s will or our enemies’ or anything that would persecute and suppress Your holy Word or hinder Your kingdom. Grant that we may bear with patience and overcome whatever is to be endured because of Your Word and kingdom, so that our poor flesh may not yield or fall away because of weakness or sluggishness.”

We have in these three petitions, in the simplest way, the needs that relate to God Himself. Yet they are all for our sakes. Whatever we pray concerns us alone. As we have said before, we pray that what must be done without us anyway may also be done in us. As His name must be hallowed and His kingdom come whether we pray or not, so also His will must be done and succeed. This is true even though the devil with all his followers raise a great riot, are angry and rage against it, and try to exterminate the Gospel completely. But for our own sakes we must pray that, even against their fury, His will be done without hindrance among us also. We pray so that they may not be able to accomplish anything and that we may remain firm against all persecution and submit to God’s will.

(paragraphs 66-68)

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Life Quotes

“As we look forward to Christmas dinner and the celebration of our Savior’s birth, let us remember that Christ’s coming into the world began with an unexpected pregnancy. Mary of Nazareth was unmarried and certainly had reason to be confused and afraid when she was asked to carry the Son of God. But she courageously let God’s plan unfold for her and her Child and brought our Savior into this world, despite her uncertain circumstances.”

Right to Life of Michigan

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



About the Cover: About the Cover: Mary is blessed and favored because she bore the Son of God. God has come in the flesh. We wonder at this mystery of salvation that has been revealed in Jesus. But above all, by the Holy Spirit, we believe and receive the salvation accomplished for us in Jesus. For this child later died and was raised. He was despised and rejected by men with the result that we live in God’s favor.

Grace

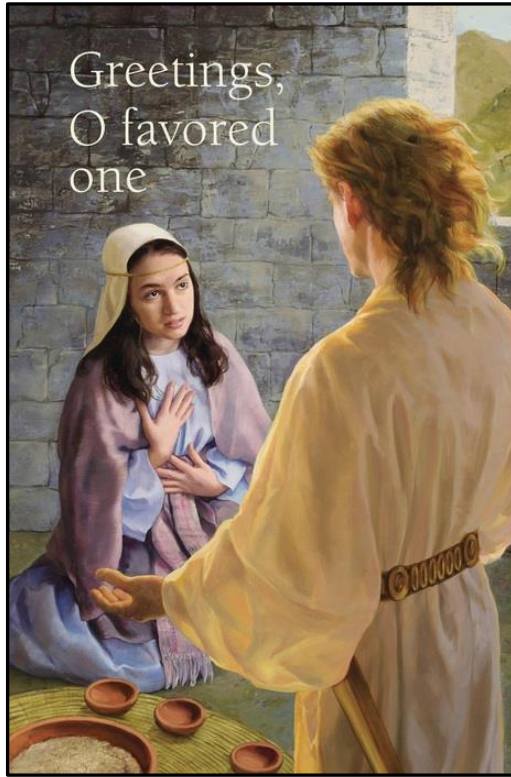
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Highway #8, ½ km South of Highway #10
Zorra, Saskatchewan



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Highway #5, at Park Street
Roblin, Manitoba



December 20 Anno Domini 2020
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 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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