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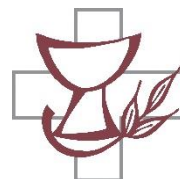
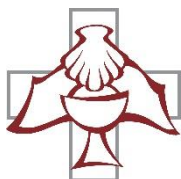
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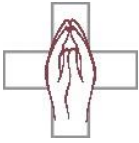
Welcome

**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!

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**Remember in your prayers:**

- all who are sick, hospitalized, or shut in, especially all members of our church family, including: Grace Bowley, Doreen Doering, Wilma Kroll, Marlene Miller, Ruth Zimmer;
- all who are dealing with various health issues;
- 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;
- Gladys Timoruski and her family, as they adjust to the absence of Don in their lives;
- all who are experiencing and feeling the absence of loved ones this Advent/Christmas, that the Prince of Peace may comfort all with the hope of life with Him;
- 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.** 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 and Christmas.*

- Pastor Barry & Yvonne and Caitlin

Pastor Wood will be leading service for the residents at **Crocus Court** on Thursday at 9:30 A.M. If you would like to assist with singing etc. you are invited to do so. A brief communion service will follow for our Lutheran residents.

**It pleased Almighty God** to call out of this life on December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023, the soul of Don Timoruski to His eternal rest to await the resurrection on the Last Day. A Prayer Service will be held on Thursday, December 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 P.M. at St. Matthew’s. The Rite of Christian Burial will be held on Friday, December 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 A.M. at St. Matthew’s. Please keep the family in your prayers. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints."

*When life becomes an endless roundabout of regret, Christ is your entrance to forgiveness and a new start.* Hear Guest Speaker Rev. Dr. John Nunes’ message entitled **“The Exit from Regret”** based on Luke 2:27-28 next Sunday on The Lutheran Hour on 620/am at 7:30 AM (SK) or 940/am at 9:00 AM (SK) or 1250/am at 10:30 AM (MB) or Streaming audio and pod-casts at [www.lutheranhour.ca](http://www.lutheranhour.ca).

**At Jesus’ feet last week**

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

Today	<b>Christmas Eve</b> - Parish Christmas Eve Candlelight Service hosted at St. Matthew's	7:30 P.M.
December 25	<b>Christmas Day – The Nativity of our Lord</b> - Divine Service (with Holy Communion) at Grace - Divine Service (with Holy Communion) at St. Matthew's	9:30 A.M. 11:30 A.M.
Next Sunday	- Divine Service (with Holy Communion) at Grace - Divine Service (with Holy Communion) at St. Matthew's	9:30 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**

"This time of the year always fills us with cheer | But the reason we celebrate is not always clear | The cookies, the lights, the presents, the tree | The carols, the decorations, the family parties | But all of the delight and all of the fun | Does not mean a thing if we don't know God's Son | The tiny baby that was born to die | Can sometimes cause us to stop and ask why | Do we really deserve the sacrifice He made? | Are we worth the offering and the price that was paid? | In His eyes, we are, because He made us His own | And on the cross, the ultimate love was shown | So take joy in the season and spread His true love | But always remember the gift from above!" *Jerrod Nelson*

**A "Life Quote" is from Lutherans For Life – [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org).**



**About the Cover:** From heaven to earth, Gabriel came bearing the news of the Christ Child. Conceived by the Holy Spirit, Jesus is God and man in one. He is where heaven and earth meet, bringing abundant blessing, peace, and joy in His presence. Likewise, the Lord is with us, bringing heaven and earth together at the Lord's Supper, where His very body and blood is given and shed for us.

**Grace**

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



**St. Matthew's**

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Roblin, Manitoba

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**DECEMBER 24 ANNO DOMINI 2023**  
**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 10, 2024 - November 3, 2024: Divine Service 9:30 A.M. (MB)*

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

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Grace Lutheran Church, Zorra, SK  
The Cross-Border Lutheran Parish