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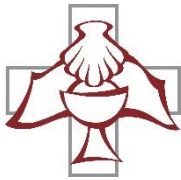
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“Joy to the World” # 387**Welcome to all our Guests and
Visitors worshipping with us
today!** Whoever you are and from

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;
- all who are experiencing and feeling the absence of loved ones this Christmas, that the Prince of Peace may comfort all with the hope of life with Him;
- 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.

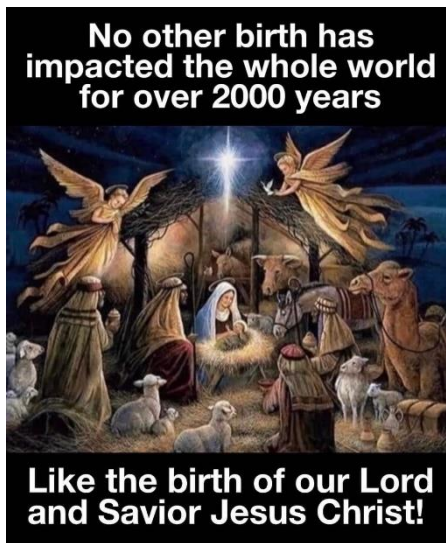
Thank you to all who have remembered us with cards and/or gifts this Adventide & Christmas. Thank you also to the parish for the most generous gift.

- Pastor Barry & Yvonne and Caitlin

Thank you to all who donated cookies and/or squares for the Christmas Gift trays for Maple Manor and Roblin Residence.

Next Sunday is **Food Bank Sunday** and **LWMLC Mite Box Sunday** at St. Matthew's.

"Out of Egypt I called my son." With these words the Gospel of Matthew reveals the rich and interconnected history of the young nation, Israel, and the young Savior, Jesus. Follow them on their journeys to discover the true Israel and what He means to your life today. Hear Guest Speaker Rev. Dr. Anthony (Tony) Cook's message entitled "Out of Egypt" based on Matthew 2:13-23 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.



*Gaudete! Gaudete!
Christus est natus
ex Maria Virgine,
Gaudete!*

At Jesus' feet last week

	Grace	St. Matthew's
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Christmas Eve (will be reported next week)		
Sunday School	--	
Confirmation		--

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



Today	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.
Next Sunday	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

CHRISTMAS DAY

LARGE CATECHISM, APOSTLES' CREED,

See, here you have the entire divine essence, will, and work shown most completely in quite short and yet rich words. In these words all our wisdom stands, which surpasses and exceeds the wisdom, mind, and reason of all people. The whole world with all diligence has struggled to figure out what God is, what He has in mind and does. Yet the world has never been able to grasp the knowledge and understanding of any of these things. But here we have everything in richest measure. For here in all three articles God has revealed Himself and opened the deepest abyss of His fatherly heart and His pure, inexpressible love. He has created us that He might redeem and sanctify us. In addition to giving and imparting to us everything in heaven and upon earth, He has even given to us His Son and the Holy Spirit, who brings us to Himself. For we could never grasp the knowledge of the Father's grace and favor except through the Lord Christ. Jesus is a mirror of the fatherly heart, outside of whom we see nothing but an angry and terrible Judge. But we couldn't know anything about Christ either, unless it had been revealed by the Holy Spirit.

These articles of the Creed divide and separate us Christians from all other people. Even if they believe in and worship only one true God, they still do not know what His mind toward them is and cannot expect any love or blessing from Him.

(paragraphs 63-66)

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Life Quotes

“There is no more clear-pointed, rest-giving demonstration of the love of God for you than the gift of His Son.”

Paul Tripp, pastor, author, and conference speaker

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



About the Cover: “In the beginning.” This takes us back to creation. St. John reminds us that Jesus, the Word, was at creation as part of the Holy Trinity. Further in today's Gospel, we read, “The Word [Jesus] became flesh and dwelt among us” (John 1:14). Jesus came from His heavenly throne to be human and to die for our sins, in our place. We have a Savior, just as God had promised! Thanks be to God!

Grace

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St. Matthew's

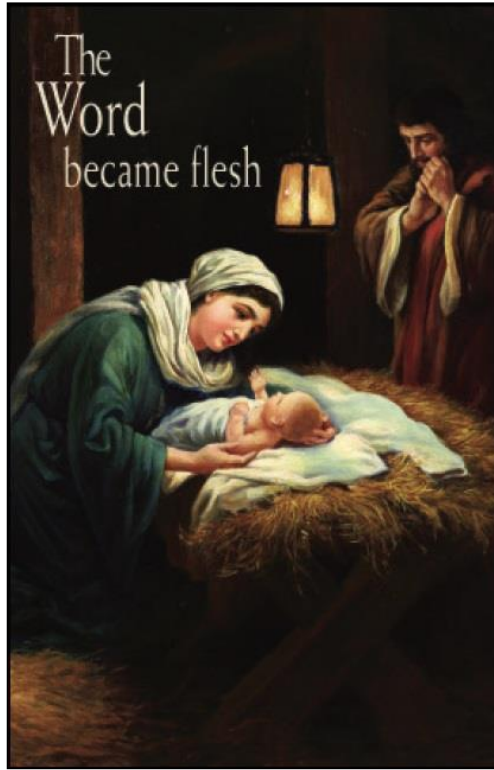
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DECEMBER 25 ANNO DOMINI 2022
THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD – CHRISTMAS DAY
PROCLAIMING CHRIST AND HIM CRUCIFIED,
RISEN, ASCENDED, AND RETURNING

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)



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