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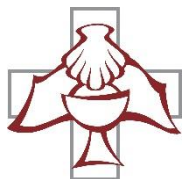
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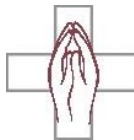
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Welcome**Welcome to all our Guests and Visitors worshipping with us today!** Whoever you are and fromwhatever walk of life you come -- we welcome you in Jesus' name. May you find in Him, the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Do come again! If you have 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;
- the Inglis-Grandview parish, as they resume the call process;
- 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.

"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 two groups of 25 people/service (one cohort in sanctuary/one cohort in the basement) until at least January 11, 2022

Because intermingling is not to take place,

Holy Communion will be brought to the basement attendees

Divine Service at 11:30 A.M. in-person and livestreamed

Divine Service at 1:00 P.M. in-person only (if necessary)

We are NOT requiring a proof of vaccination to attend service.

The use of at minimum non-medical masks is required.

Pre-registration is 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.

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

- Pastor Barry & Yvonne and Caitlin

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

No one likes to wait! Hear God's promises for impatient people. Hear Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz's message entitled "Gospel Power for Personal Patience" based on Luke 2:40-52 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	18	45
Communion	16	44
Sunday School	2	

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

Today	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.
	- Divine Service (with Holy Communion) at St. Matthew's (if necessary)	1:00 P.M.
Saturday	The Circumcision and Name of Jesus/New Year's Day	
Next Sunday	The Second 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.
	- Divine Service (with Holy Communion) at St. Matthew's (if necessary)	1:00 P.M.
	- Pastor Wood leading Divine Service at Zion, Yorkton	7:00 P.M.

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF CONCORD FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS APOLOGY OF THE AUGSBURG CONFESSION ARTICLE XXIV, THE MASS

The use of the Sacrament, in which faith enlivens terrified hearts, is a service of the New Testament. That is because the New Testament requires spiritual inclinations, making dead and alive. Christ instituted the Sacrament for this use, since He commanded the disciples to do this in remembrance of Him. Remembering Christ is not the use-less celebration of a show. It is not something set up for the sake of example. Rather, it is remembering Christ's benefits and receiving them through faith, to be enlivened by them. So Psalm 111:4-5 says, "He has caused His wondrous works to be remembered; the Lord is gracious and merciful. He provides food for those who fear Him." The Sacrament illustrates that God's will and mercy should be discerned in the ceremony. Faith that grasps mercy enlivens. This is the chief use of the Sacrament. It is clear who are fit for the Sacrament (terrified consciences) and how they use it.

The sacrifice also is added. For there are several reasons with one purpose. After a conscience encouraged through faith has determined from what terrors it is freed, it fervently gives thanks for Christ's benefit and passion. It also uses the ceremony itself to God's praise, to show its gratitude by this obedience. It declares that it holds God's gifts in high esteem. So the ceremony becomes a sacrifice of praise.

(paragraphs 71-74)

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Life Quotes

"Where are your eyes today? ... Gaze at the baby Jesus in the manger—born into humanity for you. Watch as Jesus teaches, heals, comforts, and calls lost people to Himself. Fix your eyes on Him as He hangs on that cross for you. And look joyfully at Him as He meets you after the resurrection—loving you, forgiving you, and sending you out into His world to share His love with others ... Let's fix our eyes on Jesus!"

Dr. Kari Vo, Lutheran Hour Ministries

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



About the Cover: In Simeon's hands is the true Light that Has come into the world. This radiant Christ is the beautiful Savior, who illumines the path of salvation for all peoples. It is no wonder that Simeon can now depart in peace, as the light of the world has illumined his eyes. This same light continues to shine into our lives this day by the Word. Jesus Christ has dispelled and overcome the darkness of our sin through His cross and resurrection in order to bring us into His marvelous light.



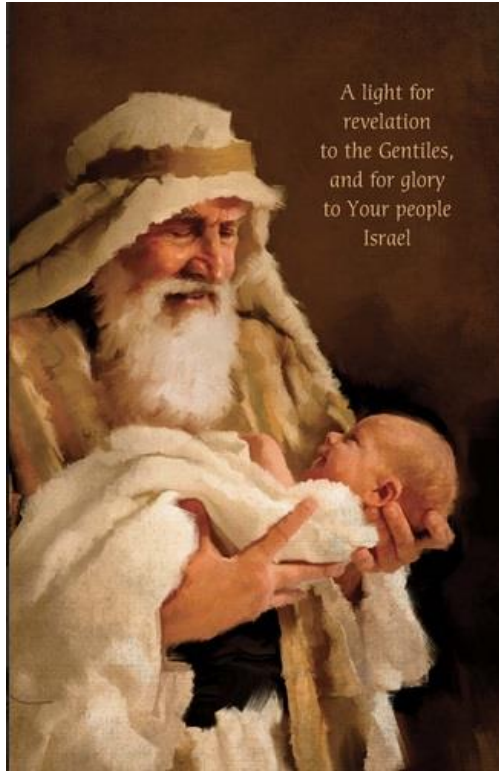
St. Matthew's

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

Members of Lutheran Church Canada

Grace

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Highway #8, 1/2 km South of Highway #10
Zorra, Saskatchewan



DECEMBER 26 ANNO DOMINI 2021
FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS
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.

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