

## ORDER OF SERVICE

Time for Silent prayer

Hymn

Invocation

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### Service of the Word

Introit

Kyrie

Hymn of Praise

Salutation and Collect of the Day

Old Testament

Gradual

Epistle

Alleluia

Gospel Response

Holy Gospel

Nicene Creed

Hymn of the Day

Sermon

Offertory

Prayer of the Church

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*St. Matthew's/Live-stream*

Lord's Prayer

Hymn

Collect for the Word

Benediction

Recessional Hymn

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*Grace*

## Service of the Sacrament

The Preface and Sanctus

Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution and Pax Domini

Agnus Dei

Communion Hymns

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Thanksgiving

Prayer, Salutation, Benedicamus and Benediction

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**Matters of Importance**

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*"Lord, bid Your servant go in peace" # 937*

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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.

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

- Pastor Barry & Yvonne and Caitlin

Divine Services are suspended at St. Matthew's until further notice (at least January 8<sup>th</sup>, 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.

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 Gospel according to St. Mark shows us the Savior Who is always on the move. Hear the message by Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler entitled "Too Much" based on Mark 1:1 - 2:12 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](http://www.lutheranhour.ca).*

**At Jesus' feet last week**

	Grace	St. Matthew's
Divine Service	19	--
Communion	14	--
Sunday School	4	
Christmas Eve	31	--
Christmas Day	20	--
Communion	18	--

## **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 livestreamed at St. Matthew's	11:30 A.M.
Friday	<b>The Circumcision and Name of Jesus/ New Year's Day</b>	
Next Sunday	<b>The Second Sunday of Christmas</b>	
	- Divine Service (with Holy Communion) at Grace	9:30 A.M.
	- Sunday School at Grace	10:30 A.M.
	- Divine Service livestreamed at St. Matthew's	11:30 A.M.

### **A READING FROM THE BOOK OF CONCORD** FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS FORMULA OF CONCORD, SOLID DECLARATION ARTICLE III, THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF FAITH

Controversy has arisen among some theologians of the Augsburg Confession about the righteousness of Christ or of faith, which God credits by grace, through faith, to poor sinners for righteousness.

One side contends that the righteousness of faith, which the apostle calls God's righteousness, is God's essential righteousness. They say this is Christ Himself as God's true, and essential Son, who dwells in the elect by faith and moves them to do right. And so He is their righteousness.

Against this, others have held and taught that Christ is our righteousness according to His human nature alone.

In opposition to both these groups it has been unanimously taught by the other teachers of the Augsburg Confession that Christ is our righteousness not according to His divine nature alone, nor according to His human nature alone, but according to both natures. For He has redeemed, justified, and saved us from our sins as God and man, through His complete obedience. The righteousness of faith is the forgiveness of sins, reconciliation with God, and our adoption as God's children only on account of Christ's obedience. Christ's obedience—out of pure grace—is credited for righteousness through faith alone to all true believers. They are absolved from all their unrighteousness by this obedience.

(paragraphs 1-4)

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### **Life Quotes**

“The slaughter of the innocents continues in our time ... done not out of anger, but because the arrival of these little ones is deemed inconvenient or too expensive or sometimes simply because they are not the ‘right’ sex. We, like Rachel, weep over our lost children. But mourning their loss does not mean that we do not fight to end this assault on the sanctity of life. The holy birth of our Savior Jesus Christ, which has transformed the world for the good in so many ways, gives us hope that abortion, too, can be ended.”

*Steven Mosher, Population Research Institute*

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



**About the Cover:** How joyously Simeon must have exclaimed as he held the Savior of the world in his hands! We are not told how long Simeon waited to see the Messiah, but what a divine peace that God gives in this little child. Christ has come to die and rise in order to bring life, and this means peace for those who wait on the Lord. Because Jesus has come to us, our lives are in God's hands!

**Grace**

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**St. Matthew's**

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Highway #5, at Park Street  
Roblin, Manitoba



**December 27 Anno Domini 2020**  
**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 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.**

*March 14, 2021 - November 7, 2021: Divine Service 10:30 A.M. (SK)*

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