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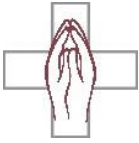
*Welcome*

**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, Ruth Zimmer;
- all who are dealing with various health issues;
- our organists as they serve God’s people;
- 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.** Those who are not yet confirmed are welcome to come to receive a blessing, but are asked to keep their hands folded.

Today is **Food Bank Sunday** and **LWMLC Mite Box Sunday** at St. Matthew’s.

**An Advent/Christmas devotion book** from Lutheran Laymen’s League and Lutheran Hour Ministries “*What Child is This?*” is available by the mailboxes at both Grace and St. Matthew’s.

**Midweek Advent Services** are Wednesdays, at Noon at St. Matthew’s and this week at Grace at 7:30 P.M. The theme is: “*Resounding Psalms for Advent*”. The midweek services will not be recorded or livestreamed, but an audio recording of the sermon will be posted online.

*A wilderness can be scary, but if someone is with you who knows the way out, you're not really lost.* Hear Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler’s message entitled “**A-T Walker**” based on Isaiah 40:3 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).

**Christmas Eve falls on Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> this year.** *December 24<sup>th</sup> is also the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent (in the morning).*

*A parish service will be held at Grace on the morning of December 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 A.M. for the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent.* Holy Communion will be celebrated.

*A parish Christmas Eve Candlelight service will be held at St. Matthew’s at 7:30 P.M.*

*Christmas Day with Holy Communion will be at our usual service times.*

***Happy New (Church) Year!***

**At Jesus’ feet last week**

	Grace	St. Matthew’s
Divine Service	19	56
Communion	18	50
Confirmation		--
Advent Midweek		
Noon	10	
Evening	11	
Adult Instruction	10	

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

Today	- Divine Service (with Holy Communion) at Grace	9:30 A.M.
	- Divine Service (with Holy Communion) at St. Matthew's	11:30 A.M.
Tuesday	- Junior Confirmation at St. Matthew's	4:00 P.M – 5:30 P.M.
Wednesday	- Advent Midweek Service 2 at St. Matthew's	Noon
	- Advent Midweek Service 2 at Grace	7:30 P.M.
Thursday	- Adult Instruction Class at St. Matthew's	7:30 P.M.
Next Sunday	- Divine Service (with Holy Communion) at Grace	9:30 A.M.
	- Divine Service (with Holy Communion) at St. Matthew's	11:30 A.M.

### **A READING FROM THE BOOK OF CONCORD FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT FORMULA OF CONCORD, SOLID DECLARATION ARTICLE I, ORIGINAL SIN**

Christians should regard and recognize the actual transgression of God's commandments as sin; but sin is also that horrible, dreadful hereditary sickness by which the entire human nature is corrupted. This should above all things be regarded and recognized as sin indeed. Yes, it is the chief sin, which is a root and fountainhead of all actual sins. Dr. Luther called it "nature sin" or "person sin." He says this to show that, even if a person would not think, speak, or do anything evil (which, however, is impossible in this life, since the fall of our first parents), his nature and person are nevertheless sinful. Before God they are thoroughly and utterly infected and corrupted by original sin, as by a spiritual leprosy. Because of this corruption and because of the fall of the first man, the human nature or person is accused or condemned by God's Law. So we are by nature the children of wrath, death, and damnation, unless we are delivered from them by Christ's merit.

Article XIX of the Augsburg Confession teaches: God is not a creator, author, or cause of sin. By the instigation of the devil through one man, sin (which is the devil's work) has entered the world. Even today, in this corruption, God does not create and make sin in us. Original sin is multiplied from sinful seed, through fleshly conception and birth from father and mother. (paragraphs 5-7)

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### **Life Quotes**

"In view of God's display of love in Advent and Christmas, we gladly unite to praise Him. Christmas brings out that unity as we join with Mary and Joseph and shepherds and angels to glorify our Savior as one united family. For this reason, we pray as Paul did, 'May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him.'"

*Rev. Peter Sulzle, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota*  
**A "Life Quote" is from Lutherans For Life – [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org).**



**About the Cover:** Isaiah saw the dark clouds of judgment rolling in to hang over Judah in exile. But he also saw the promises of the Lord's coming mercy and victory. Indeed, the Lord has come. Though His first coming was humble, by faith we see that heaven has been opened to all who trust in the crucified and risen Lord, who continues to come by Word and Sacrament. He will come again at the glorious completion of the Lord's plan for the world on the Last Day.

**Grace**

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



**St. Matthew's**

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

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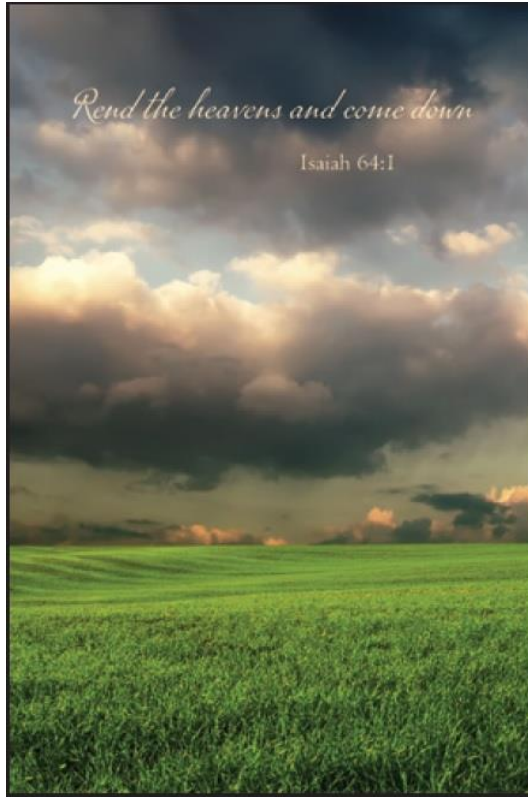


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The Cross-Border Lutheran Parish



*Render the heavens and come down*

Isaiah 64:1

**DECEMBER 3 ANNO DOMINI 2023**  
**FIRST 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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