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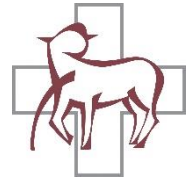
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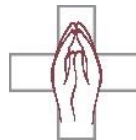
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Welcome to all our Guests and Visitors worshipping with us today! Whoever you are and from

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, Annie Nernberg, Ruth Zimmer;
- Marie Mohr, who is hospitalized in Roblin;
- 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;
- 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.

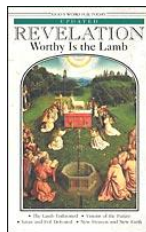
Today is **Food Bank Sunday** and **LWMLC Mite Box Sunday** at St. Matthew's.

Midweek Advent Services continues this Wednesday, at 7:30 P.M. at Grace. The theme is: *"Come, Lord Jesus"*.

Portals of Prayer at St. Matthew's: If you have requested a large-print edition, please let Pastor Wood know. It will be placed in your mailbox.

New members: A while ago Derek and Iris Bezo requested transfer from Holy Trinity, Inglis to St. Matthew's Roblin. Their transfer was received last week. Welcome (formally) to St. Matthew's!

Mailboxes at St. Matthew's have been adjusted and will resume being used. Your mailbox is the one above your name.



Seven years has passed (a good biblical number) since we last studied the book of Revelation. In January we begin again the study *"Worthy is the Lamb"* - a study on the **Book of Revelation**.

God's revelation to John encourages Christians at every age. Indeed, our victorious Lamb who was slain is worthy of honour and praise!

Key thoughts concerning John's vivid prophecy include:

- the ultimate defeat of Satan and all the forces of evil;
- the confident hope believers have in their reigning Saviour;
- the final, glorious destiny of all those who trust in Jesus for salvation.

We often feel our need for God's presence only when we see what it looks like when He's absent. Hear Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler's message entitled **"Beauty We Can't See"** based on Isaiah 28:5 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.

At Jesus' feet last week

| | Grace | St. Matthew's |
|-----------------|-------|---------------|
| Divine Service | 16 | 42 |
| Communion | 16 | 40 |
| Sunday School | ? | |
| Midweek Service | 9 | |
| Confirmation | | -- |

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

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| Today | - Divine Service (with Holy Communion) at Grace | 9:30 A.M. |
| | - Sunday School at Grace | 10:30 A.M. |
| | - Divine Service (with Holy Communion) at St. Matthew's and live-streamed | 11:30 A.M. |
| Tuesday | - Pastor Wood leading Divine Service at MacNutt | 3:00 P.M. |
| | - Junior Confirmation at St. Matthew's | 4:00 P.M – 5:30 P.M. |
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A READING FROM THE BOOK OF CONCORD SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT APOLOGY OF THE AUGSBURG CONFESSION, ARTICLE XXI: SAINTS

We will show that the adversaries truly make the saints not just intercessors, but atonement makers, that is, mediators of redemption.

In a person who makes atonement, two things are required. First, there should be a Word of God from which we certainly know that God wants to listen to, those calling upon Him through this atonement maker. There is such a promise about Christ, “Whatever you ask of the Father in My name, He will give it to you” (John 16:23). There is no such promise about the saints. Therefore, consciences cannot be completely confident that we are heard by the invocation of saints. This invocation, therefore, does not spring from faith. We also have the command to call upon Christ: “Come to Me, all who labor” (Matthew 11:28). “In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples – of Him shall the nations inquire” (Isaiah 11:10)...

What commandment, what example, can the adversaries produce from the Scriptures about the invocation of saints? The second requirement for an atonement maker is that his merits are shown to make satisfaction for other people so that through them, just as by their own merits, other people may be regarded righteous... Christ's merits are given to us so we are regarded righteous by our confidence in Christ's merits as though we had merits of our own. (paragraphs 16-19)

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Life Quotes

“Christmas is also a time to contemplate the gift of mortal LIFE through the miracle of birth. Christmas is the gift of LOVE that moms and dads shower on their children by saying yes to life—sometimes under very difficult circumstances. Regardless of the challenges, God has a perfect plan for each life that He brings into the world, and His will for them is to out-sparkle and out-shine any ornament.” *Bradley Mattes, president of Life Issues Institute*
A “Life Quote” is from Lutherans For Life – www.lutheransforlife.org.



About the Cover: A locust-and-honey-eating prophet wearing a camel's-hair garment and a leather belt calls out in the wilderness. The Lord sent John the Baptist with the call of repentance. For us today in the season of Advent, preparing the way of the Lord born to us on Christmas morn still runs through repentance. By God's Law, He reveals our sin, and by the Gospel of Jesus, He delivers the forgiveness that has been won for us on the cross.



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DECEMBER 4 ANNO DOMINI 2022
THE SECOND 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 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.

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