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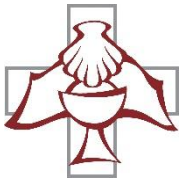
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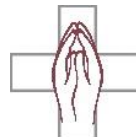
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Welcome to all our Guests and Visitors worshipping with us today! Whoever you are and from

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: Irma Baumung;

Grace Bowley, Doreen Doering, Walter Eckert, Bernice Edel, Geraldine Edel, Elizabeth Kleebaum, Hanna Liske, Jack Miller, Georgina Nabe, 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 mental health issues;
- Zion, Yorkton, as the pastor they have called considers the call;
- Pastor Francis Hoffman (ELC of Brazil), as he considers the call to Trinity, Churchbridge;
- Pastor Dan Barr (Faith, Atikokan, ON) as he considers the call to the Inglis-Grandview 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.

"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 approximately 68 persons depending on seating.
 We are NOT requiring a proof of vaccination to attend service.
 The use of at minimum non-medical masks is required.
**Pre-registration is requested/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.

The St. Matthew's Prayer Partner 2019-2021 wrap-up is next Sunday (December 12th) after service. Please see the special insert for more information.

Midweek Advent Services will be recorded on Tuesdays and posted online by 3:00 P.M. on Wednesdays. The theme is: *"When Heaven Met Earth: Advent Answers to Hard Questions Hardly Anybody Is Asking."* The question this week is: "The Obedient Child: Did He Know?" based on Luke 2:41-52.

As Christmas Eve (December 23rd at Grace/December 24th at St. Matthew's) and Christmas Day approaches and in light of the situation in which we find ourselves, you are asked to please pre-register for our Christmas Eve/Day services this year **by December 19th**. I know this is less than ideal but this will ensure that we are within the guidelines for faith gatherings (particularly for St. Matthew's). This will indicate if additional services are needed.

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

The season of Advent is about living in the middle of a story that is still unfolding, between what is already and what is yet to come. Hear Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler's message entitled **"When You're Expecting"** based on Luke 1:20-80 next

At Jesus' feet last week

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Bible Class		7

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.

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 (with Holy Communion) at St. Matthew's (in person/live streamed)	11:30 A.M.
	- Pastor Wood leading Divine Service at Zion, Yorkton	7:00 P.M.
Wednesday	- Advent Midweek Service posted online	by 3:00 P.M.
	- Bible Class at St. Matthew's	7:00 P.M.
Saturday	- Pastor Wood leading service at Trinity, Moosomin, SK	7:00 P.M.
Next Sunday	- 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 (in person/live streamed)	11:30 A.M.

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF CONCORD SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT FORMULA OF CONCORD, SOLID DECLARATION ARTICLE II, FREE WILL

What God's Son says remains eternally true, "For apart from Me you can do nothing" [John 15:5].

Paul says, "For it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure" [Philippians 2:13].

To all godly Christians who feel and experience in their hearts a small spark or longing for divine grace and eternal salvation this precious passage is very comforting. For they know that God has kindled in their hearts this beginning of true godliness. He will further strengthen and help them in their great weakness to persevere in true faith unto the end.

The saints prayed that they might be taught, enlightened, and sanctified by God. Thus they declare that they cannot get those things that they ask of God from their own natural powers. In Psalm 119, David prays more than ten times that God would give him understanding, that he might rightly comprehend and learn the divine teaching. Similar prayers are in Paul's writings (Eph. 1:17; Col. 1:9; Phil. 1:9). These prayers and passages about our ignorance and inability have been written for us. They are not written to make us idle and remiss in reading, hearing, and meditating on God's Word, but that we should first thank God that by His Son He has delivered us from the darkness of ignorance and the captivity of sin and death. Through Baptism and the Holy Spirit He has regenerated and illumined us.

(paragraphs 14-15)

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Life Quotes

"When we have eyes of faith, eyes that recognize these delights are gifts from God, then we realize that what we're missing, what we should be longing for, what we cannot live without, isn't Amazon or Starbucks or McDonalds. It's Him. And when we have Him, every other gift makes sense. Every other gift falls into its proper place."

Michelle Bauman, Director of Y4Life for Lutherans For Life

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



About the Cover: John the Baptist, like the Old Testament prophets before him, did not proclaim his own word, but the Word of God that came to him. As the mouthpiece of the Lord, John was calling God's people to repentance in preparation for the coming of the Lord. This season of Advent is likewise a time of preparation and repentance filled with hope in the coming of our Lord—the one who came as the Word made flesh, redeemed us by His cross and resurrection, and will come again.

Grace

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St. Matthew's

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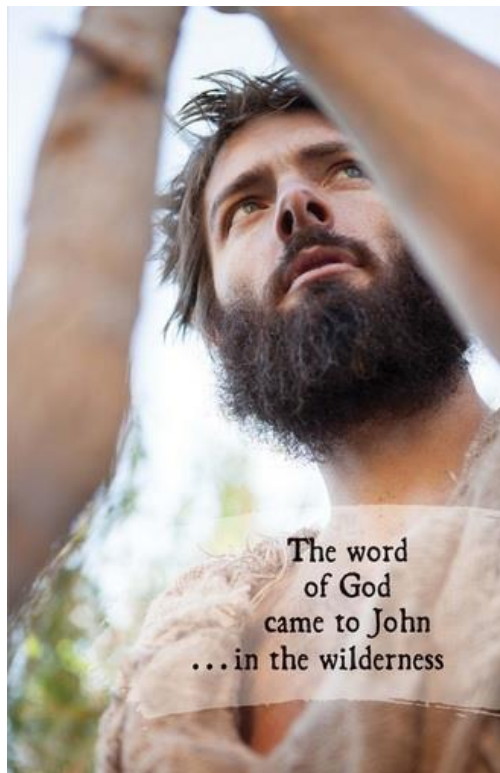


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DECEMBER 5 ANNO DOMINI 2021
SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT
*PROCLAIMING CHRIST AND HIM CRUCIFIED,
RISEN, ASCENDED, AND RETURNING*

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Roblin, MB
Divine Service – 11:30 A.M.

March 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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