

## ORDER OF SERVICE

Time for Silent prayer

Hymn

Invocation

Confession and Absolution

### Service of the Word

Introit

Kyrie

Hymn

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Old Testament

Gradual

Epistle

Alleluia

Gospel Response

Holy Gospel

Nicene Creed

Hymn of the Day

Sermon

Offertory

Prayer of the Church

*St. Matthew's/Live-stream*

Lord's Prayer

Hymn

Collect for the Word

Benediction

Recessional Hymn

*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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*"Comfort, Comfort Ye My People" # 347*

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*"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" # 338*

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Isaiah 40:1-11 (*readings on inside of insert*)

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*"On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry" # 334*

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*"Create in me" p. 192-193*

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*"Rejoice, rejoice, believers" # 515*

*"Prepare the Royal Highway" # 343*

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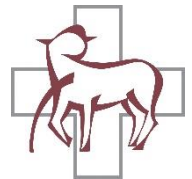
*"Rejoice, rejoice, believers" # 515*

*"Nunc Dimittis" p. 199-200*

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*"Prepare the Royal Highway" # 343*



### 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;

- 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;
- that the red zone restrictions may be lifted in Manitoba;
- the leaders of our congregations and parish;
- the members of Grace and St. Matthew's;
- the pastor of our parish;
- Pastor Alex Klages (Winkler/Morden) and his family as he deliberates the Divine Call to Trinity, Churchbridge;
- our neighbours and friends – that they might respond favourably to our invitation to come meet Jesus in our midst.



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**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.

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**Midweek Advent Services** will be recorded and posted on our Facebook pages and on our Youtube channel on Wednesdays. The theme is: *"The Incarnation."* This week focuses on **"The Personal Union of the Incarnation"** based on Mark 1:1-8.

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**It pleased almighty God** to call out of this life, on Tuesday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, the soul of Ed Zimmer to His eternal rest to await the resurrection. Funeral arrangements are pending and Covid-19 restrictions will be observed. Please keep the family in your prayers. *"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints."*

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As Christmas Eve (December 24<sup>th</sup> at Grace) 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 20<sup>th</sup>**. I know this is less than ideal but this will ensure that we are within the guidelines for faith gatherings.

Divine Services are suspended at St. Matthew's until the red zone restriction is lifted (until at least December 10<sup>th</sup>). The 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.

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*The prophet Daniel illustrates how to face the facts while never losing faith in how the story ends.* Hear the next inspirational message of the book of Daniel series by Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler entitled **"The Prophet's Paradox"** based on Daniel 10, 11, and 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	23	--
Communion	15	--
Bible Class	--	--
Sunday School	--	--

## **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.
Wednesday	- Advent Midweek Service 2 (to be posted on Facebook and Youtube)	
Next Sunday	- 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 SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT LARGE CATECHISM, PART III, THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Lead us not into temptation.

Although we have received forgiveness and a good conscience and are entirely acquitted, yet our life is of such a nature that we stand today, and tomorrow we fall [Isaiah 40:6–8]. Even though we are godly and stand before God with a good conscience, we must pray again that He would not allow us to fall again and yield to trials and temptations.

Temptation is of three kinds: of the flesh, of the world, and of the devil. For we dwell in the flesh and carry the old Adam about our neck. He encourages us daily to unchastity, laziness, gluttony and drunkenness, greed and deception, to defraud our neighbor. In short, the old Adam encourages us to have all kinds of evil lusts, which cling to us by nature. They often wound and inflame even an innocent heart.

Next comes the world. It drives us to anger and impatience. In short, there is nothing but hatred and envy, hostility, violence and wrong, unfaithfulness, vengeance, cursing, railing, slander, pride and haughtiness. No one is willing to be the least. Everyone desires to sit at the head of the group and to be seen before all.

Then comes the devil to agitate matters that concern the conscience and spiritual affairs. He leads us to despise and disregard God's Word and works. He tears us away from faith, hope, and love, and he brings us into misbelief, false security, despair, denial of God, blasphemy. (pars. 99-104)

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### **Life Quotes**

“This Christmas, let us continue to pray for mothers who are afraid and aren't sure where to turn when they discover they are unexpectedly pregnant. Let us pray that, like Mary, they may find the courage to bring life into the world.”

*Right to Life of Michigan*

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



**About the Cover:** In the midst of so many retail stores preparing for a lucrative and domesticated Christmas, the Gospel for this Sunday might be a bit jarring. The Lord's prophet is the voice crying in the wilderness to prepare the way of the Lord. So today, the Lord's Word comes to us undomesticated, calling to repentance the wayward sinner and bringing forgiveness to the burdened. The Messiah is coming. He comes today bearing forgiveness and life.

**Grace**

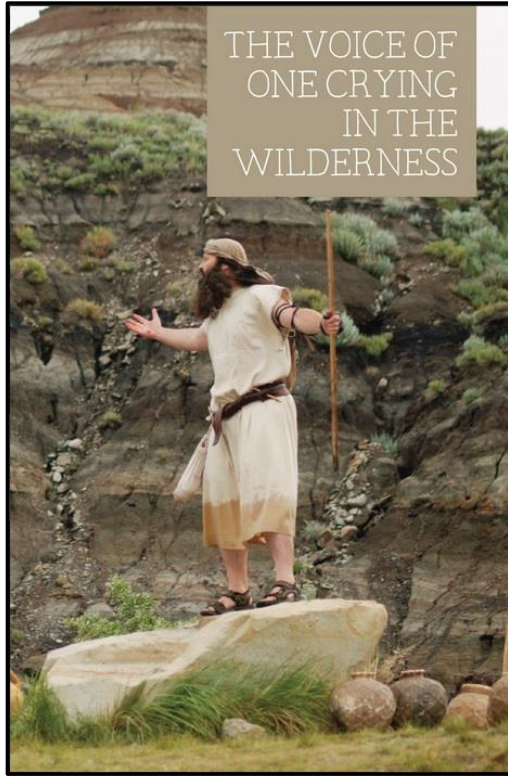
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**December 6 Anno Domini 2020**  
**Second Sunday in Advent**  
*Proclaiming Christ and Him Crucified, Risen,  
Ascended, and Returning*

**St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Roblin, MB**

**Divine Service – 11:30 A.M.**

*March 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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