

**ORDER OF SERVICE**

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**Matters of Importance**

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*"O Lord, throughout these forty days" # 418*

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*"God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It" # 594*



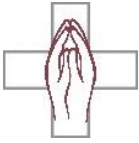
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**Welcome to all our Guests and Visitors worshipping with us today!** Whoever you are and from whatever walk of life you come -- we welcome you in Jesus' name. May you find in Him, the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Do come again! If you have no Church 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!

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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, Cathy Evans, Ruth Zimmer;
- all who are dealing with various health issues;
- 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;
- Pastor Jacob Quast (Fort Frances, ON) who has received the call to serve as Director of Domestic Missions for LCC;
- 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.

**During Lent,** the Church's worship assumes a more penitential character. The colour for the season is purple, a colour often associated with penitence. The "Hymn of Praise" is omitted from the liturgy. The word "Alleluia" is usually omitted as well. By not using the alleluia – a joyful expression meaning "Praise the Lord"—until Easter, the Lenten season is clearly set apart as a distinct time from the rest of the year. Additionally, it forms a powerful contrast with the festive celebration of Jesus' resurrection when our alleluias ring loud and clear.

**The Annual St. Matthew’s Voters’ meeting** is today after service, preceded by a potluck lunch.

**St. John’s Passion** is the theme for our 2024 Midweek Lenten Services. Noon Services will be hosted at St. Matthew’s. Grace will host the evening service at 7:30 P.M. this week.

Pastor Wood will be leading service for the residents at **Crocus Court** on Thursday at 9:30 A.M. If you would like to assist with singing etc. you are invited to do so. A brief communion service will follow for our Lutheran residents.

*In Christ, losing is winning and winning is losing. Dr. John Nunes explains what that means. Hear Guest Speaker Rev. Dr. John Nunes’ message entitled “**When Winning Is Losing**” based on Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16, Psalm 22:23-31, Romans 5:1-11, Mark 8:8-27 next Sunday on The Lutheran Hour.*

<u>At Jesus’ feet last week</u>	Grace	St. Matthew’s
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Communion	12	44
Lent Midweek		
Noon	10	
Evening	23	
Midweek Communion		
Noon	10	
Evening	21	
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### **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.
Monday	- LWMLC (Spring Renewal Planning)	1:00 P.M.
Tuesday	- Junior Confirmation at St. Matthew's	4:00 P.M – 5:30 P.M.
Wednesday	- Lent Midweek Service hosted at St. Matthew's	Noon
	- Lent Midweek Service hosted at Grace	7:30 P.M.
Thursday	- Adult Instruction Class at St. Matthew's	7:30 P.M.
Saturday	- Pastor Wood leading Divine Service at Moosomin	7:00 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 LENT FORMULA OF CONCORD, SOLID DECLARATION ARTICLE IV, GOOD WORKS**

“The one who endures to the end will be saved” (Matthew 24:13). Also, “For we share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end” (Hebrews 3:14). We must explain well how righteousness and salvation are preserved in us, lest salvation be lost again.

This false Epicurean delusion is to be rebuked and rejected: some imagine that faith, and the righteousness and salvation that they have received, cannot be lost through sins or wicked deeds, not even through willful and intentional ones. They imagine that a Christian retains faith, God's grace, righteousness, and salvation even though he indulges his wicked lusts without fear and shame, resists the Holy Spirit, and purposely engages in sins against conscience.

Against this deadly delusion the following true, unchangeable, divine threats and severe punishments and warnings should be repeated often and impressed upon Christians who are justified through faith:

Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers ... will inherit the kingdom of God. (1 Corinthians 6:9–10)

Those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. (Galatians 5:21; see also Ephesians 5:5)

If you live according to the flesh you will die. (Romans 8:13)(paragraphs 30-32)

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### **Life Quotes**

“The state can punish offenders, but it can't give birth to law-abiding citizens. The state cannot love or nurture a child. It takes a family. A radical thought, that, but off limits in our public conversations swept clean of moral discourse. Pray that this will change.” *James M. Kushiner, The Fellowship of St. James*

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



**About the Cover:** Immediately after Jesus passed through the waters of His Baptism, the Spirit sent Him out into the wilderness, where He was tempted. Jesus lived Israel's passage through the Red Sea and their temptation in the desert with one crucial difference. Jesus did not stumble, grumble, or crumble under the turmoil of temptation. Because He is faithful—all the way to the cross—the same Spirit helps us in our weaknesses and times of temptation to rely on Jesus alone.

**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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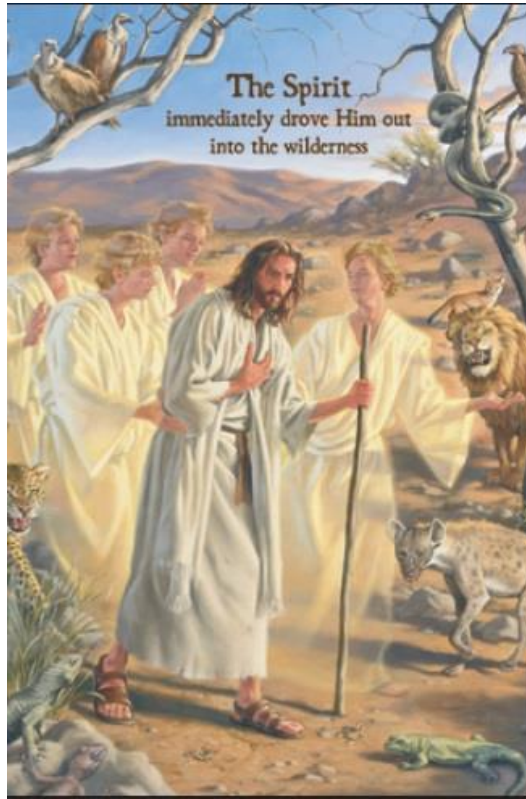


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The Cross-Border Lutheran Parish



**FEBRUARY 18 ANNO DOMINI 2024**  
**THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT**  
**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)*

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