

## ORDER OF SERVICE

Time for Silent prayer

Hymn

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### Service of the Word

Introit

Kyrie

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

Old Testament

Gradual

Epistle

Lenten Verse and Gospel Response

Holy Gospel

Hymn of the Day

Sermon

Apostles' Creed

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Offertory

### Service of the Sacrament

The Preface and Sanctus

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Words of Institution

Proclamation of Christ and Lord's Prayer

Pax Domini and Agnus Dei

Communion Hymns

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### Matters of Importance

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*In the sanctuary (prayers on inside front cover of hymnal)*

"All Mankind Fell in Adam's Fall" # 562

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*Omitted during Lent (a brief time of silence)*

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Genesis 3:1-21 *(readings on inside of the insert)*

*(on insert)*

Romans 5:12-19

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Matthew 4:1-11

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" # 657

"The Way of the Cross" Matthew 4:1-11

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"What Shall I Render" p. 159-160

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\*"Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior" # 627

\*"The Tree of Life" # 561

"When I Behold Jesus Christ" # 542

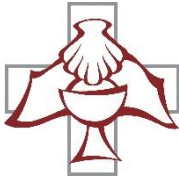
"Mark How the Lamb of God's Self-Offering" # 600

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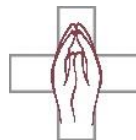
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## Welcome

**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!



### 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;
- 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;
- the people of Turkey and Syria after the devastating earthquake;
- 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.



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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.*

**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.

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**During Lent,** the Church's worship assumes a more penitential character. The color for the season is purple/violet, 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.

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

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**Bible Class on *Revelation*** will resume after Easter.

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**Taking On Something for Lent: Luther's Catechisms,** is the theme for our 2023 Midweek Lenten Services. Midweek Lenten Services will be at Noon at St. Matthew's and 7:30 P.M. at Grace this week.

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The cross in the corner at St. Matthew's was designed, constructed and donated by James Frey for use in our sanctuary during Lent. Thank you James! SDG

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All ladies are invited to the LWMLC Spring Seminar "Oaks of Righteousness" being held at the Russell Inn, April 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. Cost is \$125 (which includes registration, seminar booklet, Friday supper, Saturday breakfast, Saturday lunch). Accommodations extra. Registration deadline is March 15<sup>th</sup>. For more information please see the poster on the narthex door or speak to Gladys Timoruski.

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*A devoutly religious person has an arresting encounter with Jesus and learns what it means to be "born again."* Hear Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler's message entitled "**An Arresting Encounter**" based on John 3:16 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).

<u>At Jesus' feet last week</u>		
	Grace	St. Matthew's
Divine Service	12	60
Communion	12	51
Lent Midweek		
Noon		13
Evening		22
Midweek Communion		
Noon		13
Evening		22
Sunday School	--	
Confirmation		3

## **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 and live-streamed	11:30 A.M.
	- Pastor Wood leading Divine Service at Langenburg	3:00 P.M.
Monday	- Quilting at St. Matthew's	1:00 P.M.
Tuesday	- Junior Confirmation at St. Matthew's	4:00 P.M – 5:30 P.M.
Wednesday	- Midweek Service hosted at St. Matthew's	Noon
	- Midweek Service hosted at Grace	7:30 P.M.
Saturday	- Pastor Wood leading Divine Service at MacNutt	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 and live-streamed	11:30 A.M.
	- Pastor Wood leading Divine Service at Langenburg	3:00 P.M.

### **A READING FROM THE BOOK OF CONCORD**

#### **FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT APOLOGY OF THE AUGSBURG CONFESSION, ARTICLE XX, GOOD WORKS**

The blasphemy of assigning Christ's honor to our works cannot be tolerated. These theologians are now entirely shameless if they dare to bring such an opinion into the Church. One who knows why Christ has been given to us, and who knows that Christ is the Atoning Sacrifice for our sins, needs no further proof. Isaiah says, "The Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all" (53:6). The adversaries, on the other hand, teach that God does not lay our offenses on Christ, but on our works. Neither are we inclined to mention here the sort of works that they teach. The adversaries condemn the clear truth, whose defense is necessary for the Church and increases Christ's glory. Therefore, we easily look down on the terrors of the world, and we will bear with a strong spirit all suffering for Christ's glory and the Church's benefits. Who would not joyfully die in the confession of these articles, that we receive the forgiveness of sins through faith freely for Christ's sake, and that we do not merit the forgiveness of sins by our works? The consciences of the pious will not have sure enough comfort against the terrors of sin and of death, and against the devil tempting with despair, if they do not know that their confidence lies in the forgiveness of sins freely for Christ's sake. This faith sustains and enlivens hearts in that most violent conflict with despair. (paragraphs 81-85)

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### **Life Quotes**

"Going to be with the Lord is not meant to be an escape from the responsibilities and good works God has prepared in advance for us to do!"

*Barbara Lane Geistfeld, D.V.M., Lutherans For Life (USA)*

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



**About the Cover:** The devil tempts us when we are at our most vulnerable. Jesus spent forty days in the wilderness; being true man, He was weak from hunger. The devil tempted Him to turn stones into bread for His own benefit. Jesus doesn't fall for the temptation. He knows what the devil is doing and says, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God." We are to live by God's Word, not by the devil's temptations and lies.



**St. Matthew's**

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

Members of Lutheran Church Canada

**Grace**

Evangelical=Lutheran Congregation  
Highway #8, 1/2 km South of Highway #10  
Zorra, Saskatchewan



**FEBRUARY 26 ANNO DOMINI 2023**  
**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 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.**

*March 12, 2023 – November 5, 2023: Divine Service 10:30 A.M. (SK)*



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