The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 5, 2023

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> Post-Communion Canticle Prayer Benediction Hymn **Matters of Importance**

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!

In the sanctuary (prayers on inside front cover of hymnal) "Rise, shine, vou people" # 825 p. 203

(on insert) p. 204 "Gloria in Excelsis" p. 204 p. 205 Isaiah 58:3-9a (readings on inside of insert) (on insert) 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16) p. 205 Matthew 5:13-20 p. 206 (or inside back cover) "Thy Strong Word" # 578 "What's Your Problem?!" Isaiah 58:3-9a (responses on insert)

p. 208 p. 209 p. 209 p. 209 p. 209-210 * "O Gracious Lord, I firmly am believing" # 635 *"Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness" # 563 "Blessed Jesus, at Your Word" # 904 "In the cross of Christ I glory" # 427 "Nunc Dimittis" p. 211 p. 212

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"The night will soon be ending" # 337

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;

• the family of Marie Mohr as they adjust to her absence in their lives:

• 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;
- 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.

It pleased Almighty God to call out of this life on January 31st, 2023, the soul of Marie Mohr to His eternal rest to await the resurrection on the Last Day. A Prayer Service will be held this evening (February 5th) at Sneath Strilchuk Funeral Chapel at 7:00 P.M. The Rite of Christian Burial will be held at St. Matthew's tomorrow (February 6th) **at 1:00 P.M.** Please keep the family in your prayers.

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints."

Bible Class on *Revelation* continues Wednesday at 7:30 P.M. hosted at St. Matthew's.

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

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 22^{nd} . In addition to the usual Wednesday evening services throughout Lent, there will be a noon-hour midweek service (at St. Matthew's only) – especially for those who do not usually venture out in the evening. If you would be interested in attending a noon-hour service (12 P.M. to 1 P.M.), please let Pastor Wood know as soon as possible.

A social media star with a million followers can't possibly know all one million of them. However, there is one really famous Person with billions of followers Who knows – and loves – each one. Hear Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler's message entitled **"Shine Like Stars"** based on 1 Corinthians 3:6-7 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.



Today's Sermon

<u>At Jesus' feet last week</u>				
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Confirmation				

<u>This Week in the Grace - St. Matthew's Parish:</u>			
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-streame	ed 11:30 A.M.	
	- Pastor Wood leading Divine Service at Langenburg	3:00 P.M	
Monday	- No Quilting at St. Matthew's this week		
Tuesday	- Junior Confirmation at St. Matthew's	4:00 P.M – 5:30 P.M.	
Wednesday	- Bible Class hosted at St. Matthew's	7:30 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-streams	ed 11:30 A.M.	

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF CONCORD

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY APOLOGY OF THE AUGSBURG CONFESSION ARTICLE XXVII: MONASTIC VOWS

It is clear how much hypocrisy, ambition, and greed there are in the monasteries, how much ignorance and cruelty exists among all the unlearned, what pride there is in their sermons, and how they continually create new ways of making money. There are other faults, which we do not care to mention. Monasteries were schools for Christian instruction; now they have deteriorated... All the most wealthy monasteries support only a lazy crowd, which gorges itself upon the public alms of the Church. Christ, however, teaches that the salt that has lost its savor should be cast out and be trodden underfoot (Matthew 5:13). By such morals the monks are singing their own fate (a requiem, and it will soon be over with them)... Certainly we do not accuse every one of them, for here and there some good men in the monasteries decide fairly about human and "factitious" services, as some writers call them, and do not approve the cruelty exercised by the hypocrites among them.

Now we are discussing the kind of teaching that the writers of the Confutation defend: Can these services merit the forgiveness of sins and justification? Are they satisfactions for sins? Are they equal to Baptism? Are they the obedience to basic rules and counsels? Do they have the merits of super-abundance? Do these merits, when applied to others, save them? (paragraphs 4-6, 8-9)

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Life Quotes

"How sad as we hear of the overturning of *Roe vs. Wade* by the Supreme Court that so many are acting like this is the worst thing that could happen in our world. Stop and think of what they are arguing about. They want the right to kill a baby in their womb. They want the right to do what they want with their body. It is such a selfish, sinful, and demented way of thinking. Yet, as you hear the arguments and as your kids go off to college, you often feel like you as a Christian are such an uncaring person. My friends, we are all sinners. Imagine what Jesus must think of this. He loves every soul!"

Pastor Darren Green, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota (6-26-22) A "Life Quote" is from Lutherans For Life – www.lutheransforlife.org.



About the Cover: Jesus says that we are the light of the world. The origin of this light is not from us but shines through our good works so that others join in praising our Father in heaven. God has revealed to us His plan of salvation through Christ's death and resurrection. We cannot but let it shine for the world. The Epiphany light that revealed Christ to us is also the light we carry for others to see.

Grace

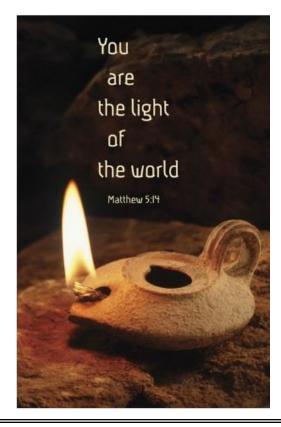
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FEBRUARY 5 ANNO DOMINI 2023 FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY PROCLAIMING CHRIST AND HIM CRUCIFIED, RISEN, ASCENDED, AND RETURNING



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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