# Second Sunday after the Epiphany

# January 14, 2024

#### ORDER OF SERVICE

Time for Silent prayer

Hymn

Confession and Absolution

# Service of the Word

Introit

Kyrie p

Hymn of Praise

Salutation and Collect of the Day

Old Testament

Gradual Epistle

Alleluia and Verse

Holy Gospel

Apostles' Creed

Hymn of the Day

Sermon Prayer of the Church

**Service of the Sacrament** 

The Preface and Sanctus

Prayer of Thanksgiving Lord's Prayer

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Pax Domini and Agnus Dei

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Hymn

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"The Only Son from Heaven" # 402

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"By All Your Saints in Warfare" # 518 sts 1, 23, 3



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,

Wilma Kroll, Marlene Miller, Ruth Zimmer;

- Doug Mohr and Cathy Evans;
- 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;
- the Inglis-Grandview parish, that the steps taken toward resolution continue;
- 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.

Quilting continues at St. Matthew's tomorrow at 1:00 P.M.

**LWMLC** will meet December 23<sup>rd</sup> not the 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Junior confirmation** at St. Matthew's is Tuesday at 4:00 P.M.

**Bible Class** continues this Wednesday at 7:30 P.M. with our study of the 3 letters of John.

**Adult Instruction class** continues Thursday, at 7:30 P.M. (MB) at St. Matthew's.

The St. Matthew's Prayer Pal/Mug exchange is today after service.

A book <u>Ten Ways to Kill a Pastor</u> by Christopher Thoma has been gifted to the loaning libraries at both Grace and St. Matthew's: A collection of stories, Ten Ways to Kill a Pastor peeks behind the curtain and shines a light into what has become, for so many in pastoral ministry, a very dark place. From abusive members to impossible schedules often resulting in failing health and family decay, Ten Ways presents church-goers with an opportunity for personal reflection as well as gives voice to the often undetectable "hurts" lurking behind the pastor's smile.

God's forgiveness covers our sins-but it's not a coverup! Hear Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler's message entitled "The Battleground of Forgiveness" based on Psalm 32:1 next Sunday on The Lutheran Hour on 620/am at 7:30 AM (SK) or 940/am at 9:00 AM (SK) or 1250/am at 10:30 AM (MB) or Streaming audio and pod-casts at <a href="https://www.lutheranhour.ca">www.lutheranhour.ca</a>.

At Jesus' feet last week					
	Grace		St. Matthew's		
Divine Service	18		52		
Communion	17		45		
Confirmation			4		
Bible Class					
Adult Instruction	on				

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.
	- Prayer Pal Mug Exchange at St. Matthew's	after service
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	- Bible Class hosted at St. Matthew's	7:30 P.M.
Thursday	- Adult Instruction Class at St. Matthew's	7:30 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

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY LARGE CATECHISM, PART I, THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

When someone asks you, "What is meant by the commandment: You shall sanctify the holy day?" Answer like this, "To sanctify the holy day is the same as to keep it holy." "But what is meant by keeping it holy?" "Nothing else than to be occupied with holy words, works, and life." For the day needs no sanctification for itself. It has been created holy in itself. But God desires the day to be holy to you. It becomes holy or unholy because of you, whether you are occupied with things that are holy or unholy.

How, then, does such sanctification take place? Not like this: sitting behind the stove and doing no rough work, or adorning ourselves with a wreath and putting on our best clothes. But as said above, we occupy ourselves with God's Word and exercise ourselves in the Word.

God's Word is the treasure that sanctifies everything. By the Word even all the saints themselves were sanctified. Whenever God's Word is taught, preached, heard, read, or meditated upon, then the person, day, and work are sanctified. This is not because of the outward work, but because of the Word, which makes saints of us all. Therefore, all our life and work must be guided by God's Word, if it is to be God-pleasing or holy. Where this is done, this commandment is in force and being fulfilled. (paragraphs 87-88, 91-92)

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### **Life Quotes**

"Abortion has only ever represented a symptom. The sickness has always consisted of the deeper reality of sin. So, law never embodied the finish line or the prize. Our Savior's victory invites us to settle for nothing less than sharing life, abundant and everlasting, with each human being and receiving them all as gift and privilege. Let's press ahead with renewed enthusiasm!"

Pastor Michael Salemink, Lutherans For Life

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



**About the Cover:** Though "the word of the LORD was rare in those days" (1 Samuel 3:1), the startling call of Samuel in the middle of the night shows that the Lord will not remain silent forever. He will speak. In Christ Jesus, He has spoken definitively in "these last days" (Hebrews 1:2). If we need to hear the Lord speak today, we need only turn to the places where He has promised to do so: His Word and Sacraments.

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# January 14 Anno Domini 2024

SECOND 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 10, 2024 - November 3, 2024: Divine Service 9:30 A.M. (MB)

# Grace Lutheran Church, Zorra, SK Divine Service – 9:30 A.M.

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