# The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

# **January 22, 2023**

### ORDER OF SERVICE

Time for Silent prayer Hymn

Confession and Absolution

## Service of the Word

Introit

**Kyrie** 

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

Words of Institution

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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 vourself 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, Doering, Bernice Edel, Doreen

Mohr; Wilma Kroll. Marie 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;
- 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.

Quilting will begin at St. Matthew's tomorrow (January 23<sup>rd</sup>) at 1:00 P.M.

There will be no Junior Confirmation this week.

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

Ash Wednesday is February 22<sup>nd</sup>. In addition to the usual Wednesday evening services throughout Lent, Pastor Wood is considering 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, please let Pastor Wood know as soon as possible.

Having hope for humanity is not the same thing as hoping in humanity. Hear Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler's message entitled "Hopelessly Hopeful" based on Colossians 1:27 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

At Jesus' feet last week		
	Grace	St. Matthew's
Divine Service		41
Communion		40
Sunday School		
Bible Class		8
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. - Quilting at St. Matthew's 1:00 P.M. Monday Tuesday - No Junior Confirmation this week Wednesday - Bible Class hosted at St. Matthew's 7:30 P.M. Saturday - Pastor Wood leading service at Trinity, Moosomin, SK 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.

## A READING FROM THE BOOK OF CONCORD

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY FORMULA OF CONCORD, SOLID DECLARATION ARTICLE XI: GOD'S ETERNAL ELECTION

Paul says "those whom He predestined [elected and foreordained] He also called" (Romans 8:30). God does not call without means, but through the Word. For He has commanded "that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in His name" [Luke 24:47]. St. Paul also testifies in a similar way; he writes, "We are ambassadors for Christ, God making His appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God" (2 Corinthians 5:20). The King calls the guests that He wants to have at His Son's wedding through the ministers He sends out (Matthew 22:2-14). He sends some at the first and some at the second, third, sixth, ninth, and even at the eleventh hour (Matthew 20:3-6).

If we want to think about our eternal election to salvation helpfully, we must in every way hold strongly and firmly to this truth: just as the preaching of repentance is universal, so also the promise of the Gospel is universal. It belongs to all people. For this reason Christ has given these commands:

Repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in His name to all nations.

(Luke 24:47)

The blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin. (1 John 1:7)

Not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. (2 Peter 3:9)

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## **Life Quotes**

"When someone struggles with the overwhelming guilt of a past sin, like abortion, repentance and reconciliation are the only source of relief. There is hope! 'If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9). Through all our days, the Lord never leaves us nor forsakes us. He is a patient God, waiting and wanting all to come to repentance and be saved."

Deaconess Pamela Buhler and Deaconess Chrissie Gillet, Word of Hope

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

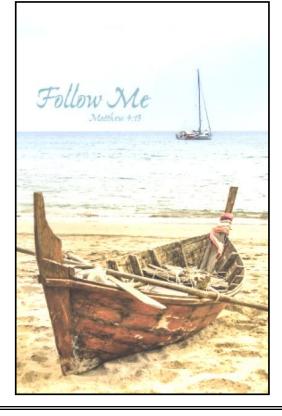


**About the Cover:** Jesus had begun His Gospel ministry much like John the Baptist had: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matthew 4:17). By the Sea of Galilee, Jesus sees two brothers, Simon Peter and Andrew, and calls them: "Follow Me." This was an imperative, an exhortation, that by faith they willingly obeyed, for it came from God. We receive the same imperative, for we, too, are to faithfully follow Jesus.

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THIRD 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.

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