# Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

# January 30, 2022

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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!



### **Remember in your prayers:**

• all who are sick, hospitalized, or shut in, especially all members of our church family, including: Irma Baumung;

Grace Bowley, Doreen Doering, Walter Eckert, Bernice Edel, Elizabeth Kleebaum, Wilma Kroll, Hanna Liske, Jack Miller, Georgina Nabe, Annie Nernberg, Ruth Zimmer;

- the family of Geraldine Edel, 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 mental health and other health issues;
- Pastor David Smilek (Sudbury, ON) as he considers the call to Zion, Yorkton;
- Trinity, Churchbridge as they resume the call process;
- Pastor Milton Lam (Timmons, ON) as he considers the call to the Inglis-Grandview parish;
- the members of Grace and St. Matthew's;
- the pastor of our parish;
- 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.

Advance registration for this service today is also registration for communion. 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. "O LORD, I love the habitation of your house and the place where your glory dwells" (Psalm 26:8 ESV)

St. Matthew's is limited to two groups of 25 people/service (one cohort in sanctuary/one cohort in the basement) until at least January 11, 2022

Because intermingling is not to take place, Holy Communion will be brought to the basement attendees Divine Service at 11:30 A.M. in-person and livestreamed Divine Service at 1:00 P.M. in-person only (if necessary) We are NOT requiring a proof of vaccination to attend service.

#### The use of at minimum non-medical masks is required. **Pre-registration is required because of seating** limitations to ensure you have a place. (by Saturday noon MB time please).

Divine Service at Grace: The use of at minimum non-medical masks is required.

In Christian freedom please continue to respect others' desire for physical distancing when entering/exiting and being seated.

Be mindful that not all may be vaccinated or fully vaccinated.

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

It pleased Almighty God to call out of this life on January 25, 2022, the soul of Geraldine Edel to His eternal rest to await the resurrection on the Last Day. A private family service was held on Saturday (yesterday). A memorial service for extended family and friends will be held in the spring or summer of 2022. Please keep the family in your prayers at this difficult time. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints" Ps 116:15

Please see the back of the insert regarding very serious and unjust charges against the Bishop of our sister synod in Finland and a fellow Lutheran sister (a Doctor and member of the Finnish parliament). We lift up Juhana and Paivi in our prayers during service today. This special prayer is also included as an insert in the bulletin.

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<u>At Jesus' feet last week</u>				
	Grace	St. Matthew's (totals)		
<b>Divine Service</b>	18	36		
Communion	16	35		
Sunday School	2?			
Bible Class				

Dr. Michael Zeigler says the Jewish practice of observing the Sabbath is sort of like being in a long-distance relationship. Hear Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler's message entitled "How Christians Can Admire the Jewish Sabbath" based on Luke 6:1-11 next Sunday on The Lutheran Hour on 620/am at 7:30 AM or 940/am at 9:00 AM or 1250/am (MB time) or Streaming audio and at 10:30 AM (MB time) or 810/am at 12:30 PM pod-casts at www.lutheranhour.ca.

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 (in person/live streamed)	11:30 A.M.	
	- Divine Service (with Holy Communion) at St. Matthew's (if necessary)	1:00 P.M.	
Tuesday	- Quilting at St. Matthew's	1:00- 3:00 P.M.	
Wednesday	- Bible Class at St. Matthew's	7:00 P.M.	
Friday	- Assiniboine Circuit Winkel at Christ, Langenburg (previously postponed)	10:00 A.M.	
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	- Divine Service (with Holy Communion) at St. Matthew's (if necessary)	1:00 P.M.	
	- Pastor Wood leading Divine Service at Zion, Yorkton	7:00 P.M.	

# A READING FROM THE BOOK OF CONCORD

### FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY SMALCALD ARTICLES, PART III, ARTICLE III, REPENTANCE

The New Testament keeps and urges this office (of the Law), as St. Paul says, "The wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men". Also, "the whole world may be accountable to God....No human being will be justified in His sight." And, Christ says, the Holy Spirit will convict the world of sin.

This is God's thunderbolt. By the Law He strikes down both obvious sinners and false saints. He declares no one to be in the right, but drives them all together to terror and despair. Jeremiah says, "Is not My word like... a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?" This is not active contrition or manufactured repentance. It is passive contrition, true sorrow of heart, suffering, and the sensation of death.

This is what true repentance means. Here a person needs to hear something like this, "You are all of no account, whether you are obvious sinners or saints (in your own opinions). You have to become different from what you are now. You have to act differently than you are now acting, whether you are as great, wise, powerful, and holy as you can be. Here no one is godly."

To the Law, the New Testament immediately adds the consoling promise of grace through the Gospel. Christ declares, "Repent and believe in the gospel". Become different, act differently, and believe My promise. (pars. 1-4)

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### Life Quotes

"Because of Christ's life, death, and resurrection, our Father now holds His hand out to each and every human being: perfect inclusion, perfection belonging—no exceptions! You are chosen! You are a branch who has received the Life of the Vine!" *Marie MacPherson, author* 

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



**About the Cover:** Jesus was always giving of Himself as He preached the Good News of His saving work in town after town. He did not stop delivering Himself to more and more people. The culmination was when He allowed Himself to be delivered into the hands of sinners and nailed to a cross. The Gospel unites us to Christ in our Baptism; our ears echo with the Good News of Jesus, who delivers Himself to us for our salvation as He continues to feed us in His Holy Supper.



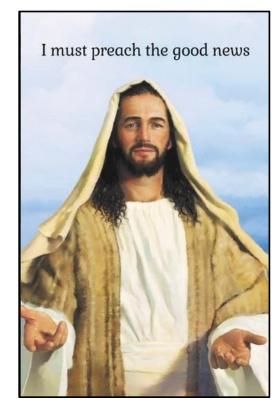
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St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Roblin, MB Divine Service – 11:30 A.M.

March 13, 2022 - November 6, 2022: 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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