# Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

## January 31, 2021

### ORDER OF SERVICE

Time for Silent prayer Hymn

Invocation

Confession and Absolution

### Service of the Word

Introit

Kyrie

Hymn of Praise

Salutation and Collect of the Day

Old Testament

Gradual

Epistle

Alleluia

Gospel Response

Holy Gospel

Nicene Creed

Hymn of the Day

Sermon

Offertory Prayer of the Church

St. Matthew's/Live-stream

Lord's Prayer

Hymn

Collect for the Word

Benediction

Recessional Hymn

Grace

#### Service of the Sacrament

The Preface and Sanctus

Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution and Pax Domini

Agnus Dei

Communion Hymns

Post-Communion Canticle

Thanksgiving

Prayer, Salutation, Benedicamus and Benediction

Recessional Hymn

**Matters of Importance** 

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

"Sing praise to God, the highest good" # 819

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"Gloria in Excelsis" p. 187-189

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Deuteronomy 18:15-20 (readings on inside of insert)

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1 Corinthians 8:1-13

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Mark 1:21-28

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"Teaching with Authority" Mark 1:21-28

"Create in me" p. 192-193

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"Entrust your days and burdens" # 754

"May we Thy precepts, Lord, fulfill" # 698

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"May we Thy precepts, Lord, fulfill" # 698



Welcome to all our Guests and Visitors worshipping with us today! Whoever you

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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, Earl Chase,

Doreen Doering, Walter Eckert, Bernice Edel, Geraldine Edel, Bev Erickson, Norman Kauk, Elizabeth Kleebaum, Jack Miller, Georgina Nabe, Annie Nernberg, Ruth Zimmer;

- all affected by the coronavirus, that we not lose trust in our gracious heavenly Father;
- all who are unemployed or under-employed as a result of the pandemic;
- that the Lord would bring an end to the pandemic according to His good and gracious will;
- the leaders of our congregations and 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.

Divine Services are suspended at St. Matthew's until further notice (at least February 12<sup>th</sup>). Sunday service will be live streamed at 11:30 A.M. on Facebook and posted on our YouTube channel (Roblin Zorra Lutheran Parish) by 3:00 P.M.

All other activities at St. Matthew's are also suspended.

Divine Service at Grace is limited to 30 person (plus pastor and organist). The use of non-medical masks will be required by all attending the service. Pre-registration is requested.

Dr. Michael Zeigler shares a story about people who had more in common than they thought. Hear the message by Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler entitled "Stories Around the Table" based on Mark 6-8 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.

# At Jesus' feet last week Grace Divine Service 18 Communion 12 Sunday School 4

# 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 livestreamed at St. Matthew's	11:30 A.M.
Friday	- Assiniboine Circuit Winkel at Langenburg0	10:00 A.M.
Next Sunday	- Divine Service (with Holy Communion) at Grace	9:30 A.M.
	- Sunday School at Grace	10:30 A.M.
	- Divine Service livestreamed at St. Matthew's	11:30 A.M.

### A READING FROM THE BOOK OF CONCORD

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY FORMULA OF CONCORD, EPITOME, ARTICLE X, CHURCH PRACTICES CALLED ADIAPHORA

We believe that the community of God has the power to change such worship ceremonies in a way that may be most useful and edifying to the community of God.

Nevertheless, all frivolity and offense should be avoided in this matter. Special care should be taken to exercise patience toward the weak in faith (1 Cor. 8:9; Romans 14:13).

We believe that during a time of persecution, when a plain confession is required of us, we should not yield to the enemies in such matters of adiaphora. For the apostle has written in Galatians 5:1, "For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery." He also writes in 2 Corinthians 6:14, "Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. For what partnership has righteousness with lawlessness? Or what fellowship has light with darkness?" Also note Galatians 2:5, "To them we did not yield in submission even for a moment, so that the truth of the gospel might be preserved for you." For in such a case it is no longer a question about adiaphora. But it concerns the truth of the Gospel, Christian liberty, and sanctioning open idolatry. It also concerns the prevention of offense to the weak in the faith. In such a case we have nothing to concede. We should confess and endure what God sends because of that confession, and whatever He allows the enemies of His Word to inflict on us. (pars. 63-65)

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### **Life Quotes**

On the March for Life: "We've shown up to celebrate and safeguard each one from the unborn to the elderly and everywhere in between ... We're leaning in to bring joy to the desperate and hope to the endangered. We're reaching out to take community and opportunity even amid adversity. We're marching forth to give courage and compassion. We've united today not simply to leave a sordid past behind but to leap ahead into a splendid future."

Pastor Michael Salemink, Executive Director of Mission and Ministry, Lutherans For Life

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



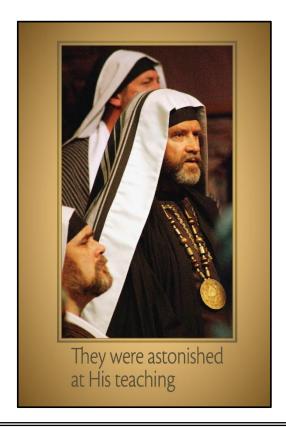
**About the Cover:** Jesus taught with authority. The leadership did not know what to do because they had never heard anyone teach like this before. "He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey Him" (Mark 1:27). In a world filled with inert opinions about spiritual matters, we need the teaching with authority from Jesus. His teaching—and His alone—brings victory and eternal life. He commands our destiny by His cross and resurrection.

# Highway #5, at Park Stree Matthem'

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Zorra, Saskatchewan

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**Fourth Sunday after Epiphany** Proclaiming Christ and Him Crucified, Risen, Ascended, and Returning

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

March 14, 2021 - November 7, 2021: 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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