
First Sunday after the Epiphany – The Baptism of our Lord

January 7, 2024

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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: Grace Bowley, Doreen Doering, Wilma Kroll, Marlene Miller, Ruth Zimmer;
- Doug Mohr, recovering from a broken leg;
- Cathy Evans, who suffered a broken arm last Sunday;
- all who are dealing with various health issues;
- Debbie Andres and Cathy Evans and all of their family after the sudden accidental death of their niece's husband last week;
- 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 as they meet to resolve issues of concern this Tuesday;
- 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.

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

Quilting will begin at St. Matthew's tomorrow (January 8th) at 1:00 P.M.

Junior confirmation at St. Matthew's resumes on Tuesday at 4:00 P.M.

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

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

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

*Dr. Michael Zeigler explains why it's not a contradiction to offer forgiveness while insisting on justice. Hear Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler's message entitled "**How Could She Ever Forgive Him?**" based on Matthew 18:27 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 www.lutheranhour.ca.*

At Jesus' feet last week

	Grace	St. Matthew's
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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.
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.
	- Prayer Pal Mug Exchange at St. Matthew's	after service

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF CONCORD

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD THE LARGE CATECHISM, BAPTISM

We must know what Baptism signifies and why God has ordained just this outward sign and ceremony for the Sacrament by which we are first received into the Christian Church. The act or ceremony is this: we are sunk under the water, which passes over us, and afterward are drawn out again. These two parts, (1) to be sunk under the water and (b) drawn out again, signify Baptism's power and work. It is nothing other than putting to death the old Adam and affecting the new man's resurrection after that [Romans 6:4-6]. Both of these things must take place in us all our lives. So a truly Christian life is nothing other than a daily Baptism, once begun and ever to be continued. For this must be done without ceasing, that we always keep purging away whatever belongs to the old Adam. Then what belongs to the new man may come forth. But what is the old man? It is what is born in human beings from Adam: anger, hate, envy, unchastity, stinginess, laziness, arrogance – yes, unbelief. The old man is infected with all vices and has by nature nothing good in him [Romans 7:18]. Now, when we have come into Christ's kingdom [John 3:5], these things must daily decrease. The longer we live the more we become gentle, patient, meek, and ever turn away from unbelief, greed, hatred, envy, and arrogance.

This is Baptism's true use among Christians, as signified by baptizing with water. (paragraphs 64-68)

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Life Quotes

“What is it that is essential for your life this New Year? What gifts do you cherish? Certainly, Jesus is the most precious gift we have! Let Him shine through your whole life this year. Take Him with you everywhere. Remember whose family you belong to! Cling to Jesus, our Father's Son this New Year! Our Father goes with you and promises His blessings, now and forever!”

Rev. Darren Green, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota

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



About the Cover: Whether received as an infant, child, or adult, the power of Baptism is in the Word of God, which unites us to Christ's death and resurrection. No matter how long ago, this promise can never be void, and we grasp it through the gift of faith. In Christ, we have a baptismal identity that can never be taken away. We did not choose it. It was given to us by Christ Himself as a gift.



St. Matthew's

Evangelical=Lutheran Congregation
Highway #5, at Park Street
Roblin, Manitoba

Members of Lutheran Church Canada

Grace

Evangelical=Lutheran Congregation
Highway #8, 1/2 km South of Highway #10
Zorra, Saskatchewan



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)

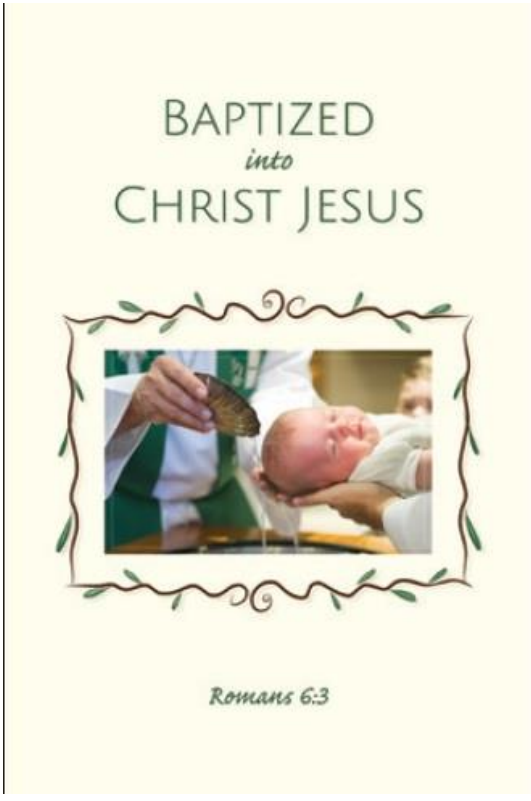
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JANUARY 7 ANNO DOMINI 2024
FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
*PROCLAIMING CHRIST AND HIM CRUCIFIED,
RISEN, ASCENDED, AND RETURNING*