
The First Sunday after the Epiphany – The Baptism of our Lord

January 8, 2023

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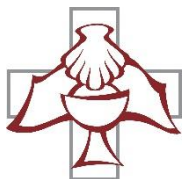
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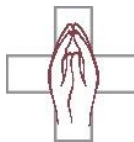
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Welcome to all our Guests and Visitors worshipping with us today! Whoever you are and from

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!



Wilma Kroll, Marie Mohr, Annie Nernberg, Ruth Zimmer;

- all who are sick, hospitalized, or shut in, especially all members of our church family, including: Grace Bowley, Doreen Doering, Bernice Edel,
- 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

Remember in your prayers:

and gracious will;

- all health care workers;
- all who are dealing with various health issues;
- James & Jessica Frey and family upon the death of James' grandfather on December 31st, as they adjust to his absence in their lives;
- 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.

Pastor Wood officiated at a prayer service on Thursday evening and a funeral on Friday, both at Langenburg.

Mug Pal Calendar correction: January 15th (next Sunday) is the St. Matthew's Mug Pal Exchange. *The calendar mistakenly says "lunch" – there will be no lunch.* The exchange will take place at the front of the sanctuary. This mug will be the only gift that would be exchanged during the whole year. The mug can be new, or something out of your cupboard or one that has a special meaning to you. Do not wrap your mug. The mugs will be put in matching bags and you will each choose a bag to identify your new prayer pal.

Please put a sheet in your mug containing your name, address and phone number, as well as your birthday, anniversary or other special occasion and a Bible verse that has a special meaning to you.

Besides praying for your new mug pal, please acknowledge her special occasions with either a card or phone call.

Bible Class on *Revelation* begins this Wednesday January 11th hosted at St. Matthew's at 7:30 P.M.

A body of water becomes stagnant when there is no outflow. The same could be said of us. Hear Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler's message entitled "**Gifts to Share**" based on Colossians 1:29 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

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This Week in the Grace - St. Matthew's Parish:

Today	First Sunday after Epiphany – The Baptism of our Lord	
	- 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.
	- Pastor Wood leading Divine Service at Langenburg	3:00 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.
Saturday	- Pastor Wood leading Divine Service at Landestreu	7:00 P.M.
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A READING FROM THE BOOK OF CONCORD THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD FORMULA OF CONCORD, SOLID DECLARATION ARTICLE VII, THE PERSON OF CHRIST

God the Father has given His Spirit to Christ, His beloved Son, according to the received humanity. (Because of this He is called also *Messiah*; i.e., the Anointed.) He has not received His gifts with limits as other saints. For on Christ the Lord, according to His received human nature, rests “the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord” (Isaiah 11:2). (According to His divinity, He is of one essence with the Holy Spirit.) This not in such a way that, as a man, He knew and could do only some things, like other saints know and can do things by God's Spirit, who works in them only created gifts. According to His divinity, Christ is the Second Person in the Holy Trinity. And from Him, as also from the Father, the Holy Spirit proceeds. So the Spirit is and remains Christ's and the Father's own Spirit to all eternity, not separated from God's Son. Therefore, as the Church Fathers say, the entire fullness of the Spirit has been communicated by the personal union to Christ according to the flesh, which is personally united with God's Son. This voluntarily manifests and shows itself with all its power (in, with, and through Christ's human nature). So (Christ according to His human nature) not only knows some things and is ignorant of others, but He also can do some things and is unable to do others. Yet even now (according to the received human nature), He knows and can do all things. For on Him the Father poured the Spirit of wisdom and power without measure. So as man, Christ has received all knowledge and all power through this personal union. (paragraphs 72-74)

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Life Quotes

“When an abortion is performed, we proclaim that we know better than God. We disregard His wisdom, for He taught us that we should never kill innocent human beings. We proclaim that we do not want or need a gift from God. And in doing so, we seek to make ourselves more powerful than God. We seek to make ourselves God.”

Archbishop Samuel Aquila

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



About the Cover: Like light shining through a stained glass window, Jesus' response to John the Baptist's question illumines the true nature of His Baptism. By receiving this Baptism of repentance, the sinless One, who has no need of repentance, is joining Himself to sinners. Likewise, today the Lord's Word reveals to us that He has numbered Himself among us, and in our Baptism, we are joined to His death and life for forgiveness and eternal life!

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1ST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD
*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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