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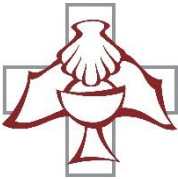
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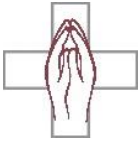
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Welcome to all our Guests and Visitors worshipping with us today! Whoever

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!



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, Ruth Zimmer;
- Ken Zimmer, upon the death of his sister Loretta on July 3rd, as we await the resurrection on the Last Day and the great reunion;
- all health care workers;
- all who are dealing with various health issues;
- all affected by wildfires and flooding;
- that the Lord would provide favourable weather for crops and livestock;
- our organists as they serve God’s people;
- 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. Those who are not yet confirmed are welcome to come to receive a blessing, but are asked to keep their hands folded.

Thank you: to JoAnn Cockerill for planting and maintaining the flowerbeds at St. Matthew’s; to the trustees for arranging for the painting of the window frames and doors, and sidewalk repairs at St. Matthew’s.

Our study of Revelation will resume this Wednesday (July 19) at St. Matthew’s at 7:30 P.M. (MB)

Missouri North: The History of Lutheran Church–Canada, initially unveiled at LCC’s 2022 Synod Convention, is now available for purchase through Amazon. The cost is \$10 + taxes (and shipping if not an Amazon prime member). If there is interest, a bulk order can be made. Please speak to Pastor Wood.

How did two young men start out with similar circumstances but end up in such different places? Was it the choices they made or the pull that others had on their lives? Hear Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler’s message entitled “Pulling for Others” based on Romans 8:1-39 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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| Divine Service | 17 | 69 |
| Communion | 16 | 55 |
| Bible Class | -- | |

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

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| Today | - Divine Service (with Holy Communion) at St. Matthew's | 9:30 A.M. (MB) |
| | - Divine Service (with Holy Communion) at Grace | 10:30 A.M. (SK) |
| Wednesday | - Bible Class hosted at St. Matthew's | 7:30 P.M. (MB) |
| Saturday | - Pastor Wood leading Divine Service at Moosomin | 7:00 P.M. (SK) |
| Next Sunday | - Divine Service (with Holy Communion) at St. Matthew's | 9:30 A.M. (MB) |
| | - Divine Service (with Holy Communion) at Grace | 10:30 A.M. (SK) |

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF CONCORD SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST APOLOGY OF THE AUGSBURG CONFESSION ARTICLES VII AND VIII, THE CHURCH

The Church is Christ's kingdom, distinguished from the devil's kingdom. It is certain, however, that the wicked are in the devil's power and members of his kingdom. Christ says to the Pharisees, who certainly had outward fellowship with the Church, "You are of your father the devil" (John 8:44). Therefore, the Church, which is truly Christ's kingdom, is properly the congregation of saints. For the wicked are ruled by the devil and are captives of the devil. They are not ruled by the Spirit of Christ. If the Church, which is truly Christ's kingdom, is distinguished from the devil's kingdom, it follows that the wicked are not the Church. It is true that, because Christ's kingdom has not yet been revealed, the wicked are mixed in with the Church and hold offices. But the wicked are not Christ's kingdom, even though that revelation has not yet been made. For Christ enlivens His true kingdom by His Spirit, whether it is revealed or is covered by the cross, just as the glorified Christ is the same Christ who was afflicted. Christ's parables agree with this. "The good seed is the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one" (Matthew 13:38). "The field," He says, "is the world," not the Church. John the Baptist speaks about the Jewish people and says that eventually the true Church will be separated from that people. (paragraphs 16-19)

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Life Quotes

"Waiting is difficult; in Christ, we have the now and not yet. But as we learn and relearn to wait on Him, we find joy in His good work and patient craftsmanship in our lives. Though under construction, God works through us to bless the world. May you find great joy in fruit-bearing as you faithfully wait on HIM."

Michelle Bauman, Y4Life

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



About the Cover: The sower sows the seed extravagantly upon the path, rocky soil, and thorns. Though the seed does not reach maturity and bear fruit, the seed that falls upon the good ground bears fruit abundantly. Jesus graciously spreads His Word to all people. Wherever it takes root in hearts ready to receive it, it produces fruit abundantly in faith. It is His work all the way through as He joins people to His cross and resurrection.

Grace

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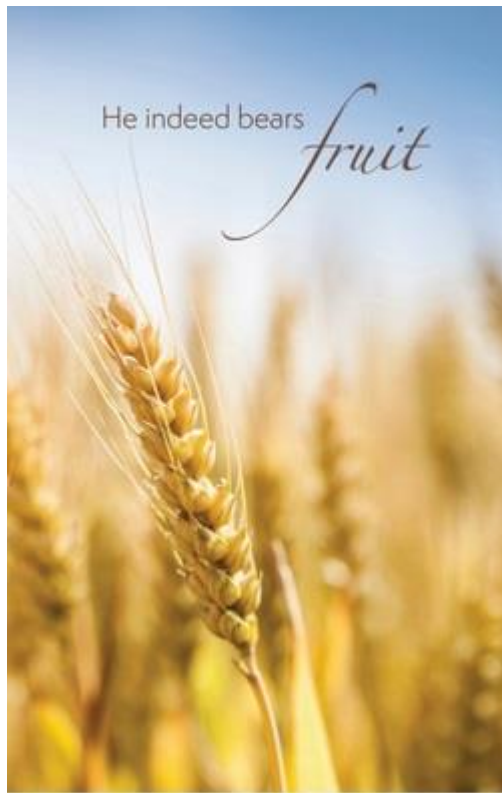
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JULY 16 ANNO DOMINI 2023
SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
*PROCLAIMING CHRIST AND HIM CRUCIFIED,
RISEN, ASCENDED, AND RETURNING*

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Roblin, MB
Divine Service – 9:30 A.M. (MB)

November 5, 2023 - March 10, 2024: Divine Service 11:30 A.M.

Grace Lutheran Church, Zorra, SK
Divine Service – 10:30 A.M. (SK)

November 5, 2023 - March 10, 2024: Divine Service 9:30 A.M.



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Grace Lutheran Church, Zorra, SK
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