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Matters of Importance		
Welcome to all our Guests and Visitors worshipping with us today! Whoever d from whatever walk of life you come - ome you in Jesus' name. May you find in	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 (<i>please include full</i> <i>mailing address or email address</i>). May the Lord	

you are an - we welco Him, the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Do come again! If you have no Church home, we invite you

pleased e take a sign our clude full 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;

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

Our study of Revelation continues this Wednesday at St. Matthew's at 7:30 P.M. (MB)

Jesus never needed to take a poll to figure out who He was or what He should do. Hear Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus' message entitled **"Who is Jesus?"** based on Matthew 16:13b-16 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 <u>www.lutheranhour.ca</u>.



At Jesus' feet last week				
	Grace		St. Matthew's	
Divine Service	20		55	
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<u>This Week in the Grace - St. Matthew's Parish:</u>			
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)	
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

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST LARGE CATECHISM, PART II, APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth...

We emphasize the words "Creator of heaven and earth." But what is the force of this, or what do you mean by these words, "I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?" Answer: "This is what I mean and believe, that I am God's creature. I mean that He has given and constantly preserves for me my body, soul, and life, my members great and small, all my senses, reason, and understanding, and so on. He gives me food and drink, clothing and support, wife and children, domestic servants, house and home, and more...

We could say much about how few people believe this article. For if we believed this teaching with the heart, we would also act according to it. We would not strut about proudly, act defiantly, and boast as though we had life, riches, power, honor, and such, of ourselves. The world is drowned in blindness and abuses all the good things and God's gifts only for its own pride, greed, lust, and luxury. It never once thinks about God, so as to thank Him or acknowledge Him as Lord and Creator.

This article ought to humble and terrify us all, if we believed it. Christians acknowledge that they are duty bound to serve God for all these things and to be obedient to Him.(paragraphs 9, 12-13, 20-22)

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Life Quotes

"The Church is under an incredible assault, but perhaps never has the opportunity been greater. The question is whether we wish to take it, whether we want to be salt, or whether we'll just mark time, leaving nothing but ruins for those who follow in our footsteps."

Rev. Peter Scaer, Concordia Theological Seminary **A "Life Quote" is from Lutherans For Life – www.lutheransforlife.org.**



About the Cover: The scribe who has been discipled for the kingdom of heaven cherishes Scripture like the treasure that it is. The Word of God is not given so that it might be stored away behind lock and key but frequently opened and shared. Christ has given us the gifts of His promises of forgiveness and life in His cross and resurrection for the sake of the world. The Lord grants us the opportunities to share these treasures with those who do not yet know.

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Have you understood all these things?

JULY 30 ANNO DOMINI 2023 NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST PROCLAIMING CHRIST AND HIM CRUCIFIED, RISEN, ASCENDED, AND RETURNING



Pastor: Office: Residence: Cell: email: webpage: Divine Service – 9:30 A.M. (MB) November 5, 2023 - March 10, 2024: Divine Service 11:30 A.M. Grace Lutheran Church, Zorra, SK

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Roblin, MB

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

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