## The Fourth Sunday in Lent

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# March 10, 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,

Cathy Evans, Trena Neuman;

- Dylan & Taylor Jarvis, on the birth of their daughter, Harley Brie on March 3rd;
- all who are dealing with various health issues;
- the family of Ruth Zimmer, and all who mourn, as they adjust to her absence in their lives;
- 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.

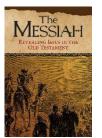
Jesus Christ is present in the sacrament by His Word and we receive His gifts through faith for the assurance of the forgiveness of our sins and for strength to live new life in Him.

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. Those who are not yet confirmed are welcome to come to receive a blessing, but are asked to keep their hands folded.

St. John's Passion is the theme for our 2024 Midweek Lenten Services. Noon Services will be hosted at St. Matthew's. The evening service is hosted at St. Matthew's at 8:00 P.M.(MB) this week.



Beyond God's promise of a Saviour just after the fall in Genesis 3:15, do we really see much of Christ in the Old Testament? Well, if we take His New Testament words to heart. we must! "You search the Scriptures...and it is they that bear witness to me!" (John 5:39)

The Messiah: Revealing Jesus in the Old Testament will lead us through the entirety of the Old Testament with readings, questions, and discussion prompts. After a brief introduction that reviews Christ's earthly ministry, we will dive into the heart of the Holy Books that have spiritually nourished God's people from creation to today!

Christ makes Himself very clear when He claims that the Scriptures all testify of Him. (John 5:39) This Bible study walks us through that claim! The study will begin Wednesday, April 10th.

The desire to advance your own interests can alienate you from others and God. Serving others without thought of reward is God's way forward for followers of Jesus. Listen to Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer's message "Thrown into the Arms of God" based on Mark 10:32-45 next Sunday on The Lutheran Hour.

At Jesus' feet last week			
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Confirmation			

This Week in the Grace - St. Matthew's Parish:			
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)	
Tuesday	- Junior Confirmation at St. Matthew's	4:00 P.M – 5:30 P.M.	
Wednesday	- Lent Midweek Service hosted at St. Matthew's	Noon (MB)	
	- Lent Midweek Service hosted at St. Matthew's	8:00 P.M. (MB)	
Next Sunday	- Divine Service (with Holy Communion) at St. Matthew's	9:30 A.M. (MB)	
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#### A READING FROM THE BOOK OF CONCORD FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

### FORMULA OF CONCORD, EPITOME ARTICLE VII, THE HOLY SUPPER OF CHRIST

We believe, teach, and confess that not only the true believers in Christ and the worthy, but also the unworthy and unbelievers receive Christ's true body and blood. However, they do not receive them for life and consolation, but for judgment and condemnation, if they are not converted and do not repent (1 Corinthians 11:27–29).

We believe, teach, and confess also that there is only one kind of unworthy guests: those who do not believe. About these guests it is written in John 3:18, "Whoever does not believe is condemned already." And this judgment becomes greater and more grievous, being aggravated by the unworthy use of the Holy Supper (1 Corinthians 11:29).

We believe, teach, and confess that no true believer—as long as he has living faith, however weak he may be—receives the Holy Supper to his judgment. For the Supper was instituted especially for Christians weak in faith, yet repentant. It was instituted for their consolation and to strengthen their weak faith [Matthew 9:12; 11:5, 28].

We believe, teach, and confess that all the worthiness of guests of this heavenly feast is and is founded on Christ's most holy obedience and perfect merit alone. We receive these for ourselves by true faith, and by the Sacrament we are assured of them. Our worthiness is not at all in our virtues or preparations. (paragraphs 16, 18-20)

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### Life Quotes

"With gentleness and respect, we witness to our faith in Jesus so that others will come to believe in Him and eagerly await His return. All who confess Jesus as Lord look forward to His Second Coming with a joy far greater than idle mirth. We are encouraged as we remind each other that our Savior is coming back, and we pray that He would 'hear and grant our fervent plea.' Come, Lord Jesus!" *Dr. Carol Geisler* 

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



**About the Cover:** The Lord's judgment against the rebellious people took the form of fiery serpents. But His mercy also took the form of that fiery serpent raised upon a pole for all to see and live. As sinners under God's good Law, our sin brings biting affliction and judgment. But the Son of Man was lifted up upon the cross where God's judgment was poured out against sin. By His Word, we see that the One who was stricken, smitten, and afflicted is our forgiveness, life, and salvation.

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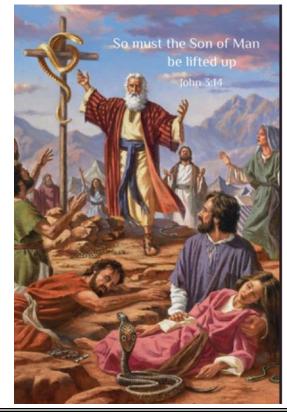
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St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Roblin, MB Divine Service – 9:30 A.M. (MB) November 3, 2024 - March 9, 2025: Divine Service 11:30 A.M.

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

November 3, 2024 - March 9, 2025: Divine Service 9:30 A.M.

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