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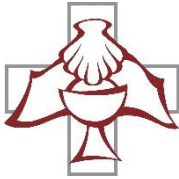
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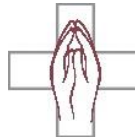
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Welcome

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, Bernice Edel, Wilma Kroll, Annie Nernberg, Ruth Zimmer;
- 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 and gracious will;

- all health care workers;
- all who are dealing with various health issues;
- 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.

Taking On Something for Lent: Luther's Catechisms, is the theme for our 2023 Midweek Lenten Services. Our Midweek Lenten journey continues at Noon at St. Matthew's and **8:00 P.M. (MB) also at St. Matthew's** this week as we consider the Office of the Keys. A few copies of Luther's Large Catechism are available by the mailboxes at both Grace and St. Matthew's.

The installation of Pastor Airton Glitz as pastor of Trinity, Churchbridge, is today at 4:00 P.M. (SK time). All are invited to attend. A fellowship supper will follow the service.

The informal confirmation examination of Benjamin Marfleet (member of Grace) will be on Tuesday (at St. Matthew's). Confirmation Sunday is tentatively on April 2nd (Palm Sunday) at Grace. Remember to keep him in your prayers.

The St. Matthew's Annual meeting will be held on Sunday, March 26th at 2:00 P.M. This will be the first annual meeting since the pandemic was declared in 2020.

Is God "missing in action?" Not if we see things from God's eternal perspective. Hear Guest Speaker Rev. Dr. John Nunes' message entitled **"Is God Missing in Action?"** based on John 11 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 podcasts at www.lutheranhour.ca.

<u>At Jesus' feet last week</u>		
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Noon		18
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Confirmation		2

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

Today	- Divine Service (with Holy Communion) at St. Matthew's (in person/live streamed)	9:30 A.M. (MB)
	- Sunday School at Grace	10:30 A.M. (SK)
	- Divine Service (with Holy Communion) at Grace	10:30 A.M. (SK)
	- Installation of Pastor Airton Glitz at Trinity, Churchbridge	4:00 P.M. (SK)
	- Call meeting at Langenburg	7:00 P.M. (SK)
Monday	- Quilting at St. Matthew's	1:00 P.M. (MB)
Tuesday	- Junior Confirmation at St. Matthew's	4:00 P.M. – 5:30 P.M. (MB)
	- Confirmand examination at St. Matthew's	7:00 P.M. (MB)
Wednesday	- Midweek Service hosted at St. Matthew's	Noon (MB)
	- Midweek Service hosted at St. Matthew's	8:00 P.M. (MB)
Saturday	<i>The Annunciation of our Lord</i>	
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	- St. Matthew's Annual Meeting	2:00 P.M. (MB)

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF CONCORD FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT FORMULA OF CONCORD, SOLID DECLARATION ARTICLE II: FREE WILL

The Scriptures call natural man in spiritual and divine things *darkness* (Ephesians 5:8). John 1:5 says, “The light shines in the darkness” (that is, in the dark, blind world, which does not know or regard God), “and the darkness has not overcome it.” Likewise, the Scriptures teach that a sinful person is not only weak, but also entirely dead (Ephesians 2:1–5; Colossians 2:13).

A person who is physically dead cannot from his own powers make himself come back to life again. So the person who is spiritually dead in sins cannot by his own strength make or apply himself to acquire spiritual and heavenly righteousness and life. This is true unless he is delivered and brought to life by God's Son from the death of sin.

The Scriptures deny to the intellect and will of natural man all capacity, and ability to undertake anything good and right in spiritual things.

The darkness has not overcome it [the light]. (John 1:5)

“The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God” (1 Corinthians 2:14). This means he is not capable of spiritual things. For they are foolishness to him; neither can he know them. Much less will he truly believe the Gospel or agree with it and regard it as truth.

For the mind [of the natural man] that is set on the flesh is hostile to God. (Romans 8:7) (paragraphs 38-41)

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Life Quotes

“When we ignore the baby in the womb and focus instead on what is now being labeled as the rights of the mother and women's health care, we are turning our backs on God. Never has God authorized killing and called it a right. Never has God condoned promoting abortion and called it health care. His love for life is written throughout Scripture. What are we doing when we ignore His sacred Word?” *Virginia Flo, Lutherans For Life (USA)*

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



About the Cover: Jesus is our light and our salvation! Even though He is no longer physically with us on earth, as He was with His disciples, He is still with us in His Word and Sacrament. Therefore, when Jesus says, “I am the light of the world,” He is still leading His people out of the devil's sinful darkness into the marvelous light of salvation. Thanks be to God for His Son, our light!



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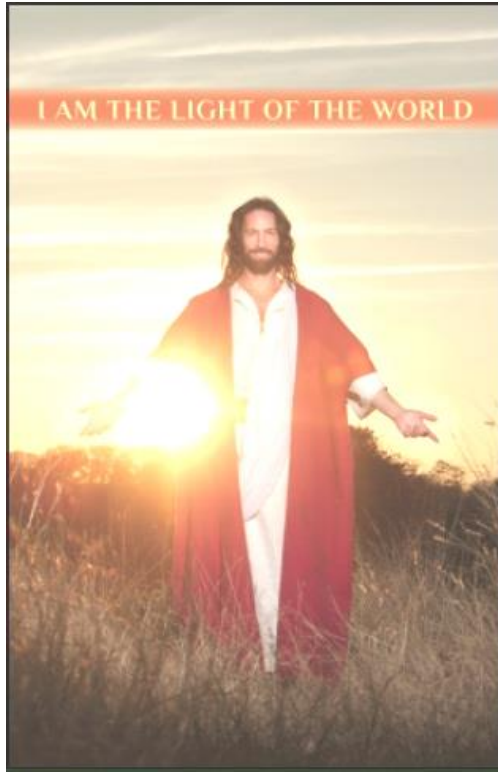


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MARCH 19 ANNO DOMINI 2023
THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
*PROCLAIMING CHRIST AND HIM CRUCIFIED,
RISEN, ASCENDED, AND RETURNING*

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)

Sunday School – 9:30 A.M. (SK)

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