

ORDER OF SERVICE*Time for Silent prayer*

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Kyrie

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Offering

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Isaiah 42:14-21 *(readings on inside of insert)**(on insert)*

Ephesians 5:8-14

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John 9:1-7, 13-17, 34-39

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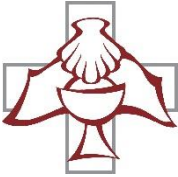
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"Lord Jesus Christ, Life-giving bread" # 625*"Awake, O sleeper, rise from death" # 697**"Jesus, Priceless Treasure" # 743**"Arise and shine in splendor" # 396**"Nunc Dimittis" p. 211*

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"I want to walk as a child of the light" # 411**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!

A few bulletins from previous weeks are found in the basket by the guest register at St. Matthew's, and on the table by the mailbox at Grace.

Children's Activity Bulletins are available on the information table.



Remember in your prayers:

- all who are sick, hospitalized, or shut in, especially all members of our church family, including: Emily Bauer; Irma Baumung, Paul Borchardt, Grace Bowley, Earl Chase, Grace Dressler, Walter Eckert, Hertha Edel, Geraldine Edel, Leona Haberstock, Norman Kauk, Elizabeth Kleebaum, Jack Miller, Georgina Nabe, Annie Nernberg, Ed Zimmer, Ruth E. Zimmer, Ruth M. Zimmer, Jack Ziprick;
- all affected by the coronavirus, that we not lose trust in our gracious heavenly Father;
- our organists as they serve God’s people;
- the leaders of our congregations and parish;
- the members of Grace and St. Matthew’s;
- 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.

If you are partaking of Holy Communion today, please take a moment to fill out a registration for communion found in the pew. Those who are not yet confirmed are welcome to come to receive a blessing, but are asked to keep their hands folded.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the regulations regarding the numbers that can safely assemble, our 5th Sunday of the month Parish service is cancelled. We plan to have regular service times on March 29.



LCC Mission Prayers: Deaconess **Marisela Osorio** and her husband, **Roberto José Zepeda Berrioz**, administrator of the Asociación Mision Cristiana. She serves as deaconess for the Martin Lutero, Chinandega in Nicaragua.

A petition is available at the guest register at St. Matthew’s petitioning the Manitoba government “cease providing taxpayers’ dollars for the performance of abortions by delisting abortion from the services covered by Manitoba Health.”

The Theme for the 2020 Lenten Midweek Services is “Living among the Bible’s Trees.” Our midweek Lenten journey continues at St. Matthew’s at **8:00 P.M. (MB)** with the focus “*Tree of the Lord’s Planting.*”

In the event that we will need to suspend services, the pastor and elders will be calling you to advise you of how ministry in the congregation will be proceeding.

Available on the information table is a **Brief Guide to Home Devotions** from LCC. A copy of our LSB hymnal will be needed which may be borrowed from the church if we suspend services. We are looking at either livestreaming the service/Sermon or Pastor Wood will post videos of sermons and devotions on our Facebook pages and website. Print copies of the sermon will be available in the narthex each week. Times will be established when the pastor will be available at the church for Confession/Absolution, brief devotion and prayer, and Holy Communion for each family. This will be by appointment so as to not to have too many people present at one time.

A letter from Martin Luther “**Whether One May Flee From a Deadly Plague**” is also available in the narthex.

Suggestion: Instead of saying for the like 100,000th time: “Who knows what’s going to happen?” Let’s learn to say: “He knows what’s going to happen.” He who? He, your heavenly Father. He knows. We need to remember this. From fear to faith!

At Jesus’ feet last week

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The plagues described in Exodus show us the wrath of God and the lengths to which God will go to save His people. Listen to Guest Speaker Rev. Ryan Tinetti's message "**Labors of Love**" based on Exodus 10 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.

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

Today	- Divine Service (with Holy Communion) at St. Matthew's	9:30 A.M. (MB)
	- Sunday School at Grace	9:15 A.M. (SK)
	- Divine Service (with Holy Communion) at Grace	10:15 A.M. (SK)
Monday	- Quilting at St. Matthew's	1:00- 3:00 P.M.
Wednesday	- Lenten 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)
	- Sunday School at Grace	9:15 A.M. (SK)
	- Divine Service (with Holy Communion) at Grace	10:15 A.M. (SK)

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

"At home: can we be more loving and forgiving to those who mean so much to us? Can we take the time to show our unconditional love? At work: are we really a Christian example to our coworkers? Can we be more mindful of the struggles others are going through? At church: where sometimes, ironically, it's the hardest, can we put on the mind of Christ, giving ourselves to our brothers and sisters in the faith? ... [L]et the message of God's love in Jesus resonate boldly in your own life ... to God's glory."

Dr. J. A. O. Preus.

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



About the Cover: The works of God are displayed as the Lord restores sight in this man who was born blind. In the aftermath of the Pharisees' spiritual blindness, Jesus seeks the man out, leading him to see not only with physical eyes but also with spiritual ones! Sin has cast a deep shadow over our ability to see Jesus aright. And yet our Lord seeks us out, redeems us by His cross, and restores in us sight to see Him as He is—the Christ, our Saviour.

Grace

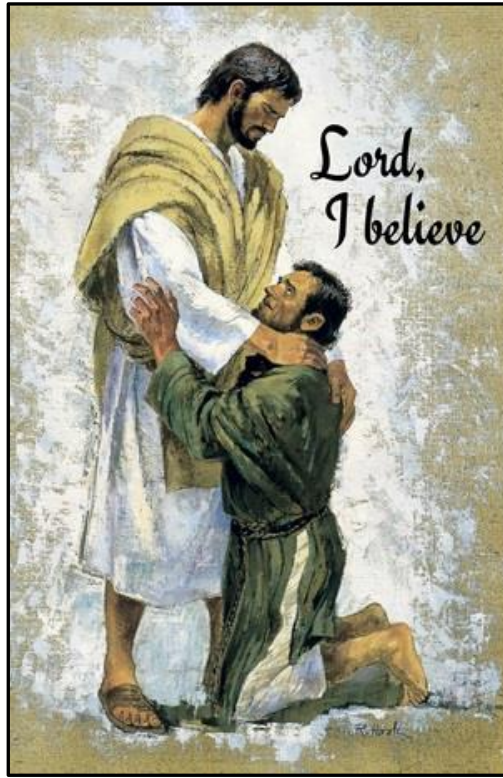
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Zorra, Saskatchewan



St. Matthew's

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Roblin, Manitoba

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March 22 Anno Domini 2020
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 1, 2020 - March 14, 2021: Divine Service 11:30 A.M.

Grace Lutheran Church, Zorra, SK

Divine Service – 10:15 A.M. (SK)

Sunday School – 9:15 A.M. (SK)

November 1, 2020 - March 14, 2021: Divine Service 9:45 A.M.

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