

**ORDER OF SERVICE**

Time for Silent prayer

Hymn

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**Service of the Word**

Introit

Kyrie

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Epistle

Lenten Verse and Gospel Response

Holy Gospel

Hymn of the Day

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Rite of Confirmation

Prayer of the Church

Offertory

**Service of the Sacrament**

The Preface and Sanctus

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Proclamation of Christ and Lord's Prayer

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**Matters of Importance**

**LSB Divine Service Setting One, p. 151**

*In the sanctuary (prayers on inside front cover of hymnal)*

*"In the Cross of Christ I Glory" # 427*

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*(on insert)*

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*Omitted during Lent (a brief time of silence)*

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Exodus 20:1-17 *(inside insert)*

*(on insert)*

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

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John 2:13-25

*"May God bestow on us His grace" # 824*

*"Disruptive Jesus" John 2:13-25*

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*(St. Matthew's)*

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*"What Shall I Render" p. 159-160*

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*\*"Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior" # 627*

*\*"The Law of God Is Good and Wise" # 579*

*"Lord, help us ever to retain" # 865*

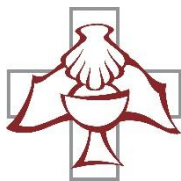
*"Cross of Jesus, cross of Sorrow" # 428*

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*"Built on the Rock the Church shall stand" # 645*



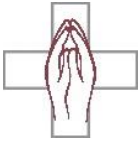
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**Welcome to all our Guests and Visitors worshipping with us today!** Whoever you are and from whatever walk of life you come -- we welcome you in Jesus' name. May you find in Him, the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Do come again! If you have no Church 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!

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**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, Ruth Zimmer;
- all who are dealing with various health issues;
- those who will be received as communicant members of St. Matthew’s today, as they make their vows and promises;
- 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.***

The Small Catechism says that a person is worthy and well prepared when one has faith in the words “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins,” and when one can examine oneself. In order to help in preparation, consider the following.

1. Do I believe that I am a sinner?
2. Do I believe that Jesus is my Saviour?
3. Do I believe that I receive Christ’s body and blood together with the bread and wine in the Lord’s Supper for the forgiveness of my sins?
4. Do I intend, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to live a more godly life?

If you answer “yes” to these then you are worthy and well-prepared.

**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.

**Affirming the faith given them in their Baptism and being received as communicant (communing) members of St. Matthew’s congregation today in the Rite of Confirmation are:**



Jacob Austin Dube  
– Deuteronomy 31:6

Holly Renai Scherloski  
– Isaiah 43:1

Joel Arthur Taylor  
– 1 Samuel 12:26

*Please remember to keep them in your prayers that they may be strengthened by God’s grace through Word and Sacrament to keep the vows they are making.*

**Being received** as a communicant member of St. Matthew’s by Affirmation of Faith is:

*Tracy Dube*

<u>At Jesus’ feet last week</u>	Grace	St. Matthew’s
Divine Service	17	51
Communion	16	39
Lent Midweek		
Noon	6	
Evening	18	
Confirmation		--

**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 Grace at 7:30 P.M. this week.

**Remember Service times change March 10**  
**9:30 A.M. (MB)** Divine Service - *St. Matthew's*  
**10:30 A.M. (SK)** Divine Service - *Grace*

<b><u>This Week in the Grace - St. Matthew's Parish:</u></b>		
Today	- Divine Service (with Holy Communion) at Grace	9:30 A.M.
	- Divine Service (with Holy Communion) at St. Matthew's	11:30 A.M.
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
	- Lent Midweek Service hosted at Grace	7:30 P.M.
Next Sunday	<b>SERVICE TIMES CHANGE</b>	
	- 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**  
**THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT**  
**APOLOGY OF THE AUGSBURG CONFESSION**  
**ARTICLE V: LOVE AND FULFILLING THE LAW**

This is the Gospel, namely, that for Christ's sake, and not for the sake of our works, we obtain the forgiveness of sins through faith. Our adversaries work to suppress this Gospel by means of distorted passages, which contain the doctrine of the Law or of works. Christ often connects the promise of the forgiveness of sins to good works, yet not because He means that good works are an atoning sacrifice. Christ makes this connection for two reasons. One is because good fruit must necessarily follow. He reminds us that if good fruit do not follow, the repentance is hypocritical and fake. The other reason is that we have need of outward signs of so great a promise. A conscience full of fear has need of much consolation. Baptism and the Lord's Supper are signs that continually remind, cheer, and encourage despairing minds that their sins are forgiven. The same promise is portrayed in good works, in order that these works may remind us to believe more firmly. Those who produce no good works are not encourage to believe, but despise these promises. On the other hand, the godly embrace them and rejoice that they have the signs and testimonies of so great a promise. So they exercise themselves in these signs and testimonies. Therefore, just as the Lord's Supper does not justify us by the outward act without faith, so alms do not justify us by the outward act without faith. (paragraphs 153-155)

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**Life Quotes**

“[W]e were made for light and life. God's Word and Sacraments cast darkness aside in our lives; they draw us closer to Him and make us strong unto salvation ... cling to the promises of Christ. May we recognize that we are blessed For Life even when we are surrounded by darkness, and may we in our darkest seasons, through the work of the Holy Spirit, lean toward the Son for light and for hope.”

*Michelle Bauman, Director of Y4Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life*

**A “Life Quote” is from Lutherans For Life – [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org).**



**About the Cover:** As Jesus set His mind on things that are above, His zeal simply could not allow His Father's house to become an earthly house of trade (see Colossians 3:2). The religious leaders despised the Lord's purpose of the temple and would later seek to destroy the temple of His body, wherein God tabernacled among His people (see John 1:14). Christ was crucified, died, and was buried. But He has been raised for our justification (see Romans 4:25).

**Grace**

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**St. Matthew's**

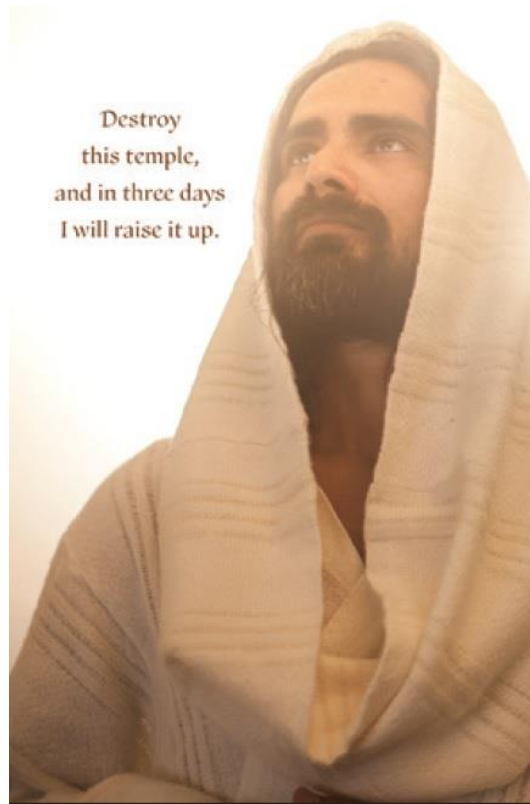
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Destroy  
this temple,  
and in three days  
I will raise it up.

**MARCH 3 ANNO DOMINI 2024**  
**THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT**  
*PROCLAIMING CHRIST AND HIM CRUCIFIED,  
RISEN, ASCENDED, AND RETURNING*

**St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Roblin, MB**  
**Divine Service – 11:30 A.M.**

*March 10, 2024 - November 3, 2024: Divine Service 9:30 A.M. (MB)*

**Grace Lutheran Church, Zorra, SK**  
**Divine Service – 9:30 A.M.**

*March 10, 2024 - November 3, 2024: Divine Service 10:30 A.M. (SK)*



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