## The Third Sunday in Lent

## March 7, 2021

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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: Irma Baumung, Grace Bowley, Earl Chase,

Doreen Doering, Walter Eckert, Bernice Edel,

Geraldine Edel, Norman Kauk, Elizabeth Kleebaum, Jack Miller, Georgina Nabe, Annie Nernberg, Ruth Zimmer;

- all affected by the coronavirus, that we not lose trust in our gracious heavenly Father;
- all who are unemployed or under-employed as a result of the pandemic;
- that the Lord would bring an end to the pandemic according to His good and gracious will;
- the leaders of our congregations and parish;
- the members of Grace and St. Matthew's;
- the pastor of our parish;
- 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.

Advance registration for this service today is also registration for communion. 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.

Remember Service times change March 14 9:30 A.M. (MB) Divine Service - St. Matthew's 9:30 A.M. (SK) Sunday School – Grace 10:30 A.M. (SK) Divine Service – Grace 1:15 P.M. (MB) Divine Service - St. Matthew's (if needed) "I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the LORD!" (Psalm 122:1 ESV) Under the provincial health guidelines we are allowed to have 25% capacity (55 people) at St. Matthew's. The use of non-medical masks will be required by all attending the service. There will be one service at St. Matthew's: 9:30 A.M. (MB). A second service at 1:15 P.M. (MB) will be added if needed.

Divine Service at Grace is limited to 30 person (plus pastor and organist). The use of non-medical masks will be required by all attending the service.

# Pre-registration is required for all services (by Saturday noon please).

The Theme for the 2021 Lenten Midweek Services is *"Four Significant Days."* Our Lenten journey continues on Wednesday. All of the services will be held at St. Matthew's this year and will be in-person and live-streamed at 7:30 P.M. Pre-registration, non-medical masks etc. will be required. All other Covid-19 precautions will be observed.

**Holy Week begins March 28.** Maundy Thursday is April 1<sup>st</sup>; Good Friday is April 2<sup>nd</sup>. A Maundy Thursday service may be provided at Grace on Holy Wednesday (March 31) in addition to one on April 1<sup>st</sup> at St. Matthew's. A second Good Friday service is planned for St. Matthew's at 3:00 p.m. in addition to the 9:30 a.m. service (if needed); a second Good Friday service will be provided at Grace if needed. Please let Pastor Wood know asap if you are wanting to attend Maundy Thursday and/or Good Friday services.

Why did Jesus commend a poor widow who gave all her money to a corrupt institution that oppressed widows? Hear the message by Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler entitled **"Widow's Mite"** based on Mark 12:13-34 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.

At Jesus' feet last week			
	Grace	St. Matthew's	
<b>Divine Service</b>	26	20/15	
Communion	19	19/14	
Sunday School	2		
Midweek		11	

<u>This Week in the Grace - St. Matthew's Parish:</u>				
Today	- Divine Service (with Holy Communion) at Grace	9:30 A.M.		
	- Sunday School at Grace	10:30 A.M.		
	- Divine Service (with Holy Communion) at St. Matthew's and livestreamed	11:30 A.M.		
	- Divine Service (with Holy Communion) at St. Matthew's	1:00 P.M.		
Wednesday	- Lenten Midweek Service at St. Matthew's and livestreamed	7:30 P.M.		
Next Sunday	SERVICE TIMES CHANGE			
	- Divine Service (with Holy Communion) at St. Matthew's and livestreamed	9:30 A.M. (MB)		
	- Sunday School at Grace	9:30 A.M. (SK)		
	- Divine Service (with Holy Communion) at Grace	10:30 A.M. (SK)		
	- Divine Service (with Holy Communion) at St. Matthew's	1:15 P.M. (MB)		

## 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

"Whether you are five or 35 or 65, there will be days when it seems to you that God has dropped it. When that happens, when the darkness threatens to close in on you, just go back to the simple truth that God taught you in your youth. Go back to the Word of Light, the Word that is Christ. 'Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so.' That will lighten the way for you, for us all." *Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer, The Lutheran Hour* 

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



**About the Cover:** When Jesus spoke of the temple being razed, no one understood that He was speaking of His own body. Instead, they had their eyes set on the temporary temple in Jerusalem. However, the temple of Jesus' body was razed on the cross for the sins of the whole world and then raised three days later on Easter morning. Praise be to God that Jesus was raised for our justification. He turns our eyes from the temporal things of this world to the eternal things of God!

Grace

Zorra, Saskatchewan

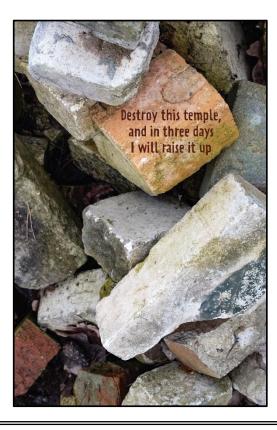
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St. Matthew'



# March 7 Anno Domini 2021

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. – 1:00 P.M.

March 14, 2021 - November 7, 2021: Divine Service 9:30 A.M. (MB)

Grace Lutheran Church, Zorra, SK Divine Service – 9:30 A.M. Sunday School – 10:30 A.M.

March 14, 2021 - November 7, 2021: Divine Service 10:30 A.M. (SK)

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