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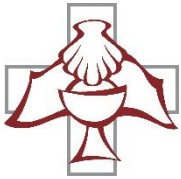
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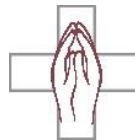


Welcome

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: 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;

- Leonard Gerbrandt (Jessica Frey's father);
- Freda & Doug Mohr and their family on the death of Freda's brother Lawrence Smith on April 21st;
- Tony & Debbie Funk and their family on the death of Tony's sister-in-law, Catherine Pitz-Funk on April 27th;
- 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.

 Today is **Food Bank Sunday** and **LWMLC Mite Box Sunday** at St. Matthew's.

"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 (to maximum of 10 people) at St. Matthew's until at least May 26th. 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) for members who do not have internet access. Private confession/Absolution/communion/prayer will be available by appointment on Tuesday and Wednesday (10:00 A.M. to Noon) and by appointment for other times.

Divine Service at Grace is limited to 30 (30 persons 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 MB time please).

 Information from LCMS on the covid vaccines is available on the information table in the narthex. This document presents information on vaccines with ethical concerns. If faced with no choice in vaccine and having to receive a vaccine with ethical concerns, consider this from Martin Luther (though not in the same context at all): "Sin boldly, but trust Christ more boldly." Pastor Wood is available to discuss any concerns you might have on this matter.

Calendar Correction: Victoria Day is May 24th not May 17th.

 Lutheran Church Canada is seeking nominations for various offices to be elected at the Convention next June. Copies of the nomination forms as well as descriptions of the office to be filled are on the information table in the narthex.

A preacher who gets upset when people take his message seriously – that's the story of Jonah. Hear Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler's message entitled "**Seriously?**" based on Jonah 1-4 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.

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

Today	- Divine Service (with Holy Communion) at St. Matthew's and live-streamed	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)
Tuesday	- Private Confession/Absolution/Communion/Prayer by appointment	10:00 A.M. to Noon (MB)
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A READING FROM THE BOOK OF CONCORD FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER FORMULA OF CONCORD, SOLID DECLARATION ARTICLE XI, GOD'S ETERNAL ELECTION

We should listen to God's revealed will. For He has made "known to us the mystery of His will" (Ephesians 1:9) and made it clear through Christ so that it might be preached.

This is revealed to us in the way Paul says "those whom He predestined [elected and foreordained] He also called" (Romans 8:30). God does not call without means, but through the Word. For He has commanded "that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in His name" [Luke 24:47]. St. Paul also testifies in a similar way when he writes, "Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making His appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God" (2 Corinthians 5:20). The King calls the guests that He wants to have at His Son's wedding through the ministers He sends out (Matthew 22:2-14). He sends some at the first and some at the second, third, sixth, ninth, and even at the eleventh hour.

If we want to think about our eternal election to salvation helpfully, we must hold strongly and firmly to this truth: just as the preaching of repentance is universal, so also the promise of the Gospel is universal, that is, it belongs to all people. For this reason Christ has given these commands:

Repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in His name to all nations. (Luke 24:47)
(paragraphs 26-28)

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Life Quotes

"We pray in our services for 'the race of man' not the races of man. There is only one race. All else are ethnic, national, cultural, or other differences. We've past histories to trouble us to be sure—like the Irish and the English, the Jew and the Christian, the Greek and the Ottoman Turk, and the slave and the slave owner—but there is no place from which a genuine reconciliation can emerge today, except in Christ. The goal is fellowship, brotherhood in Christ."

James M. Kushiner, The Fellowship of St. James

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



About the Cover: Christians, like branches, bear fruit. Such is the only possible result of branches being connected to Jesus, the vine. Jesus is our source of life. He is the source of the fruit that we bear. For in Jesus, there is never-ending life that conquered the grave in order to forgive and give us life. A life in Jesus always bears much fruit, so we need the Word of forgiveness and life poured into us each day.

Grace

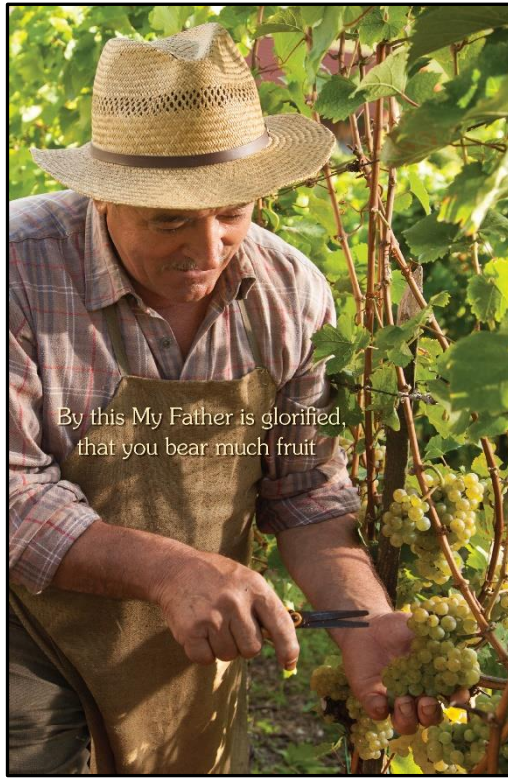
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Zorra, Saskatchewan



St. Matthew's

Evangelical=Lutheran Congregation
Highway #5, at Park Street
Roblin, Manitoba

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By this My Father is glorified,
that you bear much fruit

MAY 2 ANNO DOMINI 2021
THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
*PROCLAIMING CHRIST AND HIM CRUCIFIED,
RISEN, ASCENDED, AND RETURNING*

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Roblin, MB

Divine Service – 9:30 A.M. (MB)

November 7, 2021 - March 13, 2022: 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 7, 2021 - March 13, 2022: Divine Service 9:30 A.M.

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