Last Sunday of the Church Year

November 26, 2023

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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 quest register in the parthey

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,

Wilma Kroll, Ruth Zimmer;

- Herb Nernberg, recovering at home after surgery;
- Wayne Zimmer who is now at home;
- Sophie Guenther (Ed's mother) who is back at the care home in Kamsack;
- all who are dealing with various health issues;
- our organists as they serve God's people;
- the pastor of our parish and all pastors of the synod;
- Dr. Päivi Räsänen and Rev. Dr. Juhana Pohjola of the Finnish Lutheran Church have been acquitted (again) on all charges in a unanimous decision by the Helsinki Court of Appeals. The two had been charged with hate crimes for their expression of historic Christian teaching on human sexuality.
- 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. Those who are not yet confirmed are welcome to come to receive a blessing, but are asked to keep their hands folded.

Bible Class has concluded for 2023. We will resume our study of the Letters of John on January 10th.

Midweek Advent Services will be held beginning this Wednesday, November 29th at Noon at St. Matthew's and at St. Matthew's at 7:30 P.M. The theme is: "*Resounding Psalms for Advent*". The midweek services will not be recorded or livestreamed.

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

SOS and Mayday are distress signals that cry out for rescue. So is "Lord, have mercy!" Hear Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler's message entitled "Before They Call" based on Isaiah 64:4 next Sunday on The Lutheran Hour on 620/am at 7:30 AM (SK) or 940/am at 9:00 AM (SK) or 1250/am at 10:30 AM (MB) or Streaming audio and pod-casts at www.lutheranhour.ca.

At Jesus' feet last week				
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This Week in the Grace - St. Matthew's Parish:

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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	- Advent Midweek Service 1 at St. Matthew's	Noon		
	- Advent Midweek Service 1 at St. Matthew's	7:30 P.M.		
Thursday	- Adult Instruction Class at St. Matthew's	7:30 P.M.		
Saturday	- Pastor Wood leading Divine Service at Moosomin	7:00 P.M.		
Next Sunday	- Divine Service (with Holy Communion) at Grace	9:30 A.M.		
_	- Divine Service (with Holy Communion) at St. Matthew's	11:30 A.M.		

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF CONCORD

LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR LARGE CATECHISM, PART IV, BAPTISM

Baptism promises and brings: victory over death and the devil, forgiveness of sin, God's grace, the entire Christ, and the Holy Spirit with His gifts. In short, Baptism is so far beyond us that if timid nature could realize this, it might well doubt whether it could be true. Think about it. Imagine there was a doctor somewhere who understood the art of saving people from death or, even though they died, could restore them quickly to life so that they would afterward live forever. The world would pour in money like snow and rain. No one could find access to him because of the throng of the rich! But here in Baptism there is freely brought to everyone's door such a treasure and medicine that it utterly destroys death and preserves all people alive.

We must think this way about Baptism and make it profitable for ourselves. So when our sins and conscience oppress us, we strengthen ourselves and take comfort and say, "Nevertheless, I am baptized. And if I am baptized, it is promised to me that I shall be saved and have eternal life, both in soul and body." For that is the reason why these two things are done in Baptism: the body is sprinkled and the Word is spoken for the soul to grasp. The soul lives through the Word, which it believes, but the body lives because it is united with the soul. By Baptism we are made holy and are saved. No other kind of life, no work on earth, can do this. (paragraphs 41-46)

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Life Quotes

"Being For Life is right in line with God's plan of creation! YOU are the missing element that is needed! Don't be satisfied to sit back and wait because now is the time! Don't stop praying as you ponder your next step. Ask God for His guidance and be ready for more than you asked for, as we have a loving and merciful God who loves life. Please consider being a part of a life-affirming ministry in your congregation. Help protect lives and serve God in this special calling." Virginia Flo, Lutherans For Life

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



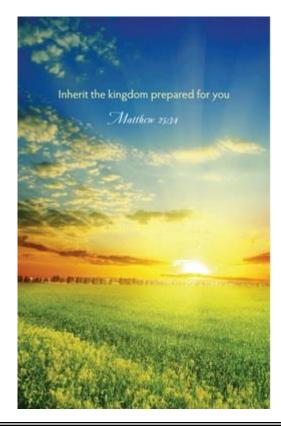
About the Cover: As this Church Year comes to a close, we know a new one is on the horizon. Likewise, Jesus' glorious return with the angelic host on the Last Day will be the setting of this life as we know it and the dawn of a new day where we will be welcomed into the inheritance of the kingdom that has been prepared for us. It has already been secured for those who believe because the judgment against sin has been rendered on Christ's cross. The darkness of Good Friday gave way to the light of Christ's resurrection on Sunday morning.

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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.

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