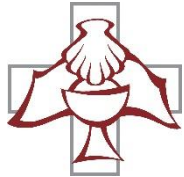


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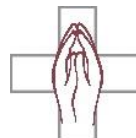
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Welcome to all our Guests and Visitors worshipping with us today! Whoever you are and from

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, Doreen Doering, Walter Eckert, Bernice Edel, Geraldine Edel, Elizabeth Kleebaum, Hanna Liske, Jack Miller, Georgina Nabe, Annie Nernberg, Ruth Zimmer;

- all affected by the coronavirus, including all who are unemployed or under-employed, that we not lose trust in our gracious heavenly Father and that He would bring an end to the pandemic according to His good and gracious will;
- all health care workers;
- all who are dealing with mental health issues;
- Zion, Yorkton, as the pastor they have called considers the call;
- Trinity, Churchbridge, as the pastor they have called considers the call;
- the Inglis-Grandview parish, as the pastor they have called considers the call;
- 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.

“O LORD, I love the habitation of your house and the place where your glory dwells” (Psalm 26:8 ESV)
 St. Matthew's is limited to approximately 68 persons depending on seating.
 We are NOT requiring a proof of vaccination to attend service.
 The use of non-medical masks is required.
**Pre-registration is requested
 (by Saturday noon MB time please).**
 Divine Service at Grace:
 The use of non-medical masks is required.
In Christian freedom please continue to respect others' desire for physical distancing when entering/exiting and being seated.
 Be mindful that not all may be vaccinated or fully vaccinated.

 During Advent this year, the Hymn of praise is replaced by hymn 357 “O come, O Come Emmanuel” – we will sing the first 2 stanzas today – we will add two stanzas each Sunday until December 19th when we will sing all 7 stanzas.

Midweek Advent Services will be recorded on Tuesdays and posted online by 3:00 P.M. on Wednesdays. The theme is: *“When Heaven Met Earth: Advent Answers to Hard Questions Hardly Anybody Is Asking.”* The question this week is: *“The Birth of God: How . . . and Why?”* based on Luke 1:26-38.

Bible Class continues on Wednesday at **7:00 P.M.** with our study of 1 Peter. Our Bible Study will continue until December 15th.

What is Advent all about? See the inside of the insert.

 As Christmas Eve (December 23rd at Grace/December 24th at St. Matthew's) and Christmas Day approaches and in light of the situation in which we find ourselves, you are asked to please pre-register for our Christmas Eve/Day services this year **by December 19th**. I know this is less than ideal but this will ensure that we are within the guidelines for faith gatherings (particularly for St. Matthew's).

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

At Jesus' feet last week

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The world tells us we must be useful in order to belong, but that's now how God sees us. Hear Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler's message entitled **"Because We Belong"** based on Luke 1:5-25 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	<i>First Sunday in Advent</i>	
	- 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 (in person/live streamed)	11:30 A.M.
Wednesday	- Advent Midweek Service posted online	by 3:00 P.M.
	- Bible Class at St. Matthew's	7:00 P.M.
Next Sunday	- Divine Service (with Holy Communion) at Grace	9:30 A.M.
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A READING FROM THE BOOK OF CONCORD
FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT
APOLOGY OF THE AUGSBURG CONFESSION
ARTICLE XV: HUMAN TRADITIONS

People are justified through faith when they believe that they have a reconciled God, not because of our works, but freely, for Christ's sake. This is the Gospel because Paul clearly teaches, "By grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works." Now these men say that people merit the forgiveness of sins by these human celebrations. Paul says to the Galatians, "You are severed from Christ, you who would be justified by the law." This means, if you hold that by obeying the Law you merit righteousness before God, Christ will benefit you nothing. God has presented Christ with the promise that, because of this Mediator, and not because of our righteousness, He wishes to be gracious to us. These men hold that God is reconciled and gracious because of the traditions, not because of Christ. So they take the honor of Mediator away from Christ. There is no difference between our traditions and Moses' ceremonies. Paul condemns Moses' ceremonies, just as he condemns traditions, because they were regarded as works that merit righteousness. So the office of Christ and the righteousness of faith were clouded over. He argues that the forgiveness of sins has been promised not because of our works, but freely, because of Christ if we receive it through faith. The promise is not received except through faith. (paragraphs 6-10)

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Life Quotes

"Creation is preaching a message about its Creator. He is wise. Kind. Brilliant. Powerful. Limitless. Combine those qualities with His reckless love for us found on the cross, and you have a God who can strengthen trembling hearts and weak knees. You have a Creator worth worshipping."

Rev. Mike Novotny, Time of Grace

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



About the Cover: A Palm Sunday Gospel reading, which may seem like the wrong text as we enter Advent, points us to the fact that Christ's arrival means our salvation. Christ's arrival as a little babe means His taking on of human flesh. Christ's arrival to His holy city means the cross and resurrection by which He defeated sin and death. Christ's arrival to us through Word and Sacraments means we receive the benefits of what He has accomplished. Christ's arrival on the Last Day means His completion of all things. Christ has come; Christ will come again.

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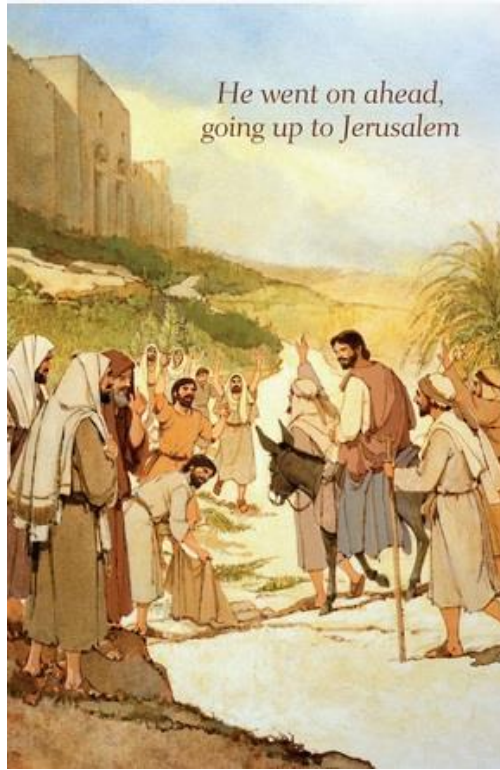


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*PROCLAIMING CHRIST AND HIM CRUCIFIED,
RISEN, ASCENDED, AND RETURNING*

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

March 13, 2022 - November 6, 2022: Divine Service 9:30 A.M. (MB)

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

Sunday School – 10:30 A.M.

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