# First Sunday in Advent

# November 29, 2020

#### ORDER OF SERVICE

Time for Silent prayer Hymn

Invocation

Confession and Absolution

## Service of the Word

Introit Kyrie

Hymn "C

Salutation and Collect of the Day

Old Testament Gradual

Epistle

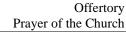
Alleluia

Gospel Response Holy Gospel

Nicene Creed

Hymn of the Day

Sermon



St. Matthew's/Live-stream

Lord's Prayer

Hymn

Collect for the Word

Benediction Recessional Hymn

Grace

### **Service of the Sacrament**

The Preface and Sanctus

Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution and Pax Domini

Agnus Dei

Communion Hymns

Post-Communion Canticle Thanksgiving

Prayer, Salutation, Benedicamus and Benediction

Recessional Hymn

### **Matters of Importance**

# LSB Divine Service Setting Three, p. 184

In the sanctuary (prayers on inside front cover of hymnal) "O Lord, how shall I meet You" # 334

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"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" # 338

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Isaiah 64:1–9 (readings on inside of insert)

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1 Corinthians 1:3-9

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Mark 13:24-37

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"Savior of the Nations, Come" # 332

"Jesus' Advent and the Christian's Housework"

Mark 13:33-37

"Create in me" p. 192-193

(responses on insert)

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" # 686

"The King shall come when morning dawns" # 348

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\*"The Infant Priest was Holy born" # 624

\*"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" # 686

"Lift up your heads, ve mighty gates" # 341

Lift up your neads, ye mighty gates  $\pi$  541

"Come, Thou Bright and Morning Star" #872

"Nunc Dimittis" p. 199-200

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"The King shall come when morning dawns" # 348





#### **Remember in vour 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, Grace Dressler, Walter Eckert, Bernice Edel, Geraldine Edel, Bev Erickson, Norman Kauk, Elizabeth Kleebaum, Marie Mohr, Jack Miller, Albert Nabe, Georgina Nabe, Annie Nernberg, Trena Neumann, Gladys Timoruski, Ed Zimmer, Ruth Zimmer, Wilfred Zimmer;

- all affected by the coronavirus, that we not lose trust in our gracious heavenly Father;
- all who are unemployed as a result of the pandemic;
- that the Lord would bring an end to the pandemic according to His good and gracious will;
- that the red zone restrictions may be lifted in Manitoba;
- the leaders of our congregations and parish;
- the members of Grace and St. Matthew's;
- the pastor of our parish;
- Pastor Alex Klages (Winkler/Morden) and his family as he deliberates the Divine Call to Trinity, Churchbridge;
- 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.

**Bible Class** will be suspended until the new year, with the Red Zone restrictions in Manitoba that will be in place until at least December 10th.

**Midweek Advent Services** will be recorded and posted on our Facebook pages and on our Youtube channel beginning Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. The theme is: "*The Incarnation*." This week focuses on "**The Humility of the Incarnation**" based on Isaiah 64:1-9

As Christmas Eve (December 23<sup>rd</sup> at St. Matthew's [hopefully] and December 24<sup>th</sup> at Grace) 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. I know this is less than ideal but this will ensure that we are within the guidelines for faith gatherings.

Divine Services are suspended at St. Matthew's until the red zone restriction is lifted (until at least December 10<sup>th</sup>). The service will be live streamed at 11:30 A.M. on Facebook and posted on our YouTube channel (Roblin Zorra Lutheran Parish) by 3:00 P.M. All other activities at St. Matthew's are also suspended.

Divine Service at Grace resume today, November 29<sup>th</sup>. The use of non-medical masks will be required by all attending the service. Pre-registration is requested.

We sometimes hear the voice before we see the face that goes with it. Seek God's face where you hear God's Word. Hear the next inspirational message of the book of Daniel series by Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler entitled "Seek My Face" based on Daniel 9 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 podcasts at www.lutheranhour.ca.

At Jesus' feet last week				
	Grace	St. Matthew's		
Divine Service				
Communion				
Bible Class				
Sunday School				

This Week in the Grace - St. Matthew's Parish:			
Today	First Sunday in Advent		
-	- Divine Service (with Holy Communion) at Grace	9:30 A.M.	
	- Sunday School at Grace	10:30 A.M.	
	- Divine Service livestreamed at St. Matthew's	11:30 A.M.	
Wednesday	- Advent Midweek Service 1 (to be posted on Facebook and Youtube)		
Next Sunday	- Divine Service (with Holy Communion) at Grace	9:30 A.M.	
	- Sunday School at Grace	10:30 A.M.	
	- Divine Service livestreamed at St. Matthew's	11:30 A.M.	

### A READING FROM THE BOOK OF CONCORD

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT FORMULA OF CONCORD, SOLID DECLARATION ARTICLE I, ORIGINAL SIN

Christians should regard and recognize the actual transgression of God's commandments as sin; but sin is also that horrible, dreadful hereditary sickness by which the entire human nature is corrupted. This should above all things be regarded and recognized as sin indeed. Yes, it is the chief sin, which is a root and fountainhead of all actual sins. Dr. Luther called it "nature sin" or "person sin." He says this to show that, even if a person would not think, speak, or do anything evil (which, however, is impossible in this life, since the fall of our first parents), his nature and person are nevertheless sinful. Before God they are thoroughly and utterly infected and corrupted by original sin, as by a spiritual leprosy. Because of this corruption and because of the fall of the first man, the human nature or person is accused or condemned by God's Law. So we are by nature the children of wrath, death, and damnation, unless we are delivered from them by Christ's merit.

Article XIX of the Augsburg Confession teaches: God is not a creator, author, or cause of sin. By the instigation of the devil through one man, sin (which is the devil's work) has entered the world. Even today, in this corruption, God does not create and make sin in us. Original sin is multiplied from sinful seed, through fleshly conception and birth from father and mother. (paragraphs 5-7)

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## **Life Ouotes**

"Christians engage in adopting not only because we desire to raise children but also—and above all—because the Most High desires their survival and salvation. We adopt because we have been so adopted. We adopt because little ones need homes. We adopt because we have homes and families to share. Life issues mean more than just political debates. Life issues involve more than just personal choices or someone else's problems. Life issues are always people and Gospel."

Rev. Michael W. Salemink, Executive Director of Lutherans For Life

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



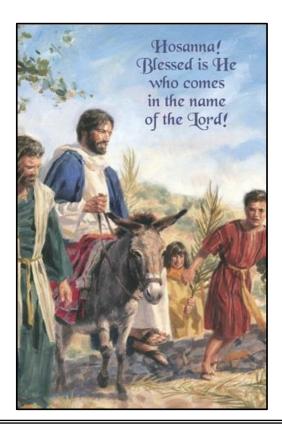
**About the Cover:** Though the people who first joined in the cries of "Hosanna!" may not have understood what kind of salvation Jesus was bringing, we, on the other side of His cross and resurrection, do: He came to bring forgiveness of sins. As we prepare to celebrate our Lord's birth and His second coming, we join the heavenly throng in shouting "Hosanna!" and trusting in what He has already accomplished.

Highway #5, at Park Stree Evangelical=Lutheran Congregatior St. Matthew'

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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 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.

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