Reformation Day (Observed)

October 29, 2023

ORDER OF SERVICE

Time for Silent prayer Hymn

Invocation

Confession and Absolution

Service of the Word

Introit

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Hymn of Praise Salutation and Collect of the Day

First Reading

Gradual

Epistle Alleluia

Gospel Response

Holy Gospel

Nicene Creed

Hymn of the Day

Sermon Offertory

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

The Preface and Sanctus

Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution and Pax Domini

Agnus Dei

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Matters of Importance

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"Freedom!" John 8:31-36

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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

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 hospitalized in Dauphin and whose time of departure appears near;
- 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 as they await the verdict in their retrial on November 30th.
- 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.

Adult Instruction class will begin Thursday, November 2nd at 7:30 P.M. (MB) at St. Matthew's.

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

Next Sunday we will observe **LWMLC Sunday** (in addition to All Saints Sunday) as we celebrate their 30th anniversary. As part of the celebration an **ingathering** of items will be gratefully received for the **Parkland Crisis Centre** in Dauphin. A list of donations is available on the information table (and posted on the narthex door). You are invited to donate from that list whatever you are able. A box is on the pew under the coat rack at St. Matthew's.

A soup and sandwich lunch will also follow service at St. Matthew's on November 5th.

On Tuesday, October 31st our confirmation class at St. Matthew's will be watching the Martin Luther film at 4:00 P.M. (to 5:45). All are invited to attend also.

Remember that next Sunday our services times change:

GRACE
Divine Service 9:30 A.M.

ST. MATTHEW'S
Divine Service 11:30 A.M.

At Jesus' feet last week					
	Grace	St	. Matthew's		
Divine Service	20		55		
Communion	19		46		
Confirmation			3		
Bible Class		11			

This Week i	n the Grace - St. Matthew's Parish:	
Today	- Divine Service (with Holy Communion) at St. Matthew's	9:30 A.M. (MB)
	- Divine Service (with Holy Communion) at Grace	10:30 A.M. (SK)
Tuesday	- Junior Confirmation at St. Matthew's 4:	00 P.M – 5:45 P.M. (MB)
Wednesday	- Bible Class hosted at St. Matthew's	7:30 P.M. (MB)
Thursday	- Adult Instruction Class at St. Matthew's	7:30 P.M. (MB)
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	- 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

REFORMATION DAY

APOLOGY OF THE AUGSBURG CONFESSION,

ARTICLE IV: JUSTIFICATION

The adversaries pretend that faith is only a knowledge of the history of Christ. Therefore, they teach that it can coexist with mortal sin. They say nothing about faith, by which Paul so frequently says that people are justified. For those who are counted as righteous before God do not live in mortal sin. But the faith that justifies is not merely a knowledge of history, it is to believe in God's promise. In the promise, for Christ's sake, forgiveness of sins and justification are freely offered. And so that no one may suppose that this is mere knowledge, we will add further: it is to want and to receive the offered promise of forgiveness of sins and of justification.

The difference between this faith and the righteousness of the Law is easily discerned. Faith is the divine service that receives the benefits offered by God. The righteousness of the Law is the divine service that offers to God our merits. God wants to be worshiped through faith so that we receive from Him those things He promises and offers.

Faith means not only a knowledge of the history, but the kind of faith that believes in the promise. Paul testifies about this in Romans 4:16, "It depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed." The promise cannot be received unless it comes through faith. Paul connects the promise and faith. (paragraphs 48-50)

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Life Quotes

"On this Reformation weekend, let's rekindle our commitment to be faithful to the God who both preserves and redeems this world in His ways. And let's remind ourselves of the blessings that come from following Him in all things, now and forever."

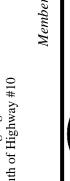
Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz, Executive Director of the Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty A "Life Quote" is from Lutherans For Life – www.lutheransforlife.org.



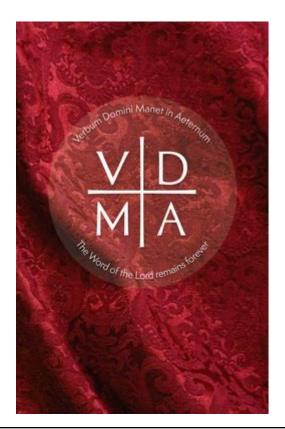
About the Cover: VDMA, a popular insignia of the Reformation, is an acronym for Verbum Domini Manet in Aeternum, which is Latin for "the Word of the Lord remains forever" (see Isaiah 40:8; 1 Peter 1:25). Amid strife and trouble from all directions, the reformers held that the Word would remain. Nothing can quash God's Word. St. Peter directly applied the words of Isaiah to the Good News of Jesus' death and resurrection. Nothing in this world can take Jesus away from us. Even if everything else is gone, the Word will always remain. The Reformation is a call to confidence, consolation, and courage in nothing other than the Word of the Lord. "The grass withers, and the flower falls, but the word of the Lord remains forever" (1 Peter 1:24–25).

St. Matthem'sEvangelical=Lutheran Congregation Highway #5, at Park Street

Members of Lutheran Church Canada



Evangelical=Lutheran Congregation Highway #8, ½ km South of Highway #10 Zorra, Saskatchewan



OCTOBER 29 ANNO DOMINI 2023

REFORMATION DAY (OBSERVED)

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

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Roblin, MB Divine Service – 9:30 A.M. (MB)

November 5, 2023 - March 10, 2024: Divine Service 11:30 A.M.

Grace Lutheran Church, Zorra, SK Divine Service – 10:30 A.M. (SK)

November 5, 2023 - March 10, 2024: Divine Service 9:30 A.M.

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