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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: Grace Bowley, Doreen Doering, Wilma Kroll, Ruth Zimmer;
- all health care workers;
- all who are dealing with various health issues;
- all affected by wildfires and flooding;
- for favourable weather for crops and livestock, now that harvest is underway;
- 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.

The **Fall LWMLC Renewal** is on Saturday, September 23rd at Trinity, Churchbridge. The Renewal begins at 9:00 A.M. SK time.

Junior confirmation at St. Matthew's will resume on Tuesday, October 3rd at 4:00 P.M.

Adult confirmation/Instruction/Inquirers class is tentatively planned to begin late October/early November (after harvest). If you know of anyone interested, please let Pastor Wood know.

Pastor Wood is taking some vacation time (September 17-28). Next Sunday there will be lay services in both congregations using the Service of Prayer and Preaching (which has been used on Advent and Lenten midweek services). In the event of an emergency please contact Pastor Tim Schneider at 431-761-7889.

Bible Class will resume on October 4th with a study of the 3 letters of John.

*When the waters rise and enemies attack, the high ground is the place of safety and security. But who will take us there? Hear Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler's message entitled "**High Ground**" based on Psalm 27 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

| | Grace | St. Matthew's |
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| Divine Service | 17 | 55 |
| Communion | 16 | 48 |
| Bible Class | 9 | |

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

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| 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) |
| Next Sunday | - Divine Service at St. Matthew's | 9:30 A.M. (MB) |
| | - Divine Service at Grace | 10:30 A.M. (SK) |

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF CONCORD

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST APOLOGY OF THE AUGSBURG CONFESSION ARTICLE XIIA, REPENTANCE

We have assigned these two parts, contrition and faith, to repentance. In order that the doctrine of faith might be clearer, we have named it among the parts of repentance. For experience shows that those passages are dangerous that require contrition or good works, and make no mention of justifying faith. Since the Fathers speak in some places about one part of repentance, and in other places about another part, it would have been good to select and combine their judgments not only about one part but about both, that is, about contrition and faith.

Tertullian speaks about faith, discussing the oath in the prophet Ezekiel, "As I live, declares the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live" (33:11). As God swears that He does not want the death of a sinner, He shows that faith is required, in order that we may believe that He forgives us. In our estimation, the authority of the divine promises should be great by itself. If anyone is not confident that he is forgiven, he denies that God has sworn what is true. A more horrible blasphemy cannot be imagined.

Here we must know that this faith should be confident that God freely forgives us for Christ's sake, for the sake of His own promise, not for the sake of our works, contrition, confession, or satisfactions.
(paragraphs 91-95)

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Life Quotes

"No matter what our days bring, God is the answer. His love never ends. His strength is our strength. He cares about each one of us in the most intimate of relationships. Through Jesus, we are His beloved children. We are here, in the land of the living, for His good purpose and at His will. Each day is a day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it!"

Barbara Lane Geistfeld, D.V.M., Lutherans For Life

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



About the Cover: The brothers who took Joseph, threw him into a pit, and sold him into slavery were now in his hands. However, Joseph embraced his brothers with tears of joy and forgiveness. Even when their fears were renewed after the death of their father, Joseph comforted them. Though our sin drove the nails into Jesus' hands on the cross, God meant it for good as Jesus died to bring forgiveness and life for us. Thus, Jesus brings us true and lasting comfort as He welcomes us with His nail-pierced hands.



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Zorra, Saskatchewan

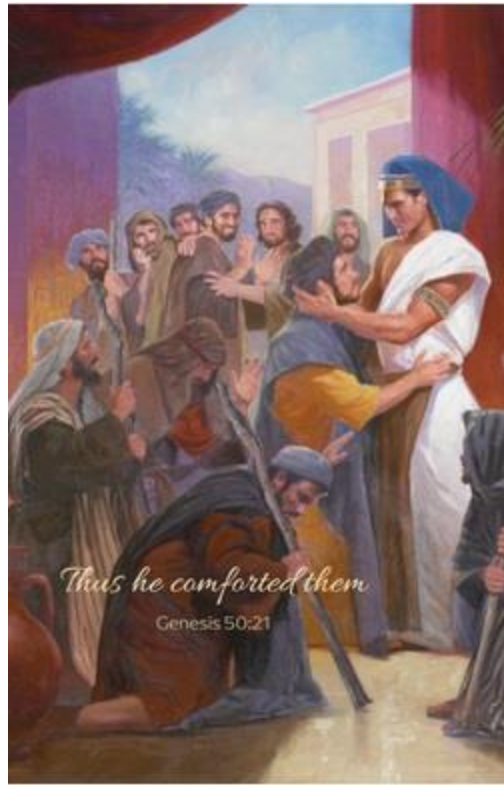


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SEPTEMBER 17 ANNO DOMINI 2023
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
PROCLAIMING CHRIST AND HIM CRUCIFIED,
RISEN, ASCENDED, AND RETURNING

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.