Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 27, 2020

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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: Debbie Andres. Irma Baumung, Grace Bowley,

Earl Chase, Doreen Doering, Grace Dressler, Walter Eckert, Bernice Edel, Hertha Edel, Geraldine Edel, Bev Erickson, Norman Kauk, Elizabeth Kleebaum, Jack Miller, Georgina Nabe, Annie Nernberg, Trena Neumann, Gladys Timoruski, Ruth Zimmer;

- for favourable weather for crops and livestock, now that harvest is underway and that all be kept safe;
- all who are undergoing medical procedures;
- 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;
- the leaders of our congregations and parish;
- the members of Grace and St. Matthew's;
- the pastor of our parish;
- to ask the Lord's continued blessing on the Roblin-Zorra Lutheran Parish and Pastor Wood as we begin our 8th year together this week;
- 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.

Next Sunday is **Food Bank Sunday** and **LWMLC Mite Box** Sunday at St. Matthew's. Next Sunday we will also be observing **LWMLC Sunday** in both congregations. Because of the current pandemic restrictions the normal soup and sandwich luncheon will not be held this year. However, a special offering will be received for future projects of the LWMLC.

"I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the LORD!" (Psalm 122:1 ESV) We give thanks to God that in-person Divine Service has resumed. Under the respective provincial health guidelines we are allowed to have up to 58 people (30% capacity and is dependent on seating configuration from preregistration) at St. Matthew's (9:30 A.M. MB) and up to 30 people (30% capacity) at Grace (10:30 A.M. SK).

Pre-registration is requested (by Friday afternoon please – If you forget, please message/call when you remember).

Pre-registration Divine for Service is also Announcement for Communion (for eligible individuals) as noted in the Communion announcement to the left. This has a two fold purpose, firstly for pastoral care in the opportunity to discuss any concerns with the communicant prior to reception of the Lord's Supper (this had been a practice of Lutherans and their pastors in the recent past) and secondly to allow for Pastor Wood to prepare the proper amount of elements for the Sunday.

Bible Class (with physical distance protocols) continues Wednesday at 7:30 P.M. (MB) with a study of 1 Peter entitled "God's Chosen People".

The thing about God is, He's winning – even when it doesn't look like He's winning. Maybe, especially when it doesn't look like He's winning. Dr. Michael Zeigler begins a series of messages based on the book of Daniel that tells how God uses history as a vehicle to bring about His eternal kingdom. Hear the message by Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler entitled "Victory in Defeat" based on Daniel 1 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.

| At Jesus' feet last week | | |
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| | Grace | St. Matthew's |
| Divine Service | 15 | 45 |
| Communion | 13 | 41 |
| Bible Class | | 10 |

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

Today - Divine Service (with Holy Communion)

in person and livestreamed at St. Matthew's 9:30 A.M. (MB)

- Divine Service (with Holy Communion) at Grace 10:30 A.M. (SK)

Tuesday - St. Matthew's Ladies' Aid (Tentative) 2:00 P.M. (MB) Wednesday - Bible Class hosted at St. Matthew's 7:30 P.M. (MB)

Next Sunday - Divine Service (with Holy Communion)

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- Divine Service (with Holy Communion) at Grace 10:30 A.M. (SK)

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF CONCORD

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST LARGE CATECHISM, THE APOSTLES CREED

The word *Church* really means nothing other than a common gathering. It ought to be called "a Christian congregation or gathering" or "holy Christendom."

So also the word *communio*, which is added, ought not to be translated "communion," but "congregation." It is nothing else than an interpretation or explanation to show what the Christian Church is. It ought to be "a congregation of saints"; that is, a congregation made up purely of saints, or, to speak yet more plainly, "a holy congregation." I say this in order that the words "communion of saints" may be understood. The expression has become so established by custom that it cannot be cast aside easily.

But this is the meaning and substance of this addition: I believe that there is upon earth a little holy group and congregation of pure saints, under one head, even Christ. This group is called together by the Holy Spirit in one faith, one mind, and understanding, with many different gifts, yet agreeing in love, without sects or schisms. I am also a part and member of this same group, a sharer and joint owner of all the goods it possesses. I am brought to it and incorporated into it by the Holy Spirit through having heard and continuing to hear God's Word, which is the beginning of entering it. In the past, before we had attained to this, we were altogether of the devil, knowing nothing about God and about Christ. (paragraphs 48-52)

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Life Quotes

"As Christians, we understand better than most that life is weighted with profound suffering and buoyed by eternal hope. As such, it's time to raise our children to appreciate what a big, beautiful struggle parenthood is and that it simply cannot happen without offering compassion, love, and grace to children still in the womb and to the mothers and fathers who view the scales more filled with suffering than hope."

Tawnia Hoehne, Frazee, Minnesota

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



About the Cover: Jesus revealed what was most important to the chief priests and elders. They cared more about their own places of authority than the truth. How different is Jesus! He taught with all authority yet was willing to die for the sake of the truth. He was vindicated and raised again on the third day in order to give forgiveness and life to all who are in Him.

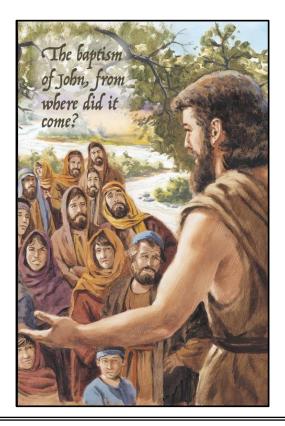
Highway #5, at Park Street Evangelical=Lutheran Congregatior St. Matthew'



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

Zorra, Saskatchewan



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

November 1, 2020 -March 14, 2021: Divine Service 11:30 A.M.

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

November 1, 2020 - March 14, 2021: Divine Service 9:30 A.M.

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