



*South Big Horn Lutheran Parish
Grace and Zion Lutheran Churches
Newsletter, March 2018*

Dear Brethren;

The Fourth Commandment is: *Honour your father and your mother*. And our Catechism teaches us that this means that *we should fear and love God, so that we do not despise or anger our parents and other authorities, but honour them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them*.

We learn from this that the Commandment not only applies to life at home, but also to public life, where other authorities are in the place of parents, so to speak; as all structures of authority, according to Holy Scripture, reflect the authority of God the Father (**Ephesians 3:15**).

And, as we have seen, although the Commandment by no means only applies when we think the government is honourable (if it did, it would not be a Commandment at all, but rather a licence to do whatever you please), the Commandment not only speaks to the ruled, but also implicitly impresses upon those in authority their obligation to be honourable - to not make it difficult, let alone impossible, for honourable people to honour them.

As such, it speaks to us, also, not only as those under authority, but also in so far as we are authorities ourselves, as most of us are, or will once been, or have once been, in some aspects and at some points in our lives.

And it speaks to us, also, as we not only generally contribute to society as good citizens and as Christians doing good works, but also are actually involved in government and legislation as citizens in a democratic society. It speaks to us as *voters*; those of us who are that. And those of us who are entitled to vote should, for it is our duty to God, who, having put us in a position to vote, also *calls* us to.

How should we vote, then, as servants of God? As all other authorities should act so as to not make it impossible for honourable people to honour them, we should vote *honourably*!

But what does that mean for a Christian, to vote honourably? It means not to be guided by selfish interests in the way we vote, our own interests, or those of the groups to which we belong, be it the working class, ranchers, women, or the wealthy - or even Christians, or Lutherans.

Whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, says our Lord Jesus, *for this is the Law and the Prophets*. (**Matthew 7:12**)

Now, not all that our Lord Jesus has taught His Christians apply to the government, or even to Christians in their specific service to the government. We shall look into that at another time. This does, however. For it is nothing other than what common sense teaches us to be good and right, the natural sense of good and right, which God has laid in the hearts of all men, even unbelievers.

And it does apply in particular to Christians in government, which includes Christian voters, who are called to be sons of the Most High, who makes His sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust (**Matthew 5:45**).

Sincerely
Jais H. Tinglund

Do a good work (*not* for your salvation, though - naughty, naughty!) and be prepared to come the School bus garage in Greybull, on **Sunday, March 4th**, at 4 pm. - to help pack lunch backpacks for children who would otherwise not have food for the week-end.

Lenten Dinners at Grace - beginning at 6 pm.

February 21st: Carry-in

February 28th: *Something* - served by the Youth

March 7th: Carry-in

March 14th: Baked potatoes - served by the LWML

March 21st: Carry-in

Lenten Worship at Grace on Wednesdays at 7 pm. For these services we continue our Catechism focus from recent years. Under the theme *The Cross and the Creed* we meditate on how different aspects of the the faith are reflected in the Biblical accounts of the sufferings of our Lord Jesus.

LWML meeting at Grace Monday, March 5th.

Daylight Savings Time will go into effect on **Sunday, March 11th**, at 2 am., which will then become 3 am. Be prepared, so that you will not be late for Church. Worship times in our churches will remain the same, however, until Sunday, April 1st, which also happens to be Easter Sunday.

Pastor Tinglund shall be gone for a Circuit Pastors' meeting most of Tuesday, March 13th. Messages can, however, be left at cell phone 605-228-9216.

Delicious Butter Braid Pastries are being sold as a fundraiser for the Youth Work. Place your order on the sheet by **Sunday, March 18th**.

Holy Week and Easter worship and activities

Grace:

Maundy Thursday, March 29th:

Communion Worship at 7 pm.

Good Friday, March 30th: Passion Worship at 7 pm.

Easter, April 1st:

Easter Breakfast at 9:15 am.

Communion Worship at 10:30 am.

Bible Study at 11:45 am.

Zion:

Good Friday, March 30th:

Passion Worship at Noon

Easter, April 1st:

Communion Worship at 8 am.

Bible Study at 9:15am.

Let's do the time Warp again. Beginning **Sunday, April 1st**, which also happens to be Easter Sunday, our worship times will switch over so that worship at Zion will be on Sundays at 8 am. and at Grace on Sundays at 10:30 am. until October.

Clothing drive for the Wind River Lutheran Mission. We are looking for clothes, particularly children's clothes, and shoes, used, but not in a such condition that you would be ashamed to wear them in public yourself, or to see members of your family - of the appropriate age, sex, and size - wearing them. What you would like to contribute, please bring it to Grace by **Sunday, April 15th**.

Just so we do not forget

What does God say about all these Commandments?

God threatens to punish all who break these commandments. Therefore, we should fear His wrath and not do anything against them. But He promises grace and every blessing to all who keep these commandments. Therefore, we should also love and trust in Him and gladly do what He commands.

Of the small Catechism

Birthdays in March

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March 13th:

Mary Marchant

March 19th:

Callee Catlyn

March 21st:

Todd Werbelow

March 23rd:

McKenzie Mazur

March 26th:

Blake Gernant

Howard Gernant

Joyce Werbelow

Mason Werbelow

March 27th:

Christine Klitzke

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Regular office hours at Grace:

Tuesdays, Thursdays and
Fridays, Noon -1 pm.

Regular office hours at Zion:

Wednesdays Noon - 1 pm.

*Exceptions will be posted in the bulletin - in
so far as possible.*

Regular Winter Worship Hours

Grace:

Sundays at 8 am.

Bible Study at 9:15 am.

Zion:

Sundays at 10:30 am.

Bible Study at 11:45 am.

This we believe

- of the Lutheran Confessions

Hereditary sin is so deep and horrible a corruption of nature that no reason can understand it, but it must be learned and believed from the revelation of the Scriptures.

Of the Smalkald Articles