



*South Big Horn Lutheran Parish  
Grace and Zion Lutheran Churches  
Newsletter, April 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.* What this Commandment teaches us is to serve God in the position in life in which He has set us. For most of us, what this means - among other things - is that we are voters. And being a voter places you in a position as both subject and ruler. You are a *subject* in the sense that you must honour all existing ordinances and arrangements; you are a *ruler* in so far as you have to make decisions as to how society should be ruled and regulated.

This means that what Holy Scripture demands of rulers (mostly of kings, but that is beside the point) as to how they should rule applies also to you - in so far as you are a voter.

And what Holy Scripture demands of Christian rulers is *not* that they enforce the Word of God, or even rule by the Word of God, but rather that they seek justice for all and seek to curb evil by means of natural law and common sense, although with a mind enlightened by the Word of God.

The Kingdom of Christ is not of this world. The experience of Israel in history showed that it could not be; no earthly society can ever actually be the Kingdom of God. His Kingdom is salvation, given to sinners who believe it, with His Word and promise. That is how He rules in His Church.

He teaches His Christians to live among unbelievers and accept that unbelievers live among them (Matthew 13:30). And the power by which He will win sinners for His salvation is the power of His love, which works in the Word of what His love has done for sinners - not worldly power or coercion.

Our Lutheran Theology talks about two realms, *spiritual* and *secular*. Christ He rules also in the secular realm, in the fallen world, to bring His will about, and to curb evil, all for the ultimate good of His Christians. But He does so hidden and indirectly, through sinners, believing and unbelieving ones.

As such, secular society is *not* to be ruled by means of the Word of God. The task of a Christian ruler/voter is not to force the faith upon unbelievers by political power, or otherwise establish a Christian society in which unbelievers are forced to behave as if they were believers. Nor is it to try to establish the Kingdom of God by making the world perfect. Rather, the Christian ruler/voter should realise that the best one can hope for in this world is always the lesser evil. As such, what the Christian ruler/voter should aim for is to curb evil and promote justice and good in society for all. And what is politically right should be determined, not by the application of Bible verses, but rather by the application of natural law and common sense. The goal for a Christian ruler/voter is a society in which believers and unbelievers can live together in peace, where the least possible evil is done, and the most possible good - for all.

Sincerely

*Jais H. Tinglund*

**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.

**LWML Meeting** at Grace on Monday, April 2nd, at 7 pm.

**Pastor Tinglund shall be gone** from the afternoon of Friday, April 7th through Saturday, April 8th, for an LWML District Board Meeting. Messages can be left on cell phone 605-228-9216. Should an immediate need for pastoral assistance arise, please feel free to call Pastor Korb of Worland at 307-388-4044.

**Pastor Tinglund shall be gone** for a Circuit Pastors' Meeting most of Tuesday, April 10th. Messages can be left on cell phone 605-228-9216.

**Clothing Drive at Grace** for the Wind River Indian 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**.

**Pastor Tinglund shall be gone** for a Pastors' District Conference from the afternoon of Sunday, April 15th through Tuesday, April 17th. Messages can be left on cell phone 605-228-9216.

**LWML Zone Workshop** at Saint Luke's Lutheran Church in Worland on Saturday, April 28th, beginning at 10 am. All ladies of the congregations are invited.

**Spring Salad Luncheon** at Grace on Saturday, May 12th, at 11 am., arranged by the LWML and sponsored by Thrivent. Cost will be \$ 7 per person. Reserve the date already now. Further information will be forthcoming.

**Just so we do not forget**

*What benefits does Baptism give?*

It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare. *Of the Small Catechism*

## **Birthdays in April**

*- as known to the editor*

### April 4th:

Peggy Werbelow

### April 5th:

Stetson Cauffman

### April 9th:

Joan Fabricius

### April 12th:

Wanda Hansen

Ginger Mills

### April 14th:

Joël Emmett

Lillian Tinglund

### April 21st:

Madi Kraft

### April 23rd:

John Kraft

## **Anniversaries in April**

*- as known to the editor*

### April 12th:

Jerold and Jennifer Preis

### April 25th:

Gary and Wanda Hansen

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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 Summer Worship Hours**

*Zion:*

Sundays at 8 am.

Bible Study at 9:15 am.

*Grace:*

Sundays at 10:30 am.

Bible Study at 11:45 am.

## **This we believe**

*- of the Lutheran Confessions*

What in the Church is more certain than that the remission of sins occurs freely for Christ's sake, and that Christ, and not our works, is the atonement for sins?

*Apology of the Augsburg Confession.*



