



South Big Horn Lutheran Parish Grace and Zion Lutheran Churches Newsletter, June 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.* For Luther saw, rightly, that what this commandment calls for is not the mechanical obedience brought about by fear of punishment, whether the punishment of men, or that from God. Like all that God requires of His most beloved creatures, and of His Christians, this commandment has its home in the realm of love.

Honour your father and your mother is the commandment itself. And already with that it becomes clear that the commandment has something other in mind than mere mechanical obedience; it addresses also the attitude a Christian should have at heart toward those in authority.

In his Large Catechism Luther mentions that *it is a higher thing to honour someone than to love someone, because honour includes not only love, but also modesty, humility and submission to a majesty hidden in them.* Now, that majesty is that of God, who has placed those who are in authority over us in their positions, and exercises His power and does His good work of love in our lives through them. And as such, the attitude of a Christian toward those in authority must reflect his or her attitude toward God; and we should *fear, love and trust in God*, our Catechism has already taught us.

To honour those in authority does indeed involve more than to love them. But it also involves that; to love them. To those in authority we owe the same love we owe to everybody else, which is the love God has shown us: that we strive, in all things, to do good to them, rather than evil.

And when it comes to those in authority, whom God uses for His purpose of forming and shaping our lives according to His good will, to *love them* involves not making it difficult for them to serve us by ruling over us, by administering common property, and by seeing to it that laws and rules and regulations are upheld, so that we and we and everybody else are protected from lawlessness and injustice.

The Letter to the Hebrews writes it about those set in authority by God in the churches: *Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.* And obviously it would do us no good to make it difficult for others to do us good; it is to our advantage that they can be joyful in doing so.

We might think that we are capable of honouring and obeying those in authority, even if have no love for them. But for most of us, our attitude will most often shine through in our actions. More importantly, though, to obey those in authority only grudgingly, and without love, is not what God commands.

Sincerely
Jais H. Tinglund

The Small Catechism with explanations has been published in a new version by Synod and is being sold by the Youth Group at \$ 14.49 per copy. This is a handbook of the faith that should be found the home (or dorm room) of every Lutheran. Sign up to purchase the copies you want, for yourself or others, **by Sunday, May 27th.**

Pastor Tinglund shall be gone on vacation from the afternoon of Sunday, May 27th, until Saturday, June 2nd. Messages can be left on cell phone 605-228-9216, which will be checked regularly. Should an urgent need for pastoral assistance arise, 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, June 12th. Messages can be left on cell phone 605-228-9216, which will be checked regularly.

LWML In-gathering for the Wind River Lutheran Mission: At the LWML District Convention in Cheyenne on June 21st, the following items will be collected for the Sunday School on the Wind River Reservation: Colouring books, Crayon boxes, notebooks, markers, winter hats, mittens, soaps, toothpaste, toothbrushes, stuffed animals, small toys, silly putty, Baribe dolls, toy cars, toy tractors and the like. If you wish to contribute, bring your items to Grace by **Sunday, June 17th.**

Pastor Tinglund shall be gone for LWML District Convention from Thursday, June 21st, through Saturday, June 23rd, Messages can be left on cell phone 605-228-9216, which will be checked regularly. Should an urgent need for pastoral assistance arise, feel free to call Pastor Korb of Worland at 307-388-4044.

Just so we do not forget:

What is the Sacrament of the Altar?

It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and to drink.

What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?

These words: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins" shows us that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life and salvation are given us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.

How can bodily eating and drinking [in the Sacrament] do such great things?

Certainly not just eating and drinking do these things, but the words written here: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." These words, along with the bodily eating and drinking, are the main thing in the Sacrament. Whoever believes these words has exactly what they say: "Forgiveness of sins".

Who receives this sacrament worthily?

Fasting and bodily preparation are certainly fine outward training. But that person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins."

Of the Small Catechism

This we believe - *of the Lutheran Confessions*

But it must also be carefully explained who are the unworthy guests of this Supper, namely, those who go to this Sacrament without true repentance and sorrow for their sins, and without true faith and the good intention of amending their lives, and by their unworthy oral eating of the body of Christ load themselves with damnation, that is, with temporal and eternal punishments, and become guilty of the body and blood of Christ.

Formula Concord, the Solid Declaration

Birthdays in June

- as known to the editor

June 12th:

Tanya Kraft

June15th:

Dorothy Juillard

June 19th:

Dean Marchant

June21st:

Tyler Marchant

June23rd:

Gary Hansen

June27th:

Brad DeWitt

Margaretha Tinglund

June28th:

Pastor Jais H. Tinglund

Anniversaries in June

- as known to the editor

June 11th:

Earl and Mary Ann Jensen

June24th:

LeRoy and Christine Klitzke

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Regular office hours at Grace:

Tuesday-Friday, Noon -1 pm.

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.