

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.*

From Holy Scripture we learn that this applies also in Church: *Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give account.*

Hebrews 13:17

But in what is it that Christians must obey their Pastors, in all things, or only with regards to the faith?

The command that Christians obey their "leaders" follows shortly after an encouragement to *remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God ...* **Hebrews 13:7**

This identifies the "leaders" whom Christians should obey as those set to speak the Word of God; it also defines the Pastor's responsibility as speaking the Word of God; his duties corresponds to the purposes of the Word of God, entrusted to His Church in Holy Scripture.

Holy Scripture itself teaches that it *can make wise unto salvation through faith in Christ Jesus,* and also that it is *profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for formation in righteousness, in order that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.* **2 Timothy 3:15-17**

And so, this is what the Pastor should use the Word of God to do for the Christians entrusted to his care. He should use it to make them *wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus* by preaching *the Gospel,* that is: the Word of God of His salvation in Christ. This is always the main purpose of the Word of God, and of Christian preaching, because it is the chief purpose of God in His dealings with sinners.

But the Pastor must also employ the Word of God *for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for formation in righteousness,* in order that those he is set to serve may not only be saved, but also be *complete, equipped for every good work;* in other words, he should teach them and guide them as to how they are to live and serve God.

And this pertains to *every good work,* that is: not only worship and church life, but also the private and professional lives of Christians. In all things they should learn from the Word of God what is good and right and the will of God, and it is the Pastor's duty to teach them, and when in doubt they should seek his counsel, so that they may be *equipped for every good work,* enlightened as to what are truly good works, and admonished and encouraged to actually carry them out so as to serve God in all areas of life, as it is good and pleasing to Him.

And the Pastor must teach Christians how to live, and how *not* to live, *also* for the sake of their salvation, to keep them from falling into patterns of ungodliness which would lead them away from the faith and into indifference and unbelief, so that they would lose sight of the salvation of God and be lost to His salvation.

Sincerely

Jais H. Tinglund

Delicious Butter Braid pastries are being sold as a fund raiser to help our young people participate in a Higher Things Lutheran Youth Conference in the Summer of 2019. Place your order on the sheet provided by Sunday, November 18. Your Pastries should be available to be given to you on Sunday, December 9 - in good time for Christmas.

Mission Fest on Sunday, November 11. At Grace, a free-will offering will be taken to support the mission projects of the Wyoming District. At Zion, the regular offering will go to District, and lunch will follow after worship, sponsored by Thrivent; members are asked to bring salads and desserts. Pastor Shawn Kumm of Christ the King Lutheran Church in Cody will tell us about the training of Lutheran Pastors in Liberia.

LWML Meeting at Grace Monday, November 7, at 7 pm.

Thanksgiving worship at Grace on Wednesday, November 21 at 7 pm.

Thanksgiving worship at Zion on Thursday, November 22, at 10:30 am.

Advent Dinners at Grace on Wednesdays, December 5, 12, and 19 at 6 pm.

December 5: Served by the LWML.

December 12: Carry-in

December 19: Served by the Youth

Advent Mid-week Worship at Grace on Wednesdays, December 5, 12, and 19 at 7 pm. Our theme this year will be *Sing to the Lord a New Testament Song*. We shall meditate on the so-called New Testament Canticles, that is: the songs of praise recorded in the Gospel according to Saint Luke as having been sung by some of those who witnessed the coming of the Christ.

LWML meets at Grace at 7 pm. on the first Monday of every month except in July, August and September, and on the **last** Monday of August. All ladies of the congregation are members of the LWML, and thus all ladies of the congregation, of all ages, are not only more than welcome, but also actually invited to attend all LWML meetings - and so are all ladies of Zion.

Zion Financial report, September:

Debits: \$ 4,950.86; Credits \$ 7,660.17

Just so we do not forget

But deliver us from evil. What does this mean?

We pray in this petition, in summary, that our Father in Heaven would rescue us from every evil of body and soul, possessions and reputation, and finally, when our last hour comes, give us a blessed end, and graciously take us from this valley of sorrow to Himself in Heaven.

Of the Small Catechism

This we believe

- of the Lutheran Confessions

Also, our churches teach that at the Consummation of the World Christ will appear for judgment, and will raise up all the dead; He will give to the godly and elect eternal life and everlasting joys, but ungodly men and the devils He will condemn to be tormented without end. They condemn the Anabaptists, who think that there will be an end to the punishments of condemned men and devils. They condemn also others who are now spreading certain Jewish opinions, that before the resurrection of the dead the godly shall take possession of the kingdom of the world, and the ungodly be suppressed everywhere. *Of the Augsburg Confession*

Birthdays in November

- as known to the editor

November 8:

Evie Tanksley

November 26:

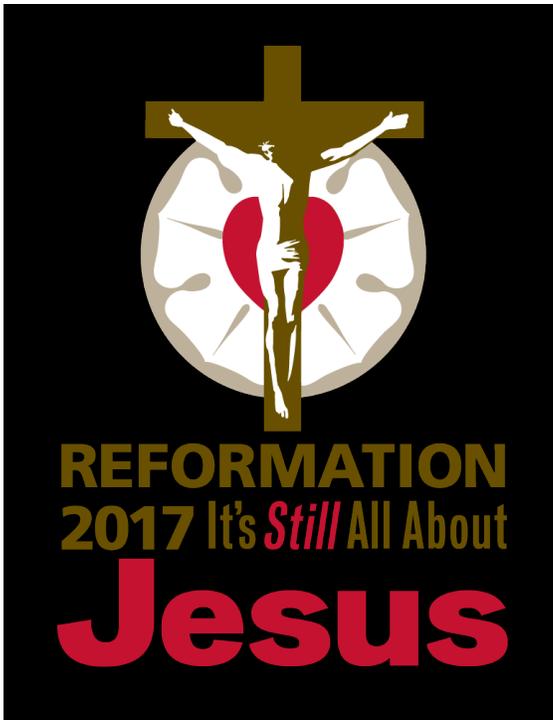
Gordon Preis

Anniversaries in November

- as known to the editor

November 21:

Larry and Jackie Larsen



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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.

Regular Winter Worship Hours,

October-March

Grace:

Sundays at 8 am.

Bible Study at 9:15 am.