



South Big Horn Lutheran Parish Grace and Zion Lutheran Churches Newsletter, April 2019

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

Christians in any congregation should not only listen to their Pastor, and consider his counsel, but actually *obey* him, for the sake of their salvation - such is the command of Holy Scripture! - because he is the man to whom God has entrusted it to guide them, and them in particular, with regards to their salvation, and with regards to all that which might bring their salvation in jeopardy.

But what if the Pastor does not do this? What if he does not present the salvation of God to those entrusted to his care? What if he does not present them with the Word of God of His will for how they are to live and serve Him in holiness? What if he wastes all his precious preaching with other things, the matters of this world, and how to get a better life in this world?

And even worse, what if he teaches falsely about the salvation of God, if he preaches it, not as the promise of God, but rather as something sinners must secure for themselves, somehow? What if he teaches falsely about the Sacraments, as if they were only symbols, and Christians could not be certain to have the salvation of God given to them by means of them?

Or what if he teaches falsely about the will of God for how His Christians should live and serve Him, as if Christians were free to disregard His Word and His will in the way they live, or as if they were not to learn from His Word in Holy Scripture what are His ways and His will, and what *love* is?

In this matter, also, it holds true, that which is obvious, and which the Apostles nevertheless stated: *We must obey God rather than men!*

Acts 5:29.

A Pastor who does not teach the truth of God should not only be ignored, however; they should be *shunned.* along with those who embrace their false teachings, or their non-teaching: *Watch out for those who cause divisions and create obstacles contrary to the doctrine you have been taught; avoid them!*

Romans 16:16

To accept false preaching and teaching is sin against both the First and Second Commandment - even though the Fourth Commandment demands obedience to Pastors. God gives Pastors, and only He has the right to dismiss them. But a Pastor who does not teach His truth has already been dismissed by God, since he is no longer a Pastor, that is: a preacher and teacher of the Word of God. And it is the congregation's duty to remove him, and the duty of Christians to shun congregations that will not.

Sincerely,

Jais H. Tinglund

Youth Fundraiser: Our Youth are offering delicious Butter Braid Pastries, different pasta products and high quality cutlery and other kitchen and food items. Order by Sunday, March 31. What you order should be ready before Easter.

Lenten Dinners at Grace, beginning at 6 pm.

March 27: Carry-in

April 3: Baked potatoes - served by the LWML

April 10: Carry-in

Lenten Worship at Grace on Wednesdays, March 27, and April 3 and 10, at 7 pm. For these services, we continue our Catechism focus from recent years. Under the theme: *His Spirit and His Sufferings* we meditate, in the light of the sufferings of our Lord Jesus for our salvation, on how He brings His work of salvation to completion in His Church through His Spirit.

LWML Meeting at Grace Monday, April 1, at 7 pm.

Let's do the time Warp again. Beginning **Sunday, April 7**, 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.

Pastor Tinglund shall be gone for a Circuit Pastors' Meeting on Tuesday, April 9. Messages can, nevertheless, be left at cell phone 605-228-9216.

LWML Zone Spring Workshop at Christ the King Lutheran Church in Cody on Saturday, April 13, beginning at 9:30 am. All ladies of the congregations, of all ages, are invited.

Holy Week Worship

Maundy Thursday, April 18:

Communion Worship, Grace, 7 pm.

Good Friday, April 19:

Passion Worship at Zion at Noon.

Passion Worship at Grace at 7 pm.

LWML usually meets at Grace on the first Monday of every month at 7 pm., except in July, August and September, and on the last Monday of August. All ladies of the congregation are members of the LWML, according to the LWML rules, 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, February: Debits: \$ 5,454.50 Credits: \$ 3,849.63

This we believe - of the Lutheran Confessions

sorrow for sin is the true terror of conscience, which feels that God is angry with sin, and which grieves that it has sinned. And this sorrow for sin comes about when sins are condemned by the Word of God, because the sum of the preaching of the Gospel is this, namely, to convict of sin, and to offer for Christ's sake the remission of sins and righteousness, and the Holy Ghost, and eternal life, and that as regenerate men we should do good works.

Apology of the Augsburg Confession

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

Jennifer Preis

April 14th:

Joël Emmett

Lillian Tinglund

April 21st:

Madi Kraft

April 23rd:

John Kraft

Anniversaries in April

- as known to the editor

April 25th:

Gary and Wanda Hansen

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Regular office hours at Grace:

Tuesday-Friday, Noon -1 pm.

Regular Worship Hours,

October-March

Grace:

Sundays at 8 am.

Bible Study at 9:15 am.

April-September

Zion:

Sundays at 10:30 am.

Bible Study at 11:45 am.

Just so we do not forget:

What does baptizing with water indicate?

It indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

Of the Small Catechism