



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

Dear brethren,

The Fourth Commandment is: *Honour your father and your mother.* 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.* And 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**

And to the Pastors in Ephesus the holy Apostle Paul said: *Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the Church of God, which He obtained with His own blood.*

**Acts 20:28**

God places Pastors in His Church to lead His Christians for salvation. And only He has the right to remove them.

Except that a Pastor who does not care for the Church of God, obtained with the blood of Christ, by preaching and teaching His truth, has thereby already removed himself; he is no longer an overseer according to God's will!

And as such, it is the duty of the congregation to dismiss him from the office in which he does not serve. And if the congregation will not, then it is the duty of Christians to flee the congregation which has chosen not to be the Church of God. In this regard, Holy Scripture teaches that to approve of false teaching and take part in false worship is to take part in the evildoings of the evildoer (**2 John 9; 2 Tim 5:22**).

But to which situations does this apply?

Obviously, a Pastor should not be removed merely because somebody does not like him, his personality, or his preaching style, or the way he conducts worship, or because they think he is not as skilful as they would like him to be; love forbids it! Nor should Christians abandon true preaching and teaching and worship for such or similar reasons.

The holy Apostle writes about the ministry of preaching and teaching: *This is how one should regard us: as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover, what is required of stewards is that they be found faithful.* **2 Corinthians 2:1-2**

The personal shortcomings of a Pastor are not legitimate grounds for his removal, but only the outright refusal to administer the mysteries of God faithfully - or the inability to do so. And such inability would have to be obvious and absolute; it is not sufficient grounds for removing a Pastor that you think someone else could probably do the job better than he does.

This teaching is taught by the faith itself. Faith believes that God forgives the shortcomings of the faithful, and even their sins, and that He works through those who strive to be faithful to Him and His Word. And faith knows that the preaching and teaching of the Word of God will not return to Him empty, but accomplish that which He purposes, even when it is not presented as skilfully as somebody else might do it. The power of salvation is the Word of God, not the talent of the servant through whom He speaks it.

Sincerely,

Jais H. Tinglund

**Graduation reception at Grace** in celebration of MacKenzie Mazur's graduation from High School on Sunday, May 4, after worship.

**LWML Meeting at Grace** Monday, May 6, at 7 pm.

**Pastor Tinglund shall be gone** on Wednesday, May 8. Messages can be left on phone 605-228-9216, which will be checked regularly. Should a need for immediate Pastoral assistance arise, feel free to call Pastor Korb of Worland at 307 388-4044.

**Pastor Tinglund shall be gone** for a Pastors' Conference from the afternoon of Sunday, May 12, through Wednesday, May 15. Messages can be left on cell phone 605-228-9216, which will be checked regularly.

**Graduation Open House** for McKenzie Mazur at the Mazur residence, 225 Pheasant Drive, Sunday, May 19, 5-8 pm.

**Ascension Day carry-in dinner** at Grace on Wednesday, May 29, at 6 pm. Such dinners, combined with worship, represent an opportunity for outreach, and for those who do not belong to our churches to hear the Word of God and perhaps allow themselves to be led into a right relationship with Him. As such, inviting others to come and join us comes with great potential benefits, not only for the congregation, but also for people you know and like who are not yet of the Lutheran faith; so do invite some of those to come and join us for dinner and worship!

**Ascension Day Worship** at Grace on the eve of the feast, Wednesday, May 29, at 7 pm.

**Zion Financial report, March:**

Debits: \$ 5,133.06

Credits: \$ 4,680.00

### **This we believe**

*- of the Lutheran Confessions*

Therefore every Christian has enough in Baptism to learn and to practice all his life; for he has always enough to do to believe firmly what it promises and brings: victory over death and the devil, forgiveness of sin, the grace of God, the entire Christ, and the Holy Spirit with His gifts.

*Of the Large Catechism*

### **Just so we do not forget:**

*What is Baptism?*

Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God's command and combined with God's word.

*Which is that word of God?*

Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew: "Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

*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.

*Which are these words and promises of God?*

Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Mark: "Whoever believes and is baptised will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned".

*Of the Small Catechism*

## **Birthdays in May**

- as known to the editor

### May 3rd:

Sandy Cole

### May 5th:

Cole Catlyn

Kye Catlin

### May 21:

Dale Deepe

### May 24:

Sue Coquil

### May 28:

Benjamin Kraft

## **Anniversaries in May**

- as known to the editor

### May 20th:

Max and Carrie Mazur

### May 26th:

Howard and Carol Gernant

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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.

**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.

