



**South Big Horn Lutheran Parish
Grace and Zion Lutheran Churches
Newsletter, June 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 should not only honour their Pastor, but actually obey him, and this not only for the sake of good order, but for the sake of their salvation; nothing less is at stake! Your own Pastor, and none other, is the man God Himself has given to you to preach and teach the Word of God to you and lead you in the paths of righteousness, for your salvation.

This is the very reason why it is crucial, also, that a Pastor is faithful to his calling and actually preaches and teaches the Word of God in its truth and purity. And if he does not, or will not, or cannot, then it is the duty of the congregation to remove him; and if the congregation will not, then Christians must flee a such congregation and find, or form, another congregation in which the Word of God is honoured, and be spoken in its truth and purity. The Law of God, and His Gospel as well, prohibits Christians from engaging in false worship! In this regard more than in any other, it applies that *we must obey God before men.* **Acts 5:29**

But what is faithful preaching and teaching and worship? Obviously, the Word of God would be the judge of that, as He has entrusted it to His Church in Holy Scripture. But then, people understand Holy Scripture differently. So what would be the criteria for judging as to who is right? It does not make things a bit complicated that Christians, according to the ordinance of God, are to learn from the Pastor what is true and Biblical, and what is not. It would be reasonable to assume that the Pastor, by virtue of his training, would know better! Obviously, it would be ungodly arrogance to assume that whatever I think *must* be the truth, and I have nothing to learn from someone who has been trained and taught in Holy Scripture, and appointed by God.

Nevertheless, Lutheran Christians believe that what the Lutheran Confessions teach is what is Biblical and true. Anybody who does not believe that has no business claiming membership in a Lutheran congregation or communing at a Lutheran altar!

The Lutheran Confessions claim to be nothing other than a summary of Biblical teaching. So if they were not that, they would teach falsehood! And if one does not believe that what the Lutheran Confessions teach is *the* Biblical truth, then one should flee a congregation that claims that it is.

But for Lutheran Christians, the Lutheran Confessions teaches what is Biblical truth and what is not, and what preaching and teaching they should demand of their Pastor.

Sincerely,
Jais H. Tinglund

Graduation Open House at the Mazur residence, Pheasant Drive, on Sunday, May 19, 5-8 pm.

Ascension Day 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.

LWML Meeting at Grace Monday, June 2, at 7 pm.

Pastor Tinglund shall be gone most of the day on Tuesday, June 11, for a Circuit Pastors' meeting. Messages can be left at cell phone 605-228-9216, which will be checked regularly.

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. *Of the Small Catechism*

Subway Sandwich Benefit dinner at Grace Saturday, June 15, at 6 pm., for the Tanksley family. The family has had extensive medical bills in connection with the birth of their youngest child Evie and subsequent complications. Soup and sandwiches will be served. A program will be presented. There will be drawing for a quilt. Items will be auctioned off. Please plan to be there, and help us help out this young family.

Help with Vacation Bible School: Help will be needed for our Vacation Bible School at Grace on August 6-8, not only with "big" things like teaching and leading groups, but also with smaller - though no less important - tasks such as being there during class to help the children, and help serving snacks. Think it through, if you would like to help out, and with what, and be on the lookout for the opportunity to sign up.

Zion's 120th Anniversary will be celebrated with a special festive worship service on Saturday, August 3, at 11 am. District President John Hill will preach. Lunch will follow, and a programme with history and special music. Reserve the date already now.

Zion Financial report, April:

Debits: \$ 5,929.56; Credits: \$ 5,406.10

This we believe

- of the Lutheran Confessions:

For only mankind, not stone or block, was created for renewal by the Holy Spirit. According to God's just, strict sentence, He has utterly cast away the fallen evil spirits forever. Nevertheless, out of special, pure mercy, He has willed that poor fallen human nature might again become and be capable of and be a participant in conversion, God's grace and eternal life.

Formula Concord, the Solid Declaration



Birthdays in June

- as known to the editor

June 12:

Tanya Kraft

June 15:

Dorothy Juillard

June 19:

Dean Marchant

June 21:

Tyler Marchant

June 23:

Gary Hansen

June 25:

Matthew Tanksley

June 27:

Brad DeWitt

Margaretha Tinglund

June 28:

Pastor Jais H. Tinglund

Anniversaries in June:

- as known to the editor

June 11:

Earl & Mary Ann Jensen

June 24:

LeRoy and Christine Klitzke

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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 also 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.