



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

Dear brethren,

The Fifth Commandment is: *You shall not murder.* And our Catechism teaches us that this means that *we should fear and love God so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbour in his body, but help and support him in every physical need.*

What God demands of His Christians first and foremost, and of all people, is *faith*, that is: that we trust in God and His goodness. And His goodness is shown to us first and foremost in this: that He gave His Son up to sufferings and death to rescue us from eternal death and damnation, and because of what His Son has done for us forgives us all our sins and shortcomings, that is: all evil and ungodliness and impurity in our lives as well as in our hearts and minds, and promises us eternal life with Him in His heavenly Kingdom and His eternal life.

For us who have come to know and believe in this His great goodness, and thus to be His Christians, such goodness cannot but leave us thankful to God. And such thankfulness to God for His goodness must come with a desire to give Him thanks in worship, and with a willingness to honour and obey His will in the way we live and behave - even if such thankfulness will also always be challenged by the sin and disobedience that still lives in us, in our hearts and minds, and always will, until we die, or until the Son of God shall come in glory to make all things well, fully and finally, which might happen before we die.

This is what it means that *we should fear and love God..* And if we believe in His goodness we will; how could we not?

And if we believe in the goodness of God, we will also believe that that which He teaches as His will in Holy Scripture must be what is good for us, even when it does not seem that way to us, and we would prefer to do otherwise. For being that He is God, how can He not know better than we what is good? And with the love He has shown to us, how can His will not be what is good for us?

God is good; those who know Him will know this, for it is by His Word of His goodness that we know Him. And since God is good, it would seem obvious that what He wants for us and from us at the most basic level is that we be good also; that we be good to other people, that is, as He is good to us.

And obviously, murdering human beings is the ultimate evil thing to do to them. It deprives them of the joy they might otherwise have found in life, and which God intends for them, it gets in the way of the life of service they owe to God, and it might even prevent them from coming to know God and His love and thus deprive them of the eternal life He intends for all His most beloved creatures. Ultimately, of course, all this in His hands. But the Commandment still stands and demands our obedience - obviously it does.

Nevertheless, that which is obvious at the outset will not always be in those specific situations where we actually have to make choices. Furthermore, there is more to the Commandment than the obvious. Therefore it is that *we should fear and love God* so as to look to His Word to learn how to live and behave.

Sincerely,  
Jais H. Tinglund

**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 historical programme with special music.

**Help needed** for our Anniversary celebration; members of the congregations are asked to bring desserts for the luncheon following the service, and to be ready to help set up.

**Vacation Bible School at Grace** Tuesday, August 7, through Thursday, August 9, for children from the age of 3 up to the 6th grade, culminating with a program and dinner on Thursday evening. Feel free to spread the word, particularly to parents of children in the target age group with whom you may have contact or upon whom may you have influence.

**Vacation Bible School programme at Grace** for the public, including members of the congregations, at Grace Thursday, August 9, at 6 pm., followed by dinner. Yes, that means that there will be food!

**Pastor Tinglund shall be gone** most of Tuesday, August 14, for a Circuit Pastors' meeting. Messages can be left on cell phone 605-228-9216.

**Pastor Tinglund shall be gone** for a District Circuit Visitors' Meeting Tuesday, August 27, through Wednesday, August 28. If in urgent need of pastoral assistance, feel free to call Pastor Korb of Worland at 307-388-4044.

**LWML Meeting at Grace** Monday, August 26, at 7 pm.

**Just so we do not forget:**

*I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.*

*What does this mean?*

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gift, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth and keeps it with Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the last day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me, and to all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.

*Of the Small Catechism*

**This we believe**

*- of the Lutheran Confessions:*

Note, therefore, that the force and power of this commandment lies not in the resting, but in the sanctifying, so that to this day belongs a special holy exercise. For other works and occupations are not properly called holy exercises, unless the man himself be first holy. But here a work is to be done by which man is himself made holy, which is done (as we have heard) alone through God's Word ...

*Of the Large Catechism*

## Birthdays in August

- as known to the editor:

### August 16:

Matthew Werbelow

### August 22:

Sherri Fink

### August 28:

Victor Werbelow

## Anniversaries in August

- as known to the editor:

### August 2:

Terry and Sandy Cole

### August 4:

John and Nancy Preis

### August 5:

Ken and Sherri Fink

Ray & LeAnn Frazier

### August 21:

Dean and Mary Marchant

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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, as such 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, June:

Debits: \$ 4,626.52

Credits: \$ 5,646.87



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