



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

Dear brethren,

The Fifth Commandment is: *You shall not murder.*

The first three Commandments, in Lutheran tradition often referred to as the *First Table* of the Law, has taught us to live with God in faith and worship, looking to Him as Saviour and Giver of all things good, calling upon His name in prayer and praise, and receiving salvation from Him with His Word of salvation and with the Sacrament.

That which we often refer to as the *Second Table* of the Law teaches us how we owe it to God to live and deal with other people. And the first Commandment on the Second Table is the Fourth Commandment, which teaches us to obey the authorities and laws of society. It mentions specifically the most basic unit of society: *Honour your father and your mother!* And it teaches us that the obedience we owe to God is real *obedience*, shown in our real life to real people, because of their position, in which God has placed them, rather than of our choice and desire. In this, we honour and obey God, *for there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been set in place by God.* Romans 13:1

So in our life with other people we are to show our obedience to God first by not being criminals and bad people. We are to obey the laws and authorities of the community in which we live - except when they directly demand that we act against the Word will of God. First and foremost this would be when they demand that we set His Commandments regarding faith and worship aside.

But the Law of God forbids us to go against His Word and will also in our lives with other people, and also when the laws and authorities of society, which we would otherwise be faith-bound to obey, demand that we do.

Having learnt, then, that we owe it to God to obey Him in what we actually do, and obey His commands as the laws of society teaches us to obey, His Law begins to teach us more specifically what it is His will that we always do and never do in our dealings with other people, even if ungodly orders of society would demand otherwise.

And the first thing we learn that we should never do is this: *You shall not murder.*

God is Lord of Life. Not only is He the Giver of life, He is Himself the fullness of life. And His will for all human beings is for us to have life and have it in its fullness; it is for this purpose that He made us to begin with, in order for us to live with Him and share with Him that fullness of life which is His, and have all things good given to us out of His goodness.

This is His will for us, and for all people made in His image. And we should no get in the way of His will, neither for ourselves, nor for other people. Therefore we should not kill people, nor ruin their lives. *First, do no harm!*, as physicians are taught. in accordance with natural law. Instead, we should do good. Or as our Catechism says it: *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.*

Sincerely,

Jais H. Tinglund

Pastor Tinglund shall be gone on Monday, July 1, through Thursday, July 4, for vacation. Messages can be left at cell phone 605-228-9216, which will be checked regularly. Should an immediate need for Pastoral assistance arise, feel free to call Pastor Korb of Worland at 307-388-4044.

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.

Vacation Bible School planning at Grace on Wednesday, July 10, at 6 pm. Please join us, if you know already now that you would like to help out with something.

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.

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

Zion Financial report, May:

Debits: \$ 4,015.89; Credits: \$ 5,390

This we believe

- of the Lutheran Confessions:

True Christian perfection is to fear God from the heart, to have great faith, and to trust that for Christ's sake we have a God who has been reconciled. It means to ask for and expect from God His help in all things with confident assurance that we are to live according to our calling in life, being diligent in outward good works, serving in our calling. This is where true perfection and true service of God is to be found.

Of the Apology of the Augsburg Confession

Just so we do not forget

What does God say about all these Commandments?

He says: "I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to third and fourth generation of those who hate Me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love Me and keep My commandments." (Exodus 20:5-6)

What does this mean?

God threatens to punish all who break these commandments. Therefore, we should fear His wrath and not do anything against them. But He promises grace and every blessing to all who keep these commandments. Therefore, we should also love and trust in Him and gladly do what He commands.

Of the Small Catechism

Birthdays in July

- as known to the editor

July 7th:

Earl Jensen

July 12th:

Candace Tanksley

July 17:

Denise Catlin

July 19th:

LeAnn Frazier

July 21st:

Cassandra Cauffman

July 22nd:

Dennis Bernard

July 23rd:

Dale Schmoldt

Anniversaries in July:

- as known to the editor

July 5th:

John and Tanya Kraft

July 28th

Gordon and Karen Preis

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Regular office hours at Grace:

Tuesday-Friday, Noon -1 pm.

Regular Worship Hours,

October-March

Grace:

Sundays at 8 am.

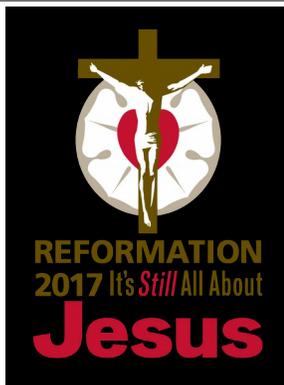
Bible Study at 9:15 am.

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.