



South Big Horn Lutheran Parish
Grace and Zion Lutheran Churches
Newsletter, February 2020

Dear brethren,

The Fifth Commandment is: *You shall not murder*. This Commandment points to how God is a God of life, and how precious all human life is to Him, that He commands His creatures to honour human life, including the life of those whose personalities or mere existence might somehow not be entirely pleasant or convenient to us.

In a culture in which the individual right to self-fulfillment at the expense of others is prized, not to say *worshipped*, even as the right to have unborn children killed or leave children to die from neglect at birth, it is easy for Christians to relate this Commandment primarily to the political struggle against abortion. And abortion is, indeed, an atrocious expression of ungodliness and rebellion against the goodness of God; and this means that it goes against *all* goodness, and goodness itself, as all true goodness is, in fact, a reflection of the goodness of God. This is part of what *natural law* means.

It is easy for Christians to come to think, at least unconsciously, that the Commandment of God to honour human life is fulfilled merely by opposing abortion, and to act and think accordingly, politically and otherwise.

And this is wrong. The Commandment of God addresses us in all aspects and areas of life. Politically and personally it calls Christians to seek to promote a culture of life, and to work for a culture and community that is friendly, not only to children and their parents, but to life altogether, so as to make it easier, not only for mothers, to choose life over death.

Naturally, the Church of Christ should be a such community. and will be, when Christians live in the love of Christ, and thus are made to live out His love with each other, and reach out to others with His love, so that those who are struggling and suffering will know that they can find the help they need in bearing those burdens that would otherwise make life something over which they would prefer death, for themselves, or for their unborn children, or for those they love who are sick or otherwise suffering.

But, again, all true goodness is a reflection of the goodness of God; and as such, the goodness of God pertains not only to the Church and His Christians. Not only *Christians* sin, when they go against the goodness of God. And Christians should help also only those who do not know the love of God in Christ to abstain from evil.

As such, the Commandment of God places Christians under the obligation to promote a culture of life, not only in Church, but in society as a whole. And this means, among other things, to work for a society in which help is available for those in need of help, so they it will be easier for them not to despair and come to think that abortion is their only option, or even the most attractive one; and the same goes for suicide, and deliberately causing the death of the sick and elderly; just as no one should felt forced into prostitution or stealing or any other kinds of behaviour that robs human beings of dignity or otherwise go against the goodness of God, and His good will.

Sincerely,

Jais H. Tinglund

Voters' Meeting at Grace Sunday, January 26, after worship.

Lutheran Worship at Bonnie Bluejacket Nursing Home on Thursday, January 31, at 3 pm.

Pastor Tinglund shall be gone for a District Circuit Visitors' meeting from the afternoon of Tuesday, February 4, through Thursday, February 6. Messages can be left at cell phone 605-228-9216. 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 Circuit Pastors' meeting most of Tuesday, February 11. Messages can be left at cell phone 605-228-9216, which will be checked regularly.

Pastor Tinglund shall be gone for vacation Thursday, February 13, through Friday, February 21. Messages can be left at cell 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.

Lenten Dinners at Grace prior to Lenten Worship on Wednesdays, February 26, March 4, 11, 18, 25, and April 1, at 6 pm.

February 26: Soup dinner - served by the LWML

March 4: Carry-in

March 11: Pork loin and mashed potatoes - served by the Youth

March 18: Carry-in

March 25: Pizza dinner - served by the Youth

April 1: Carry-in

Lenten Worship at Grace on Wednesdays, February 26, March 3, 11, 18, 25, and April 1, at 7 pm. Our theme this year will be **His blood and His Baptism**. In light of the Passion of Christ, by which He has won eternal life for sinners doomed to eternal death, we shall meditate upon how the eternal life He has won for us given to us in Baptism.

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.

Of the Small Catechism

Free money for our churches: Thrivent Financial has money it has available to give to charities. If you qualify to designate *Choice Dollars*, you can make a request as to where your portion of that money goes; and you can request that it goes to our churches. If so, you should receive a letter about this from Thrivent sometime soon. You can do so either on the phone or on-line, before **March 31st**. To designate *Choice Dollars* will not cost you anything. It is free money for our churches, and it would be sad money for our churches to miss out on. If you receive a letter about *Choice Dollars* from Thrivent, and would like help actually registering your request, Dale Schmoltdt (858-245-1506) or Pastor Tinglund will be glad to assist you.

Birthdays in February

- as known to the editor

February 4:

Al Corbin

February 7:

Brian DeRosa

February 19:

Taylor Werbelow

February 22nd:

Alex Preis

Martha Werbelow

February 28:

Quinton Hibbert

Anniversaries in February

- as known to the editor:

February 28:

Ray and Dory Cauffman

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Zion website:

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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, and as not only welcome, but also actually invited to attend all LWML meetings at Grace - and so are all ladies of Zion!

Zion Finance Report, December:

Debits: \$ 5,335.91

Credits: \$ 8,001.70

2019 Total:

Debits: \$ 58,778.64

Credits: \$ 60,355.16

