



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

Dear brethren,

The Fifth Commandment is: *You shall not murder.* This Commandment calls and commands all men (male and female) to honour human life, from its beginning at conception unto its natural end. And the Commandment reflects that God is Lord of life; and that although He has given Mankind dominion over the animals, He reserves for Himself the right to bring human life to an end, as He Himself is the One who gives it. He alone is God.

Therefore He commands all people, and not only His Christians, to honour and protect human life from conception to natural death, and not to cause the death of other human beings.

From this teaching of Holy Scripture, which is reflected in the Commandment, it is clear that the slaying of unborn children for the sake of convenience is an abomination to God, and that authorities who allow and support it commit atrocity. But that all government must protect the innocent is taught, not only in Holy Scripture, but also by natural law and common sense and decency.

There are situations, however, where it is not quite as clear, not even to Christians, what course of action with regards to pregnancy and abortion is good and right according to the will of God, namely where carrying a pregnancy to term would be certain, or almost certain, to cause the death of the mother; or where the medical procedures and means employed to save the life of a pregnant woman are likely, or even certain, to cause the death of her unborn child.

Such situations are rare, and certainly not nearly as common as claimed by those who hold them up as a reason that abortion for the sake of convenience is good! But when they do occur, they confront Christians with a difficult choice. Must the life of a mother be sacrificed in order for her child to live?

Obviously not. The Commandment of God demands that the mother's life be protected, precious as it is to Him, no less than that of her unborn child.

This is not so much a matter, however, of weighing the value of the mother's life over against that of her child. Other considerations are at work here.

One thing to be observed is that the death of a pregnant woman would in most cases also lead to the death of her unborn child, so that nothing whatsoever would be won by the death of the mother.

Another thing to be observed is the difference between on the one hand the deliberate killing of an unborn child, and on the other his or her death being a result of efforts to save a human life, namely that of his or her mother. Here, intent makes a tremendous difference.

All efforts should be made to save both mother and child. Christians should allow for this to happen, trusting in God to see to it that His good will be brought to completion for them both. And against the sense of guilt brought about by the death of the child, should these efforts fail, Holy Scripture points to the Son of God, who chose death for Himself to set His Christians from any and all real guilt.

Sincerely
Jais H. Tinglund

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.

Lutheran Worship at Wyoming Retirement Center on Thursday, February 27, at 3 pm. Members of the congregations are invited to participate, as is everybody else.

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

Lutheran Worship at Bonnie Bluejacket Nursing Home on Thursday, March 5, at 3 pm. Members of the congregations are invited to participate, as is everybody else.

Daylight Savings Time will take effect at 2 am. on the of Sunday, March 8. Members are encouraged to make the appropriate preparations so as not to be late for Church. Our **worship times** will remain the same **until Sunday, April 5**.

Pastor Tinglund shall be gone for a Circuit Pastors' meeting most of Tuesday, March 10. Messages can be left at cell phone 605-228-9216, which will be checked regularly.

Lutheran Worship at Wyoming Retirement Center on Thursday, March 26, at 3 pm. Members of the congregations are invited to participate, as is everybody else.

LWML Zone Spring Workshop at Grace on Saturday, April 4, beginning at 9:30 am. All ladies of the congregations, of all ages, are invited.

Free will offering at Grace on Sunday, March 29, in favour of the Community outreach Fund.

LWML Meeting at Grace Monday, April 6, at 7 pm.

Holy Week Worship

Maundy Thursday, April 9:

Communion Worship, Grace, 7 pm.

Good Friday, April 19:

Passion Worship at Zion at Noon.

Passion Worship at Grace at 7 pm.

Just so we do not forget:

And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. What does this mean?

We pray in this petition that our Father in Heaven would not look at our sins, or deny our prayer because of them. We are neither worthy of the things for which we pray, nor have we deserved them, but we ask that He would give them all to us by grace, for we daily sin much and surely deserve nothing but punishment.

Of the Small Catechism

Birthdays in March

- as known to the editor

March 1:

Ken Fink

March 13:

Mary Marchant

March 19:

Callee Catlyn

March 21st:

Todd Werbelow

March 23:

McKenzie Mazur

March 26th:

Blake Gernant

Howard Gernant

Joyce Werbelow

Mason Werbelow

March 27:

Christine Klitzke

Zion Financial Report, January:

Debits: \$ 4,677.40; Credits: \$ 4,015

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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 such all ladies of the congregation, of all ages, are not only more than welcome, but also actually invited to attend all LWML meetings at *Grace* - and so are all ladies of *Zion*!

