



Dear brethren,

The Fifth Commandment is: *You shall not murder!* This Commandment reflects the position God claims for Himself as Lord and Master of life, because He rightfully is that, and His love for human beings, His most beloved creatures. His will is for us all to live and serve Him joyfully. Therefore is it that He gives His Commandment: *You shall not murder!* And therefore is it also that He has laid it in human nature, and commanded, that the destruction of human life be punished, and severely so, in such a manner that the recompense correspond to the evil done. *Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed, for God made man in His own image. Genesis 9:5-6*

But does not the Commandment prohibit the putting to death of any human being, including the murderer? Does not Holy Scripture prohibit the seeking of revenge: does it not rather call for forgiveness? Holy Scripture does call for the victims of wrong to *forgive* the wrongdoer rather than seek revenge. But it calls for this as an act of love and trust in God, that is: as an act done willingly and freely by the victims of wrong, rather than forced upon them by those who have suffered no wrong!

This means that the forgiveness for which Holy Scripture calls is not that those in a position to punish be indifferent to wrong done to others! It is the duty of authority to protect against injustice, and to punish it when it occurs. As the holy Apostle Paul writes it, the one in authority is *the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer.*

**Romans 13:4**

Forgiveness does not mean to take lightly the wrong done to others, as if those who were wronged do not matter, and the evil done to them were not evil. Rather, it is the often painful process into which God calls those who know His love, by which He Himself will bless them, and in which He will strengthen them with His promise of forgiveness for their own wrongdoings, and by setting before them the love by which His forgiveness is won, what His Son has suffered for the salvation of all sinners.

*Beloved, do not take justice for yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written: "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord."*

**Romans 12:19**

It is *individual* Christians God calls to forgive wrongdoings done to them. And since all wrongdoing is ultimately evil done against God Himself, which He forgives, He calls His Church to forgive sin, but to do so without enjoying the luxury of neglecting the injustice done to those who have suffered wrong.

And to leave all justice to God, and perhaps involve earthly authorities in doing so, is to follow the example of our Lord Jesus. *When He was reviled, He did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting Himself to Him who judges justly.*

**1 Peter 2:23**

Sincerely **Jais H. Tinglund**

**Pastor Tinglund** shall be gone most of the day on Thursdays to tend to his duties as vacancy Pastor at Saint John's Lutheran Church in Lovell. Messages can be left at cell phone 605-228-9216.

**Regular worship times reinstated:** The Governor's prohibition of 10 people or more gathering for the worship of God had been modified. Accordingly, we have reinstated our regular worship schedule. We shall, however, continue to offer worship at Grace on Saturday evenings, not *only* because Pastor Tinglund enjoys doing worship on Saturday evening - which he does - but also acknowledging that this might be a better time for some. We do ask that you call the Parsonage by Saturday afternoon to announce your attendance at the Saturday evening service.

**This we believe** - *from the Lutheran Confessions*

If the question is about how faith has this result and what belongs to faith in order for it to justify and save, it is false and incorrect to say that faith cannot justify without works; or that faith justifies or makes righteous if it has love with it, for the sake of which love justification is ascribed to faith; or that the presence of works with faith is necessary if a person is to be justified by faith before God; or that the presence of good works in the article of justification, or for justification, is needful. For faith makes righteous only because, as a means and instrument, it lays hold of, and accepts, God's grace and Christ's merit in the Gospel promise.

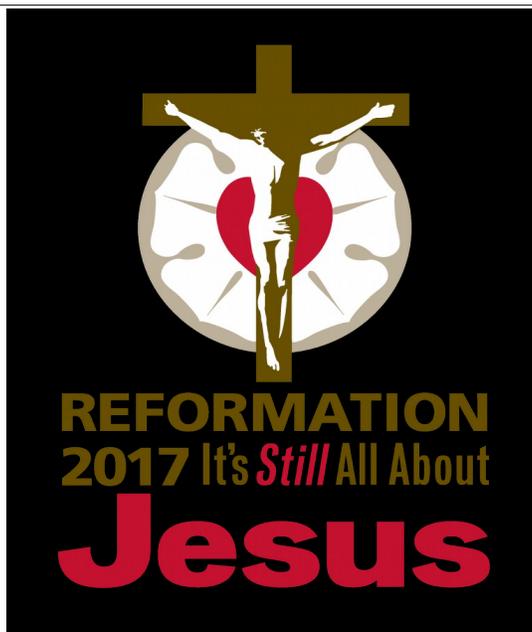
*Formula Concord, the Solid Declaration*

**Just so we do not forget:**

*What is the benefit of this eating and drinking [in the Sacrament]?*

These words: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins" shows us that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life and salvation are given us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.

*Of the Small Catechism*



## **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 11th:

Earl & Mary Ann Jensen

### June 24th:

LeRoy and Christine Klitzke

## **Zion Financial Report, April:**

Debits: \$ 5,689.50

Credits: \$ 3,775

Year to date:

Debits: \$ 19,681.17

Credits: \$ 16,200.67

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### **Regular office hours at Grace:**

Tuesday-Wednesday and Friday

Noon - 1 pm.

### **Regular Worship Hours,**

**April-September**

*Zion:*

Sundays at 8 am.

*Grace:*

Saturdays at 7 pm.

Sunday at 10:30 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 and encouraged to attend all LWML meetings at Grace - and so are all ladies of Zion!

