



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

Dear brethren,

The Fifth Commandment is: *You shall not murder!* With this Commandment God presents Himself alone as Lord of human life, with the right to give it and take it away. As such, Holy Scripture teaches, He has laid it in human nature, and uses earthly authorities and legislation, to see to it that human life be protected, and that murder and other evil against human beings be duly punished. The person in authority *does not bear the sword in vain.*, as the Apostle writes it, *for he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer.*

**Romans 13:4**

In other words, when earthly authorities, in accordance with earthly laws, execute justice upon evildoers, even by means of the death penalty, it is God Himself who thereby carries out His good will. Christians who trust in God as Lord and Master of history will believe this, also.

Some important observations need to be made here, though. Ultimately, all sinners deserve death before God. We have earned nothing less with our sin. As such, God does no injustice, even if the earthly authorities do, when a person innocent of the specific crime of which he or she is convicted is punished, and perhaps even put to death! And a Christian will trust in God ultimately not only to make all things well, but also to make all things right!

With our sin we have earned not only God's eternal punishment, but also His temporal punishment; this holds true, even though He often deems it right to suspend the latter. And He has every right to do that, also, being that He is God. Ultimately, all evildoing is *sin*, that is: it is evil done against God Himself! And the injustice of that is greater than that of any evil done by one sinner against another.

Ultimately, all evildoings are sin, that is: evil done against God. Therefore God has the right to *forgive* all sin. And He does, on account of the tremendous love He has shown to sinners in the sufferings and death of the Son. This is His promise to all sinners; and with this promise, full forgiveness for all sin is given, freely and for nothing, to all who hear His promise in faith.

Nevertheless, temporal punishment may very well be the way He brings His good will to completion in the life of a Christian, and preserves him or her in the faith for his or her salvation.

The distinction between temporal and eternal punishment is important, as is the distinction between temporal and eternal blessings. It used to be understood that secular authorities have no right to withhold the grace of God from sinners. Therefore, just like public worship, spiritual care to even the worst offenders was not to be impeded. This is why a Pastor cannot be forced in a court of law to divulge what was confessed to him in sacred communication.

As God works His will in their lives,, Christians might have to bear temporal punishment imposed by secular authorities, perhaps even unjustly so; and assured of His love and of eternal blessings, they can!

Sincerely

**Jais H. Tinglund**

**Pastor Tinglund shall be gone** most of the day on Thursdays to tend to his duties as Vacancy Pastor to Saint John's Lutheran Church in Lovell. Messages can be left at cell phone 605-228-9216, which will be checked regularly. Emergencies will, naturally, be responded to urgently.

**Services of penitence and prayer** are held at Grace every Friday night at 7 pm. in response to the Wuhan Virus crisis, riots, and other threats to civilised society.

**Harold Temme Memorial Service** at Zion on Monday, July 6, at 10 am.

**No Saturday Night Worship** at Grace on July 11.

**Pastor Tinglund shall be gone** for vacation Monday, July 20, through Friday, July 24. 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.

**Zion Financial Report, May:**

Debits: \$ 4,303.79; Credits: \$ 6,676.92

Year to date: Debits: \$ 23,984.96; Credits: \$ 22,877.59

**Please do not be miserable**, and certainly not without letting your Pastor know about it. Not that your Pastor likes to learn that you are miserable; but if you are, he would like to know. Your Pastor might not know about the things that are happening in your life; or he might know of what is happening, but not be aware of how it is bothering you, or how much. He should be, though: part of what he is there for is to help you through difficult times. And letting him do so is part of what it means to have a Pastor and be Church and be Christian. So please, if there are things that are bothering you in your life, please let your Pastor know about it.

**What is on our websites?** Our wedding policies are posted on our web sites. Our websites also have recent sermons, bulletins and newsletters posted, in case you missed or lost them - and the versions on the websites are corrected or updated as need has been. Pastor Tinglund's articles for the Greybull Standard and the Basin Republican Rustler are posted on the websites, also, along with small articles about the vestments used at our worship services, and a few other things. Please feel free to visit our websites, and to do so often. The more visits we have, the easier our websites will be to find for people who are looking for a Lutheran church in the area.

**Just so we do not forget:**

What is Confession?

Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution from the Pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.

What sins should we confess?

Before God we should plead guilty of all sins, even those we are not aware of, as we do in the Lord's Prayer; but before the Pastor we should confess only those sins which we know and feel in our hearts.

*Of the Small Catechism*

## Birthdays in July

- as known to the editor

### July 7:

Earl Jensen

### July 12:

Candace Tanksley

### July 17:

Denise Catlin

### July 19:

LeAnn Frazier

### July 21:

Cassandra Cauffman

### July 22:

Dennis Bernard

### July 23:

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,**

#### **April-September**

*Zion:*

Sundays at 8 am.

Bible Study at 9:15 am.

*Grace:*

Saturdays at 7 pm.

- please call the Parsonage

to announce your attendance

Sundays at 10:30 am.

Bible Study at 11:45 am.



**REFORMATION**  
**2017 It's *Still* All About**  
**Jesus**

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!

