

The First Sunday of Advent
November 29, 2020



*It is time to turn
away from all that turns us
away from the faith.*

.South Big Horn Lutheran Parish

**Grace Lutheran Church
Greybull**

For by grace you have been saved, through faith, and this is not of yourselves, it is the gift of God.

Ephesians 2:8-9

**Zion Lutheran Church
Emblem**

Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

Isaiah 12:6

Notes for the Season

Advent (of Latin: *Adventus Domini*, the Coming of the Lord) is a season of preparation for the celebration of the birth of Christ. As difficult as this may be, surrounded by the increasingly pagan and premature celebrations of the godless world, this is a time of **penitence**. We are reminded of why He had to come for our salvation - and that He shall come to judge, and we should be ready to meet Him, when He does. The **colour of the season** is the colour of penitence, **purple**.

Today:

Penitential Order of Holy Communion, LSB p. 184, *Apostles' Creed*

Hymns: 340 - 349 - 781:1-2 - 337/335/334 - 387:1

About Holy Communion

Holy Scripture teaches that as an expression of unity (Acts 2:42) Christians should share the Sacrament only with those with whom we are united in a common faith. We honour this teaching as our due obedience, and also to guard the uninstructed and those who do not submit to the full counsel of God against spiritual harm (1 Corinthians 11:27-29). As such, only Christians who share our faith and confession and therefore belong to congregations in the fellowship of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod will commune in our church. **We sincerely welcome our visitors**; we assure you that we uphold this practice also out of concern for *your* spiritual welfare, and that our Pastor would love to study Scripture with you and help you embrace the full counsel of God, so that we can share the Sacrament in a manner pleasing to God and beneficial for us all.

Just so we do not forget:

And lead us not into temptation. What does this mean?

God tempts no one. We pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us so that the devil, the world, and our sinful nature may not deceive us or mislead us into false belief, despair, and other great shame and vice. Although we are attacked by these things, we pray that we may finally overcome them and win the victory.

Of the Small Catechism

This we believe - *from the Confessions of our Church*

Repentance should produce good fruit. These good fruit are what the commandments teach: prayer, thanksgiving, the confession of the Gospel, teaching the Gospel, obeying parents and rulers, and being faithful to one's calling. We should not kill, not hold on to hatred, but be forgiving and give to the needy, so far as we can, according to our means. We should not commit sexual sins or adultery, but should hold in check, bridle, and chastise the flesh, not for a repayment of eternal punishment, but so as not to obey the devil or offend the Holy Spirit. Likewise, we should speak the truth.

Of the Apology of the Augsburg Confession

Free Will-Offering at Grace today in favour of the Community Outreach Fund.

LWML Christmas Party at Grace on Monday, November 30, at 6 pm.

Advent Dinner on Tuesdays, December 1, 8, and 15 at 6 pm.

December 1: Pizza - *served by the Youth*

December 8: Carry-in

December 15: Pork Loin and mashed potatoes - *served by the Youth*

Advent Midweek Worship on Tuesdays, December 1, 8, and 15, 7 pm. We shall continue our theme from last year, *The only Son from Heaven - but not the only son* - to meditate upon how the lives and fates of three sons of David point to our Lord Jesus and what He has done and is for the sinners who are His Church.

Joint Council Meeting at Grace Tuesday, December 1, after worship.

Christmas Eve Worship at Grace Christmas Eve (sorry, if that is confusing!) at 4 pm.

Christmas Eve Worship at Zion on Christmas Eve (sorry, again, if that is confusing!) at 6 pm.

Christmas Day Worship at Grace on Christmas Day (well, you know) at 10:30 am.

A Life Thought from Lutherans For Life:

"The Lord is our righteousness" (Jeremiah 23:6b). What comforting truth for hearts troubled with sin's guilt that keeps resurfacing. Sometimes a past sin can be so haunting that we do not always feel forgiven, or we cannot forgive ourselves. The sin of abortion is a prime example. But our righteousness does not depend upon us or our feelings. Our righteousness is Christ! *O Lord our Righteousness, may my comfort and hope be anchored in You and not my feelings. Amen.*

A Stewardship Thought for the Sunday: Part of our readings for today is Jeremiah 23:6b - "And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'" Jesus is our righteousness, our justification, our all. In Jesus, we are forgiven and receive every blessing from the Father. This knowledge sets us free to live as children of the Heavenly Father without fear. Freed from the supposed need to justify ourselves, good works can be done by us for the right reason: to thank God and to serve our neighbor. *From the LCMS Stewardship Ministry*

This Week:

Monday:	6 pm.	LWML Christmas Party at Grace
Tuesday:	Noon - 1 pm.	Pastor's office hours at Grace
	6 pm.	Advent Dinner at Grace
	7 pm.	Advent Worship at Grace
		Joint Council at Grace
Wednesday:	Noon - 1 pm.	Pastor's office hours at Grace
	2 pm. →	<i>Pastor Tinglund gone</i>
Thursday:		<i>Pastor Tinglund gone</i>
Friday:	Noon - 1 pm.	Pastor's office hours at Grace
	7 pm.	Penitence and Prayer Service at Grace
Saturday:	7 pm.	Communion worship at Grace
		- <i>in case somebody registers!</i>
Sunday:	8 am.	Communion Worship at Grace
	9:15 am.	Bible Study at Grace
	10:30 am.	Communion Worship at Zion
	11:45 am.	Bible Study at Zion