

The First Sunday of Christmas
December 27, 2020



*Opposed in the world,
faith sees in Him salvation -
that is what is real.*

South Big Horn Lutheran Parish

**Grace Lutheran Church
Greybull**

**Zion Lutheran Church
Emblem**

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

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 Feast

Christmas (*Christ-Mass*) is the Feast for the Eternal Son of God coming in the flesh. Miracle of Miracles: He who is Himself eternal God has come to us. More than that, for us men (be we male or female) He came down from Heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made Man Himself. He has come to us, and He remains with us, for our salvation.

The **festive colour** is **white**, signifying purity, as the priestly robes worn by the multitudes before the great white throne - or **golden**, pointing to the heavenly treasures.

Today:

Festive Order of Holy Communion, TLH p. 151. with the *Nicene Creed*

Hymns: 386 - 546 - 370/383/384 - 387

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:

But deliver us from evil. What does this mean?

We pray in this petition, in summary, that our Father in Heaven would rescue us from every evil of body and soul, possessions and reputation, and finally, when our last hour comes, give us a blessed end, and graciously take us from this valley of sorrow to Himself in Heaven.

Of the Small Catechism

This we believe - from the Confessions of our Church

Few receive the Word and follow it; the greatest number despise the Word, and will not come to the Feast. The cause for this contempt for the Word is not God's foreknowledge or predestination, but the perverse will of man, which rejects or perverts the means and instrument of the Holy Spirit, which God offers him through the call, and resists the Holy Spirit, who wishes to be effective, and works through the Word.

Of the Formula Concord, Solid Declaration

Deaconness in Deutschland newsletters from Deaconness Kim Buelmann's work among refugees in Germany are available in the Narthex.

Wyoming District Winter Newsletter is available in the Narthex.

Brief Voters' Meeting in both our churches on Sunday, January 3, after worship, for the sole purpose of electing a Lay Delegate and an Alternate Lay Delegate for the Wyoming District Convention in Casper May 6-8, 2021.

Epiphany Worship at Grace on Monday, January 4, at 7pm.

LWML Meeting at Grace on Monday, January 4, after worship.

Regular Voters' Meeting in both our churches on Sunday, January 24, after worship. Lunch at Zion. Members are asked to bring salads or desserts.

Tell the Good News About Jesus Convocation in Casper February 5-6. This year's theme is *The Last Days and the Last Day: Living in these last days by faith in Jesus*. Find more information and register on the District website (which are accessible through our own churches' websites under "Links").

Thank you to all who thought of us with greetings, gifts, and goodness for Christmas; truly, it is and remains a privilege and a joy to live and serve among you.

Father and Mrs. T.

A Stewardship Thought for the Sunday: Part of our readings today is Luke 2:39 - "And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord..." The Law of God is good. Of course, it always shows us our sins, but that is good, too! We need to be driven back to the forgiveness of Christ. And the Law also shows us the truly blessed way to live. As Mary and Joseph found their joy in a godly life, so should we see the Law as a guide for Christian living and the roadmap for saying thank you to the Lord for all His grace and mercy to us.

From the LCMS Stewardship Ministry

A Life Thought from Lutherans for Life: A peaceful departure (Luke 2:29) may not always mean the absence of pain and suffering. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, it is seeing the presence of our Savior accomplishing His will according to His timetable. *In our last hour, dear Savior, help us see You and be at peace. Amen..*



This Week:

Tuesday:	Noon - 1 pm.	Pastor's office hours at Grace
Wednesday:	Noon - 1 pm.	Pastor's office hours at Grace
	2 pm. ->	Pastor Tinglund gone
Thursday:		Pastor Tinglund gone
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
		- in case somebody registers!
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