

The Second Sunday of Advent
December 6, 2020



*All that was written
was written to make us one
in His faith and love.*

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: 343 - 350 - 781:1-2 - 352/332/398 - 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 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. So we too will sincerely forgive and gladly do good to those who sin against us. *Of the Small Catechism*

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

I believe that there is upon earth a little holy group and congregation of pure saints, under one Head, even Christ, called together by the Holy Spirit in one faith, one mind, and understanding, with manifold gifts, yet agreeing in love, without sects or schisms.

Of the Large Catechism

Wyoming District Newsletters are available for you to pick up in the Narthex.

Pastor Tinglund shall be unavailable, although technically not gone, most of Tuesday for a Circuit Pastors' Meeting.

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

December 8: Carry-in

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

Advent Midweek Worship on Tuesdays, December 8 and 15, at 7 pm. We 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.

Pastor Tinglund shall be gone on Wednesday afternoon and evening and on Thursday to tend to his duties as Vacancy Pastor to Saint John's Lutheran Church in Lovell.

Christmas Eve Worship at Grace on Christmas Eve at 4 pm.

Christmas Eve Worship at Zion on Christmas Eve at 6 pm.

Christmas Day Worship at Grace on Christmas Day at 10:30 am.

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

Young People: "Forgiven" is a Higher Things Lutheran Youth Conference at Colorado State University in Fort Collins on July 6-9, 2021. Talk to Pastor Tinglund about registering by early January.

A Life Thought from Lutherans For Life: No matter what sufferings we carry or how weary we become, Jesus provides hope-filled news about His second coming. Christ has won the victory, and when He returns death and evil will be vanquished. We will be "leaping like calves from the stall" (Malachi 4:1-3). "[S]traighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near" (Luke 21:28). Some things are worth waiting for—even amid suffering!

A Stewardship Thought for the Sunday: Part of our readings for today is Romans 15:4a - "For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction." God's Word was given to us to bless us. The Bible warns us of our sin and points us to Christ for our salvation. The Bible also instructs us as to how to live out our Christians lives. This is the "third use of the Law." As Christians we should welcome this instruction in humble faith. We know that Christ has saved us, and now we want to know how to live lives of faith that are pleasing to Him.

From the LCMS Stewardship Ministry

This Week:

Tuesday:	Noon - 1 pm.	Pastor's office hours at Grace
	6 pm.	Advent Dinner at Grace
	7 pm.	Advent Worship 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