

The Third Sunday of Advent  
December 13, 2020



*The heavenly Judge speaks;  
His judgement we cannot flee,  
but must surrender.*

**.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: 347 - 333 - 781:1-2 - 353/357/620 - 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:**

*What do you believe about the Office of the Keys?*

I believe that when the called ministers of Christ deal with us by His divine command, in particular when they exclude openly unrepentant sinners from the Christian congregation and absolve those who repent of their sins and want to do better, this is just as valid and certain, even in Heaven, as if Christ our dear Lord dealt with us Himself.

*Of the Small Catechism*

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

In order that we may obtain this faith, the Ministry of Teaching the Gospel and administering the Sacraments was instituted. For through the Word and Sacraments, as through instruments, the Holy Spirit is given, who works faith; where and when it pleases God, in those who hear the Gospel, namely that God, not for our own merits, but for Christ's sake, justifies those who believe that they are received into grace for Christ's sake.

*Of the Augsburg Confession*

**Advent Dinner** on Tuesday 6 pm.: Pork Loin and mashed potatoes served by the Youth

**Advent Midweek Worship** Tuesday 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.

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

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

**Christmas Day Worship** at Grace

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

**Young People:** "Forgiven" is a 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:** "Speak tenderly" in Isaiah 40:1-2 is literally "speak to the heart." More than nice-sounding words, all of the Good News encapsulated in the first and second coming of Jesus speaks powerfully to those with struggling and burdened hearts. The life issues give us opportunity to speak this Good News to matters of the heart, especially those considered "controversial" and "divisive." *Thank You for touching our hearts with the Good News! Help us share it with all who deal with matters of the heart. Amen.*

**A Stewardship Thought for the Sunday:** Part of our readings for today is 1 Corinthians 4:2 - "Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful." A steward manages the property of the owner for the owner's purposes. We are stewards of all that God has given us. So, we are called to use all that we are and all that we have for God's purposes. How do we know what these are? Consider your vocations - your callings from God in the home, in the Church, and in society. What are the roles God has called you to play? And how should you be using the gifts He's given you to fulfill those roles?

*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. → *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