

The Baptism of Our Lord
January 10, 2021



*Baptised into Him,
with whom the Father is pleased ,
we are right with God..*

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 Feast

In the **Baptism of Our Lord** the Son of God made Himself one with sinners, and was confirmed to be the Son of God; after this His public ministry began. In this manner our celebration of His Baptism inaugurates the post-Christmas season, called *Epiphany (Greek: Revelation)*. During this season He reveals to us who He is and what He has come to do, namely to rescue and deliver sinners from sin and its consequences. The **festive colour** is **white**, signifying purity, as the heavenly priestly robes worn by the blessed before the great white throne - or **golden**, pointing to the heavenly treasures.

Today:

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

Hymns: 401 - 405 - 394/596/598 -389:7

About Holy Communion

Holy Scripture teaches that as an expression of unity 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 celebrate the Sacrament in a manner pleasing to God and beneficial for us all.

Just so we do not forget:

What benefits does Baptism give?

It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare.

Which are these words and promises of God?

Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Mark: "Whoever believes and is baptised will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned".

Of the Small Catechism

This we believe - from the Confessions of our Church

Therefore every Christian has enough in Baptism to learn and to practise all his life; for he has always enough to do to believe firmly what it promises and brings: victory over death and the devil, forgiveness of sin, the grace of God, the entire Christ, and the Holy Spirit with His gifts.

Of the Large Catechism

Pastor Tinglund shall be gone for a Circuit Pastors' meeting Tuesday, January 12. Messages can be left at cell phone 605-228-9216.

Voters' Meeting at Grace Sunday, January 24, after worship.

Voters' Meeting at Zion Sunday, January 24, after worship, with a **catered** dinner, sponsored by Thrivent. Members are asked to bring salads and/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").

A Life Thought from Lutherans for Life: John's baptism convicted every human being - "Jerusalem and all Judea" (Matthew 3:5-6). No physical incapacities excused anyone. Jesus' baptism consecrates every human being. God, in giving His Son, identifies with us at our weakest and embraces us at our worst. Even when we don't resemble anything our Maker intended, He doesn't call us "unwanted" or "better off dead." Instead He declares, "This is my beloved [child], with whom I am well pleased" (Matthew 3:17). In this newness of life, Christians can also welcome the least among us. *Lord, construct Your kingdom of little ones like us. Amen.*

A Stewardship Thought for the Sunday: Part of our readings today is Matthew 3:14 - "John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?' " John is right. What Jesus is doing makes no sense! But this is the upside down, outlandish grace of God. The innocent Jesus takes our sinner's place. This is the greatest act of giving the world has ever known or will know. The Father gives His Son to die in the place of sinners. *From the LCMS Stewardship Ministry*



This Week:

Tuesday: *Pastor Tinglund gone*
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*