

The Second Sunday of the Epiphany Season
January 17, 2021



South Big Horn Lutheran Parish

*Himself we cannot see,
but His goodness is made known,
and thus we know Him.*

**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

The post-Christmas season - called *Epiphany* (Greek: *Revelation*) - is a season of afterthought. During this season we meditate upon the implications of what we have celebrated: the Son of God becoming Man. The theme of the season is how our Lord Jesus reveals who He is and what He has come to do. For this is the point of His miraculous works; to demonstrate His power as the power of deliverance and salvation. The colour of the season is **green**, signifying **growth and ripening**.

Today:

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

Hymns: 398 - 412 - 781:1-2 - 507/395 - 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 does God say about all these Commandments?

He says "I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to third and fourth generation of those who hate Me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love Me and keep My commandments" (*Exodus 20:5-6*).

What does this mean?

God threatens to punish all who break these commandments. Therefore, we should fear His wrath and not do anything against them. But He promises grace and every blessing to all who keep these commandments. Therefore, we should also love and trust in Him and gladly do what He commands.

Of the Small Catechism

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

Neither preacher nor hearer is to doubt this grace and effectiveness of the Holy Spirit. They should be certain that when God's Word is preached purely and truly, according to God's command and will, and people listen attentively and seriously and meditate on it, God is certainly present with His grace. He grants, as has been said, what otherwise a person can neither accept nor give by his own powers.

Formula Concord, the Solid Declaration

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.

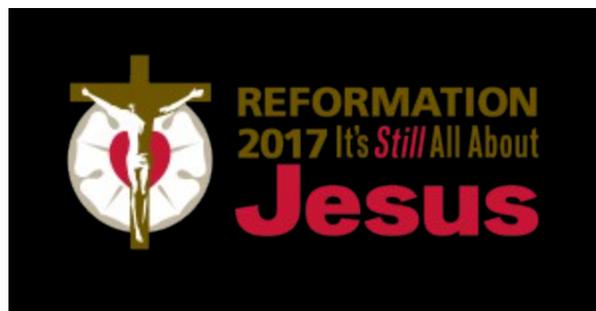
Tell the Good News About Jesus Convocation in Casper February 5-6. This year's theme is *The Last Days and the Last Day: Living in these last days by faith in Jesus*. Find more information and register on the District website (which is accessible through our own churches' websites under "Links").

A Stewardship Thought for the Sunday: Part of our readings today is John 2:5 - "His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' " What must Mary have thought when Jesus replied, "What does this have to do with Me?" But she knew whatever her Son said to do would be a blessing, so she knows what advice to give to the servants: Do whatever He tells you! That's still good advice for us in every aspect of our lives, including in our generosity toward the Lord's work in the Church.

From the LCMS Stewardship Ministry

A Life Thought from Lutherans for Life: Perhaps we could raise the level of respect and honor for marriage if we focused less on what it isn't and more upon what it is, and teach, as Paul, that "it refers to Christ and the church" (Ephesians 5:32b). *Lord, help us see marriage as a picture of Your sacrificial and loving relationship to Your Church. Amen.*

Do not be miserable without letting your Pastor know about it. Not that your Pastor likes to learn that you are miserable; but if you are, he would like to know. Your Pastor might not know about the things that are happening in your life; or he might know of what is happening, but not be aware of how it is bothering you, or how much. He should be, though: part of what he is there for is to help you through difficult times. And letting him do so is part of what it means to have a Pastor and be Church and be Christian. Even if what is bothering is not what you yourself would think of as a spiritual or Church related, you should nevertheless not exclude the possibility that the light the Word of God would have shed upon it would be helpful. So please, if there are things that are bothering you in your life, please let your Pastor know about it.



The Week:

Tuesday:	Noon - 1 pm.	Pastor's office hours at Grace
Wednesday:	2 pm →	<i>Pastor Tinglund gone</i>
Thursday:		<i>Pastor Tinglund gone</i>
Friday:	Noon -1 pm.	Pastor's office hours at Grace
Sunday:	8 am.	Communion Worship at Grace
	9:15 am.	Voters' Meeting at Grace
	10:30 am.	Communion Worship at Zion

11:45 am. Voters' Meeting at Zion, with lunch