



South Big Horn Lutheran Parish
Grace and Zion Lutheran Churches
Newsletter, February 2021

Dear brethren,

the Fifth Commandment is: *You shall not murder!* With this Commandment, God declares Himself to be Lord and Master of human life. With Him being that, obviously it is not permissible for us to put an end to human life at will, neither that of others, nor our own.

Holy Scripture teaches us to treasure life, not only as a gift from God, but also as an obligation. Life is given to us, as are all things in life, in order for us to do good with it, and to serve God by doing good and being good to those among whom He places us in life. To live until we die is, in other words, our duty to God, and to those around us. And by acknowledging that life is given to us, not only as a gift, but also as an obligation to live and serve God and others, we treasure not only our own life, but also the lives of others.

Although things might happen that make life into something that it is extremely difficult to treasure, this truth stands, nevertheless: that life is given to us by God for us to do good with, and we owe it to Him to live it. For us to put an end to our own life is to deprive God of what we owe to Him, and the world, and those who love us.

And although life might come to seem unbearable for us, Holy Scripture sets before us not only the *example* of the Son of God, who bore the truly unbearable, eternal death and damnation, and did so freely and willingly, but also that assurance of the love of God which His suffering is, that He bore the unbearable for us, for our salvation, to make all things well for us.

By holding before us what He has suffered for our salvation Holy Scripture teaches us to find comfort in knowing just how great a love God has for us, and assurance that He will ultimately make all things well for us. As He has had His holy Apostle Paul write it: *He who did not spare His own Son but gave Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him graciously give us all things?*

Romans 8:32

And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to His purpose.

Romans 8:28

All things must work together for our good; which means that even that which makes life seem not worth living must ultimately be for our good, somehow, in ways we do not see, and cannot comprehend, or even imagine. The faith God which God Himself works in His Christians, with His Word, believes this, and as such, His Christians will entrust themselves to His love and leave it to Him to make all things well, in whichever way He knows to be good and right.

The Lord will fulfil His purpose for me; Your steadfast love, O Lord, endures for ever.

Psalms 138:8

For me to bring an end to my own life would not only be to deprive Him of the service I owe to Him, nor would it only be to deprive those I love of my love and my presence; it would also be to deprive myself of the gifts of God, and whatever the good for which He would have my sufferings and sorrows work together to contribute.

Sincerely
Jais H. Tinglund

Pastor Tinglund shall be gone on Wednesday afternoons and evenings and most of Thursdays to tend to his duties as Vacancy Pastor to Saint John's Lutheran Church in Lovell. Messages can be left at cell phone 605-228-9216.

Services of penitence and prayer are held at Grace every Friday night at 7 pm. in response to the Wuhan Virus crisis, riots, and other current threats to the peace and freedom of the Church of Christ, and His Christians, and all people in the country and the community.

Saturday Evening Communion is offered at Grace when somebody requests it by calling the Parsonage (765-2865) to announce their intent to attend.

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

Pastor Tinglund shall be gone for a Circuit Visitors' meeting Tuesday, January 26, through Wednesday, January 27. Messages can be left at cell phone 605-228-9216.

Pastor Tinglund shall be gone for vacation Thursday, January 28, through Friday, February 5. Messages can be left at cell phone 605-228-9216. Should a need for immediate Pastoral assistance arise, feel free to call Pastor Korb of Worland at 307-388-4044.

Service of Penitence and Prayer on Friday, January 29 is **cancelled**.

Lenten Dinners at Grace at 6 pm., prior to Lenten Worship, Tuesdays, February 16, 23; March 2, 9, 16, and 23.

February 16:

Pork loin and mashed potatoes

- served by the Youth

February 23:

Carry-in

March 11:

To be announced

March 18:

Carry-in

March 25:

Pizza dinner - served by the Youth

April 1:

Carry-in

Lenten Worship at Grace on Tuesdays, February 16, 23, March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, at 7 pm. Our theme this year will be **His Mercy and His Men**. In light of the Passion of Christ we shall meditate upon what Holy Scripture teaches about His gift of Confession and Absolution and the Office of the Holy Ministry.

Just so we do not forget:

And lead us not into temptation. What does this mean?

God tempts no one. We pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us so that the devil, the world, and our sinful nature may not deceive us or mislead us into false belief, despair, and other great shame and vice. Although we are attacked by these things, we pray that we may finally overcome them and win the victory.

Of the Small Catechism

Birthdays in February

- as known to the editor

February 4:

Al Corbin

February 7:

Brian DeRosa

February 19:

Taylor Stewart

February 22nd:

Alex Preis

Martha Werbelow

February 28:

Quinton Hibbert

Anniversaries in February

- as known to the editor

February 28:

Ray and Dory Cauffman

Zion Financial Report, December:

Debits: \$ 3,920.78

Credits: \$ 4,315.61

2020 total:

Debits: \$ 47,660.28

Credits: \$ 53,000.72

LWML usually meets at *Grace* on the first Monday of every month at 7 pm., except in July, August and September, and also on the **last** Monday of August. All ladies of the congregation are members of the LWML; and as such all ladies of the congregation, of all ages, are not only more than welcome, but also actually invited and encouraged to attend all LWML meetings at *Grace* - and so are all ladies of Zion!

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Regular office hours at Grace:

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday Noon -1 pm.

Regular Worship Hours,

October-March:

Grace:

Saturdays at 7 pm.

- please call the Parsonage

to announce your attendance!

Sundays at 8 am.

Bible Study at 9:15 am.

Zion:

Sundays at 10:30 am.

Bible Study at 11:45 am.

April-September:

Grace:

Saturdays at 7 pm.

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