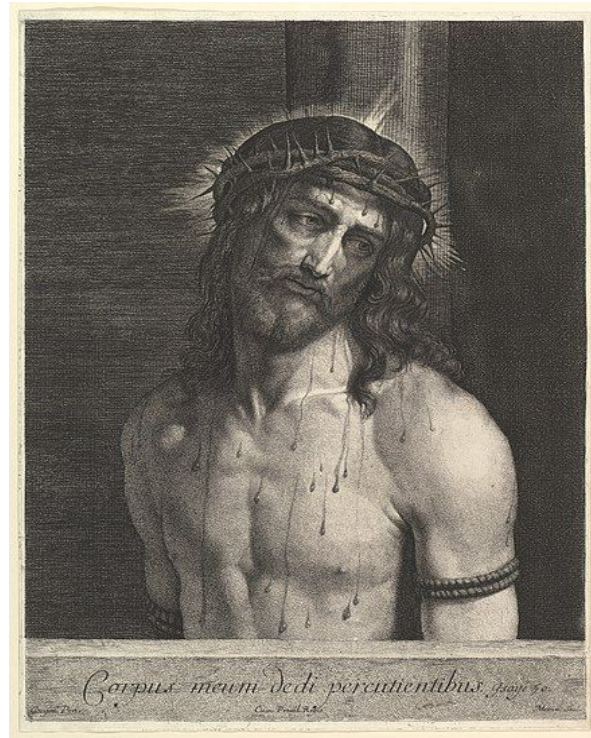


The Second Sunday of Christmas  
January 3, 2020



*From grief to glory  
He has gone before us, and  
we must follow Him.*

**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**

**Christmas** (*Christ-Mass*) is the Feast for the Eternal Son of God coming in the flesh. **Miracle of Miracles:** He who is Himself eternal God has come to us. More than that, for us men (be we male or female) He came down from Heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made Man Himself. He has come to us, and He remains with us, for our salvation.

The **festive colour** is **white**, signifying purity, as the priestly robes worn by the multitudes before the great white throne - or **golden**, pointing to the heavenly treasures.

**Today:**

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

Hymns: 359 - 374 - 375/360 - 387

### **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:**

*Thy Kingdom come. What does this mean?*

The Kingdom of God certainly comes by itself without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also.

*How does God's Kingdom come?*

God's Kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity.

*Of the Small Catechism*

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

And while we are cheered in the midst of the terrors and receive consolation, at the same time other spiritual movements grow: the knowledge of God, fear of God, hope, love of God; and we are regenerated, as Paul says, in the knowledge of God, and, beholding the glory of the Lord, we are changed into the same image, that is: we receive the true knowledge of God, so that we truly fear Him, truly trust that we are cared for, and that we are heard by Him. *Of the Apology of the Augsburg Confession*

**Brief Voters' Meeting** in both our churches **today** after worship, for the purpose of electing a Lay Delegate and an Alternate Lay Delegate for the Wyoming District Convention in Casper May 6-8, 2021.

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

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

**Thank you** to all who thought of us with greetings, gifts, and goodness for Christmas; truly, it is and remains a privilege and a joy to live and serve among you.

*Father and Mrs. T.*

**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 Stewardship Thought for the Sunday:** Part of our readings today is Genesis 46:6 - "They also took their livestock and their goods, which they had gained in the land of Canaan ..." Look at all the temporal blessings that God gave to Jacob. We have also been greatly blessed to live in a land of freedom and prosperity. Shouldn't that make us thankful and generous?  
*From the LCMS Stewardship Ministry*



**This Week:**

Monday:	7 pm.	Epiphany Worship at Grace
Tuesday:	Noon - 1 pm.	Pastor's office hours 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