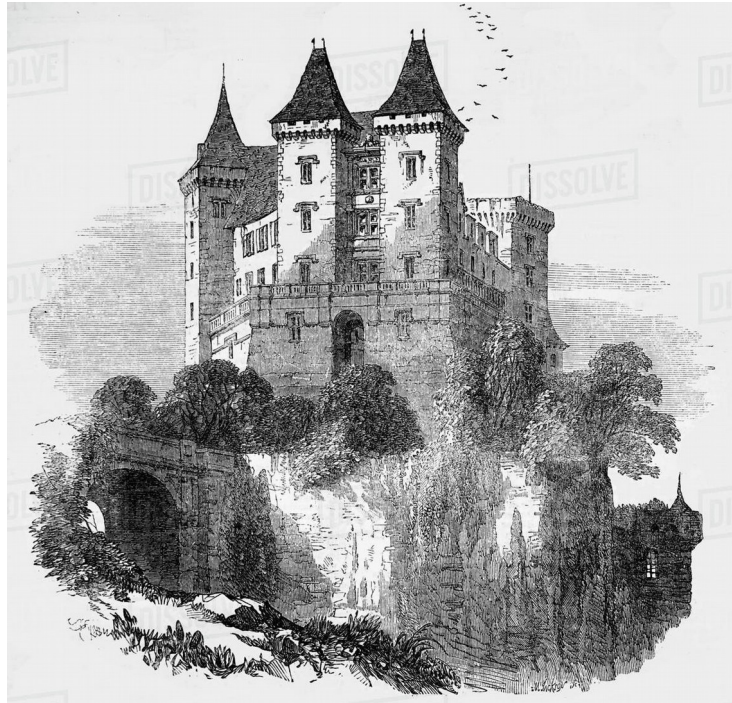


Quinquagesima Sunday
February 14, 2021



*Our refuge we seek
in Him who has made Himself
our Fortress and Strength*

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 Sunday

Today is **Quinquagesima Sunday**, which means (in Latin) that it is the Sunday (roughly) 50 days before Easter. With the **pre-Lenten Season** the Church begins to prepare herself for the remembrance of the sufferings and death of Christ. As such, the season serves as a transition from the Season of *Epiphany*, with its focus on the manifestation of the glory of Christ, to that of *Lent* with its focus on penitence and preparation. At the conclusion of our meditations on the Kingdom having come in Christ, we now look toward the consummation of the Kingdom has come to us in Christ.

The colour of the season is **green**, signifying **growth and ripening**.

Today:

Order of Holy Communion, LSB p. 203

Hymns: 585 - 656 - 781:1-2 - 741 - 422

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:

For thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen. What does this mean?

This means that I should be certain that these petitions are pleasing to our Father in heaven and are heard by Him; for He Himself has commanded us to pray in this way and has promised to hear us. Amen, amen means "yes, yes, it shall be so."

Of the Small Catechism

This we believe - from the Confessions of our Church

But the Holy Spirit carries on His work without ceasing to the Last Day. For that purpose He has appointed a congregation upon earth by which He speaks and does everything. For He has not yet brought together all His Christian Church or granted all forgiveness. Therefore, we believe in Him who daily brings us into the fellowship of this Christian Church through the Word. Through the same Word and the forgiveness of sins He bestows, increases, and strengthens faith. So when He has done it all, and we abide in this and die to the world and to all evil, He may finally make us perfectly and forever holy. Even now we expect this in faith through the Word.

Of the Large Catechism

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

February 16: Pork loin and mashed potatoes - served by the Youth

February 23: Carry-in

March 11: Mongolian - served by the Youth

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 and March 2, 9, 16, and 23 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.

Thank you - again - to all who requested that Thrivent Choice Dollars go to our churches. We have been informed that Zion has recently received another \$484 through the Thrivent Choice Dollars program. The money will be kept on a special account, where it will be available to us, should a special need arise; and where, in the meantime, it will earn us good interest.

Wyoming District Newsletters for February available in the Narthex.

Delicious Butter Braid pastries are being sold as a fund raiser for our youth account. Place your order on the sheet provided by **Sunday, March 14**.

High quality cutlery and other food items are being sold as a fundraiser for our youth account. Look through a catalogue if there is something you would like, whether for yourself or as a gift for someone else, and let Mrs. T. know by Sunday, **March 14**.

A Life Thought from Lutherans for Life: "The Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance" (1 Samuel 16:7). Age, shape, and ability do not establish or inhibit human worth. "[T]he Lord looks on the heart" and sees the life and spirit hidden within. Every human pulse beats with the Creator's own love - patient (1 Corinthians 13:4), enduring (1 Corinthians 13:7), making perfect (1 Corinthians 13:10) what was wrecked (Luke 18:42).

A Stewardship Thought for the Sunday: Part of our readings today is Luke 18:34 - "This saying was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said." Even our understanding of the Word of God is a gift - the disciples can't understand Jesus because it is not given to them to understand him. By nature they are deaf to the Word. So everything we have is a gift of God. To realize this is the beginning of thankfulness, generosity, and kindness.

LCMS Stewardship Ministry

The Week:

Tuesday:	Noon - 1 pm.	Pastor's office hours at Grace
	6 pm.	Lenten Dinner at Grace
	7 pm.	Lenten Worship at Grace
Wednesday:	2 →	<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.	Bible Study at Grace
	10:30 am.	Communion Worship at Zion
	11:45 am.	Bible Study at Zion