

The Third Sunday of Easter
April 18, 2021



*In faith He suffered,
and to the faith He calls us,
by which we can suffer.*

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

Easter is the feast for the resurrection of our Lord Jesus, and His victory over death and the devil. With His resurrection new life has begun for us - life in the power of His resurrection. The **Paschal Candle** is lit to point to the life of Christ shining through the darkness of death which still surrounds us. The festive colour is **white**, signifying purity, like the priestly robes of the righteous before His throne - or **golden**, pointing to the heavenly treasures.

Today:

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

Hymns: 482 - 266 - 548 - 420/531 - 488

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 practise 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:

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

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

Faith brings the Holy Spirit and produces a new life in hearts. It must also produce spiritual movements in hearts. Therefore, when we have been justified by faith and born anew, we begin to fear and love God, to pray to Him, to expect aid from Him, to give thanks and praise Him, and to obey Him in times of suffering. We also begin to love our neighbors, because our hearts have spiritual and holy movements.

Of the Apology of the Augsburg Confession

Ascension Dinner at Grace on Wednesday, May 12, at 6 pm. The Youth will serve spaghetti with meat sauce.

Ascension Day Worship will be observed on the eve of the feast, on Wednesday, May 12, at 7 pm.

A Stewardship Thought for the Sunday: Part of our readings today is John 10:14 - "I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me." What does it mean to know the Lord? It starts with being known by the Lord. He claims us as His own and calls us by name. Then, once we are His, we learn to know Him. In knowing Him, we learn to imitate Him. That is how the Christian life of good works and generosity grows from the Lord's grace.

From the LCMS Stewardship Ministry

A Life Thought from Lutherans for Life: The Good Shepherd lays down His life for the sheep (John 10:11-16). Herein lies our assurance that our Shepherd does not abandon His sheep. He loves them too much. He paid too much for them to forsake them. We live our lives, not in the absence of suffering, but in the presence of the Good Shepherd. *Good Shepherd, thank You for laying down Your life for me. 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:

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| Tuesday: | Noon - 1 pm. | Pastor's office hours at Grace |
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| Thursday: | Noon - 1 pm. | Pastor's office hours at Grace |
| Friday: | Noon - 1 pm. | Pastor's office hours at Grace |
| | 6 pm. | Pete Werbelow Memorial Service at Zion |
| Saturday: | 10 am. | Pete Werbelow interment at the Emblem Cemetery |
| | 7 pm. | Communion Worship at Grace |
| | | - <i>in case somebody registers by Friday evening!</i> |
| Sunday: | 8 am. | Communion Worship at Zion |
| | 9:15 am. | Bible Study at Zion |
| | 10:30 am. | Communion Worship at Grace |
| | 11:45 am. | Bible Study at Grace |