



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

Dear brethren,

the Fifth Commandment is: *You shall not murder!* And what this means is that we should not deliberately and wilfully take the life of any human being. God alone is Lord of life. And He treasures human life, even to a such degree that the Son of God has suffered, and borne the fullness of sufferings, to save all of His most beloved creatures from death, that is: all human beings, even those who seem most insignificant, and those whose lives seem the least worth living.

He wants for all human beings to live the life He will give to them in this world, for as long as He will have them live in this world. And because He alone is God and knows all things, the life He will give to each and every one of us is the best life we can have in this world in this world of suffering and sorrow and sin. Even the most insignificant life, and that which seems the life least worth living, is what He has chosen to give to the individual, out of His great goodness, because He knows each and every one of us, our individual circumstances, and our individual personalities, and therefore He also knows what really serves for our good, and serves us to be led to the faith and preserved in the faith, for our salvation unto eternal life with Him in the fullness of His goodness and His glory, which is what He wants the most for each and every one of us, because He is as good as He is.

Therefore He calls all sinners to live with Him in faith, that is: to hear His Word of salvation, and take it to heart, and to serve Him by doing so. And therefore He commands us, also, not to prevent others from living the life He would give them, in faith and service to Him.

And He commands us not to choose death ourselves over a life with Him in faith, but rather to bear whatever burdens life may cast upon us, however unbearable they may seem, in faith, and to seek comfort and strength in His promise of victory and eternal life, knowing how His love has proven itself greater than all in the sufferings and death of His beloved Son, and conquered all evil and even death itself in His glorious resurrection, and so trusting Him to make all things well, also for us, in accordance with His promises.

And in the same way He commands us, also, not wilfully to bring about the death of those whose life seems not worth living, the sick and inform, but rather to encourage and allow them to live the life He will give to them, for as long as He will give it to them, trusting that all that He Himself does will always be well done, and done right.

The point is that all that can be said about suicide can also be said about *assisted suicide*, or *euthanasia*, as it is also called, with a Greek word that means *good death*. The only good death is that which He Himself brings about in His own time and in His own way, after the good life, which is a life lived with Him in faith, looking to His love, and trusting in Him to make all things well. A such death is not really death, but rather the entrance into His eternal life.

Sincerely  
Jais H. Tinglund

**Services of penitence and prayer** are held at Grace every Friday night at 7 pm. in response to the Wuhan Virus crisis 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.

**LWML Meeting at Grace Monday, May 3, at 7 pm.**

**Pastor Tinglund shall be gone** for District Convention Thursday, May 6, through Saturday, May 7. Messages can be left at cell phone 605-228-9216, which will be checked regularly.

**No Penitence and Prayer Worship** on Friday, May 7.

**No Evening Communion Worship** on Saturday, May 8, as Pastor Tinglund might not have made it back from District Convention so as to be available.

**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 Wednesday, May 12, at 7 pm.

**Pastor Tinglund shall be gone** for vacation from the afternoon of Sunday, May 30, through Monday, June 6. Messages can be left at cell phone 605-228-9216. Should a need for immediate Pastoral assistance arise, please feel free to call Pastor Korb of Worland at 307-388-4044.

**No Penitence and Prayer Worship** on Friday, June 4.

**No Evening Communion Worship** on Saturday, June 5.

**Pastor Tinglund shall be gone** for a Circuit Pastors' Meeting on Tuesday, June 15. Messages can be left on cell phone 605-228-9216, which will be checked regularly.

#### **A Comment on Current Events**

A few weeks ago Residing Bishop and head of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) Elizabeth Eaton tweeted this: "No human institution decides who is human, who is visible, who is valued. Human sexuality and gender identity are a beautiful mystery. Trans people, like all people, are beloved by God."

The truth is that far from all who oppose the political agenda of the LGBTQ+ movement deny that transsexuals, or homosexuals, are both human and beloved by God; certainly our Church does not. I wonder if Bishop Eaton is really unaware of this when insinuating that the opposite is the case!

And a statement that "No human institution decides who is human, who is visible, who is valued." is rather rich coming from the head of an organisation that denies that children under a certain age are human and beloved by God, and cannot rightfully be killed at will.

*Jais H. Tinglund*

**Just so we do not forget:**

*What is the third Commandment?*

Remember the Sabbath Day by keeping it holy.

*What does this mean?*

We should fear and love God, so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.

*Of the Small Catechism*

**Birthdays in May**

- as known to the editor

**May 3rd:**

Sandy Cole

**May 5th:**

Cole Catlin

Kye Catlin

**May 24:**

Sue Coquil

**May 28:**

Benjamin Kraft

**Anniversaries in May**

- as known to the editor

**May 20th:**

Max and Carrie Mazur

**May 26th:**

Howard and Carol Gernant

**Zion Financial Report, March**

Debits: \$ 4,748.44

Credits: \$ 6,938.85

Year to date:

Debits: \$ 19,218.89

Credits: \$ 23,354.60

**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.

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**Regular office hours at Grace:**

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday,  
Noon -1 pm.

**Regular Worship Hours,****April-September:****Grace:**

Saturdays at 7 pm.

- please call the Parsonage  
to announce your attendance!

Sundays at 10:30 am.

Bible Study at 11:45 am.

**Zion:**

Sundays at 8 am.

Bible Study at 9:15 am.

**October-March:****Grace:**

Saturdays at 7 pm.

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Sundays at 8 am.

Bible Study at 9:15 am.

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