

The Feast of Pentecost

May 23, 2021



*The Spirit of God
is God dwelling in us in
all His own fullness.*

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

Pentecost is the feast for the Holy Spirit coming to the Church. He is the Spirit of God, and His very own life. With Him our Saviour Himself comes to be with us with His own life and His power of salvation. The festive colour is **red** - like the flames of love He ignites in His Church, and in the hearts of His Christians.

Today:

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

Hymns: 500 - 650 - 693/498/506 - 805

About Holy Communion

In the Sacrament we are made one with the risen Christ, and with each other. According to Holy Scripture, oneness in faith and confession is a precondition for such unity. As such, only Christians who share our faith and confession, and who therefore belong to congregations in the fellowship of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, will commune in our church. We ask that our guests be respectful of our faith. **Visitors wishing to receive the sacrament** - please speak with Pastor prior to the service. 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.

Gradual:

P: I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh,

C: your sons and your daughters shall prophesy.

P: With the heart one believes and is justified,

C: and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. *Acts 2:17b, Romans 10:10*

Just so we do not forget:

Hallowed be Thy name. What does this mean?

God's name is certainly holy in itself, but we pray in this petition that it may be kept holy among us also.

How is God's name kept holy?

God's name is kept holy when the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity, and we, as the children of God, also lead holy lives according to it. Help us to do this, dear Father in Heaven! But anyone who teaches or lives contrary to God's Word profanes the name of God among us. Protect us from this, heavenly Father!

Of the Small Catechism

This is our faith - *from the Confessions of our Church*

Faith means to hear God's Word (in which Christ, true God and man, is presented to us, together with all benefits that He has purchased for us by His flesh given into death for us, and by His blood shed for us, namely, God's grace, the forgiveness of sins, righteousness, and eternal life). It means to receive it with faith and keep it for ourselves. It means that in all troubles and temptations we firmly rely—with sure confidence and trust—and abide in this consolation: we have a gracious God and eternal salvation because of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Formula Concord, the Solid Declaration

Baccalaureate reception at Zion on Sunday, May 30, after worship in honour of our High School Graduate Matthew Werbelow.

Free-will offering at Grace Sunday, May 30, in favour of the Community Outreach Fund.

A Life Thought from Lutherans for Life: The tower of Babel used God-pleasing technology but not in a way that pleased God (Genesis 11:1-9). The technology to cure disease and to enhance and prolong life is a gift from God. The misuse of this technology, therefore, is an affront to God. The Spirit of Christ enables the believer to discern between what one is able to do and what one ought to do based upon the Word of God. *Almighty God, let Your Spirit fill me through Your Word and Sacraments so that all I say and do may bring Your glory to my neighbors in need. Amen.*

A Stewardship Thought for the Sunday: Part of our readings today is Acts 2:1 - "When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place." Pentecost was the Old Testament harvest festival - a time of thanksgiving, bounty, and the giving of gifts. How appropriate that the New Testament takes on the meaning of a new harvest - the ripe fields of the nations. This includes bringing in the elect of every tribe and tongue to sing the Lord's praise. Every farmer knows that it is God who gives the increase and that the harvest calls for thanksgiving.

From the LCMS Stewardship Ministry



The Week:

Tuesday:	Noon - 1 pm.	Pastor's office hours at Grace
Wednesday:	Noon - 1 pm.	Pastor's office hours at Grace
Thursday:	Noon - 1 pm.	Pastor's office hours at Grace
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>- please call Parsonage by Friday evening to register</i>
Sunday:	8 am.	Communion Worship at Zion
	9:15 am.	Graduation reception at Zion
	10:30 am.	Communion Worship at Grace
	11:45 am.	Bible Study at Grace

