

The Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 9, 2021



*The risen Lord rules
the rulers of the world, and
does that as Saviour!*

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: 532 - 266 - 483 - 466/525/549 - 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 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:

Give us this day our daily bread. What does this mean?

God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realise this, and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

What is meant by daily bread?

Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbours and the like.

Of the Small Catechism

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

The Kingdom of Christ is spiritual, in that Christ governs by the Word and by preaching, which means that it begins in the heart with the knowledge of God, the fear of God and faith, eternal righteousness, and eternal life; meanwhile it permits us outwardly to use legitimate political ordinances of every nation in which we live, just as it permits us to use medicine or the art of building, or food, drink, air. Neither does the Gospel bring new laws concerning the civil state, but commands that we obey present laws, whether they have been framed by heathen or by others, and that in this obedience we should exercise love.

Apology of the Augsburg Confession

Ascension Day 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.

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

A Stewardship Thought for the Sunday: Part of our readings today is 1 Timothy 2:5-6 - "For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all." To be ransomed is to be bought back, to be purchased. We belong to God, fair and square. This is not only because He created us, but this is doubly so in that we are ransomed. We belong to God. That's the beginning of thankfulness and generosity.

From the LCMS Stewardship Ministry

A Life Thought from Lutherans for Life: Paul encourages Timothy, "Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus" (2 Timothy 2:3). Sharing in the suffering of Christ sometimes comes when we share Christ and apply His Word of Life to spiritual issues that are also controversial. But faithfulness to the truth means to "endure everything for the sake of the elect" (2:10). *Faithful Lord, permit me to share You in the sufferings of my neighbors as You share in all my own. Amen.*

The Week:

Tuesday:	Noon - 1 pm.	Pastor's office hours at Grace
Wednesday:	Noon - 1 pm.	Pastor's office hours at Grace
	6 pm.	Ascension Eve Dinner at Grace
	7 pm.	Ascension Worship 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 Worship at Grace
Saturday:	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

