



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

Dear brethren,

the Fifth Commandment is: *You shall not murder!* God made Man in His own image, out of His love and for His love, in order for us all to live with Him and have all good things given to us out of His goodness. As such, all human life is precious to Him, as we ourselves are precious to Him, even so that He would not spare His own Son, but the Son of God, who is Himself God from eternity, would give Himself up for us, to such sufferings as we have never known, and can hardly begin to even imagine.

Human life is precious to God; this is what His Commandment teaches us. That is why He sets not only the life of others under the protection of His Commandment; and this implies that also our own life is set under the protection of His Commandment. We should learn from His Commandment not only to respect and protect and not endanger the lives of others, but also to treasure our own lives as the gift God has given to us out of His goodness. This we should do, not only for our own good, but also for the good of others, like those who love us, and also mindful that we owe it to God to live with Him and serve Him in the very life that He gives to us, as He gives it to us, and for as long as He wills for us to live that particular life.

As such, His Commandment points beyond not wilfully killing other people, or ourselves. It also calls for us not killing other people, our ourselves, by carelessness, that is: to be responsible in the way we deal with ourselves and our own lives, as well as with the lives of others.

Human law operates with the concept *depraved indifference to human life*. And although Holy Scripture does not use that particular term, from what it teaches about love, and the nature of sin, it is clear that any and all indifference to human life, our own or that of others, is indeed *depraved*, and contrary to the will of God.

Life in this world of sin and death naturally comes with danger. We should be realistic about that. On the other hand, we should not frivolously and carelessly expose ourselves or others to unnecessary danger. Drunk driving and reckless driving are not only crimes according to the law of the land, but also sin against God! And, by the way, so is driving when we are too tired to do so safely. It is our duty to God to exercise all possible care and caution in situations that we know to be potentially dangerous.

The Commandment of God also calls for us to take care of our own bodies and not abuse them by gluttony and excessive drinking! And it teaches us not needlessly to expose ourselves and others to infectious diseases, and not to carelessly conduct ourselves in a manner known to do that.

We will judge differently as to what is unnecessary and excessive. Nevertheless, His Commandment makes it clear enough that indifference to human life is not pleasing to God! His love calls for an attitude that is the exact opposite; not only as a matter of common sense, but as one of obedience to God, or disregard for His will.

Sincerely
Jais H. Tinglund

Services of penitence and prayer are held at Grace on Friday nights at 7 pm. in response to the Wuhan Virus and other current threats to the peace and freedom of the Church of Christ, and the well-being of people in the country and the community.

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

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.

LWML Meeting at Grace on June, Monday 7, at 7 pm.

Pastor Tinglund shall be unavailable, if not technically gone, for a Circuit Pastors' Meeting on Tuesday, June 15. Messages can be left on cell phone 605-228-9216.

A different Worship service: On Tuesday, June 15, the Pastors of the Yellowstone Circuit shall meet at Grace. The meeting will begin at 10 am. with Communion worship. This particular service will follow a ritual based on the ancient Saint John Chrysostom Liturgy, which is the one being used by most Eastern Orthodox churches, although modified to more accurately reflect the Gospel. The members of the congregations are invited to this service - as all worship conducted in our churches is, by all right, the worship of the congregation!

This is our faith - *from the Lutheran Confessions*

Not only he is guilty who does evil to his neighbour, but he also who can do him good, prevent, resist evil, defend and save him, so that no bodily harm or hurt happen to him, and yet does not do it.

Of the Large Catechism

Just so we do not forget:

What is the Fifth Commandment?

You shall not murder.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbour in his body, but help and support him in every physical need.

Of the Small Catechism

Birthdays in June

- as known to the editor

June 12:

Tanya Kraft

June 15:

Dorothy Juillard

June 19:

Dean Marchant

June 21:

Tyler Marchant

June 23:

Gary Hansen

June 25:

Matthew Tanksley

June 27:

Brad DeWitt

Margaretha Tinglund

June 28:

Pastor Jais H. Tinglund

Anniversaries in June

- as known to the editor

June 11th:

Earl & Mary Ann Jensen

June 24th:

LeRoy and Christine Klitzke

Zion Financial Report, April

Debits: \$ 5,528.89

Credits: \$ 4,107.48

Year to date:

Debits: \$ 24,747.78

Credits: \$ 27,462.08

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.

- please call the Parsonage
by Friday night

to announce your attendance!

Sundays at 8 am.

Bible Study at 9:15 am.

Zion:

Sundays at 10:30 am.

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