



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

Dear brethren,

the Fifth Commandment is: *You shall not murder!* Like most of His other Commandments, this Commandment is born out of the love God has for the most beloved of His creatures, that is: for human beings - all human beings.

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.

Jeremiah 29:11

Such are His thoughts for His people; and His will is for all people to be His, being drawn into His salvation and into His true people, the Church.

Therefore, His Commandment not to murder not only prohibits us from actually wilfully putting another person to death; it also prohibits us from doing evil to anybody, ruining his or her life and making his or her life miserable and robbing him or her of the joy God intends for them. It commands us to be good and do good to all the people He gives to us to be good to and do good to, that is: to all people He makes us to come upon in life.

For the commandments: "You shall not commit adultery," "You shall not murder," "You shall not steal," "You shall not bear false witness," "You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are all summed up in this: "You shall love your neighbour as yourself.", writes the holy Apostle Paul, and: *Love does no harm to a neighbour; therefore love is the fulfilment of the Law.*

Romans 13:9-10

Holy Scripture gives many specific instructions as to what this means for how we should live and behave. Most of them do speak specifically to our life in Church; but they apply also, nevertheless, to all aspects of our life with others. As the Apostle also writes it: *Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.*

Galatians 6:10

In other words, although we should be good and do good especially to those with whom we are united in a common faith and with whom we live together under the love of God, in the Word and worship of His love and what His love has done for us, we should not be good and do good *only* to them!

You have heard that it was said: 'You shall love your neighbour and hate your enemy!', says our Lord Jesus. *But I say to you: love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain upon the just and upon the unjust.*

Matthew 5:43-45

Although this life is one of suffering and sorrow, because it is a life under His judgement, God gives good gifts in life, even to unbelievers, out of His love, in order that all may come to see and acknowledge His goodness and turn from their evil ways of ignorance and indifference to seek and find instead eternal life in Him. In this great purpose He calls us to serve Him by being ourselves among the good gifts He gives to others to make His goodness known to them.

Sincerely

Jais H. Tinglund

Free will offering at Grace in favour of the Community Outreach Fund on Sunday, August 29.

LWML Meeting at Grace on Monday, August 30.

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.

Saturday Communion Worship at Grace at 7 pm. upon the request of those who intend to participate; please call the Parsonage by Friday evening.

Pastor Tinglund shall be gone for a Circuit Pastors' meeting most of Tuesday, September 14. Messages can be left at cell phone 605-228-9216.

LWML Fall Rally at Powell, Saturday, September 18, beginning at 9:30 am. All ladies of the congregations, of all ages, are invited and encouraged to attend.

Sing-along at the Parsonage, hopefully outside, on Sunday, September 26, beginning at 6 pm. Hamburgers, chips, and soft drinks will be provided, sponsored by Thrivent. Anything else you think should be there, you should bring along.

Bring your receipts from Lynn's to Church. For every bundle with receipts for purchases of \$ 10,000, Lynn's will give us \$ 100 for the LMWL at Grace. One of the mail boxes at Grace has been set aside for collecting grocery receipts.

This is our faith

- from the Lutheran Confessions

Therefore the entire sum of what it means not to kill is to be impressed most explicitly upon the simple-minded. In the first place, that we harm no one, first, with our hand or by deed. Then, that we do not employ our tongue to instigate or counsel harm. Further, that we neither use nor assent to any kind of means or methods whereby any one may be injured. And finally, that the heart be not ill disposed toward any one, nor from anger and hatred wish him ill, so that body and soul may be innocent in regard to every one, but especially those who wish you evil or inflict such upon you. For to do evil to one who wishes and does you good is not human, but diabolical.

Of the Large Catechism

Just so we do not forget:

What is the Ninth Commandment?

You shall not covet your neighbour's house.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not scheme to get our neighbour's inheritance or house, or get it in a way which only appears right, but help and be of service to him in keeping it.

Of the Small Catechism

Birthdays in September

- as known to the editor

September 13:

Carol Gernant

September 17:

Aftin DeRosa

September 18:

Dory Cauffman

September 23

Karen Preis

September 24:

Jordan Kraft

Anniversaries in September

- as known to the editor

September 21:

Al and Christa Corbin

Zion Financial Report, July

Debits: \$ 3,693.86

Credits: \$ 3,361.56

Year to date:

Debits: \$ 36,434.52

Credits: \$ 48,260.72

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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