



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

Dear brethren,

the Fifth Commandment is: *You shall not murder!* This Commandment is yet another expression of the love God has for human beings, that is: *all* human beings. As such, it teaches us not only not to actually kill other people, but also not to make their lives miserable.

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

And: whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, says our Lord Jesus, *for this is the Law and the Prophets.*

Matthew 7:12

This does not mean, though, that I am free to do to others whatever I myself might not mind too much having done to myself. If I am not easily embarrassed, it does not mean that I am free to create embarrassing situations for others. If I am not very conscientious about things, it does not set me free to be careless about the consciences of others.

I know and am persuaded in the Lord Jesus that nothing is unclean in itself, the holy Apostle Paul writes about, with regards to different kinds of food, but it is unclean for anyone who thinks it unclean. For if your brother is grieved by what you eat, you are no longer walking in love.

Romans 14:14-15

To love others does not mean not to care about them! Nor does it mean not to care about their experience, right or wrong, of how you treat them.

It might be that you think that somebody is overly sensitive, or that he or she is plainly *wrong*; it might also be, though, that you are wrong in thinking that. You are not God; you do not know everything, nor are you the ultimate judge of what is right and wrong, good and evil. To think that you are, or to act as if you were, such arrogance is not only unbecoming of a Christian, it is *ungodly*; it goes against Christian love, and the faith itself.

It might also be that you are right in thinking that somebody is overly sensitive, or plainly wrong. But even this does not cancel out your obligation to care about them and how they experience the way you treat them.

We who are strong have the obligation to bear with the failings of the weak, the Apostle also writes, and not to please ourselves. Let each of us please his neighbour for his good, to build him up. For Christ did not please himself, but as it is written: "The reproaches of those who reproached you fell on me."

Romans 15:1-2

Even when it comes to unbelievers who need to be corrected with regards to the Truth of God, Holy Scripture calls for this to be done *with gentleness and respect.*

I Peter 3:15

Ever so much more should a Christian show gentleness and respect to other Christians in lesser matters. Christian love demands it, and the command of God!

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.

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

Pastor Tinglund shall be gone for continued education Monday, November 1, through Wednesday, November 3. Messages can be left at cell phone 605-228-9216, which will be checked regularly.

LWML Meeting at Grace on Monday, November 1, at 7 pm.

Remembering those passed on: As part of our observation of the Feast for All Saints on Sunday, November 7, we shall remember before God by name those of our own who have passed on in the year gone by. If there is someone you would like to have included in this remembrance, please make sure that Pastor Tinglund is aware **by Friday, November 5.**

Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, November 7, at 2 am. Members are encouraged to make sure to set their chronometric devices back (those that do not do so automatically), so as not to be too early for Church.

Mission Fest at Zion on Sunday, November, 14. The offering on that day will go to support the mission projects of the Wyoming District. Lunch after worship, with pork loin and mashed potatoes, sponsored by Thrivent. Members are asked to bring salads and desserts.

Thanksgiving Dinner at Grace Tuesday, November 23, at 6 pm. A free will offering will be taken in favour of our youth work.

Thanksgiving Worship at Grace Tuesday, November 23, at 7 pm.

Thanksgiving Worship at Zion on Thursday, November 25, 10:30 am.

Advent Dinners at Grace on Wednesdays, December 1, 8, and 15, at 6 pm., sponsored by Thrivent.

December 1: Mongolian

December 8: Spaghetti with meat sauce

December 15: Pork Loin and mashed potatoes

Free will offerings will be taken for our Youth Account.

Advent Midweek Worship at Grace on Wednesdays, December 1, 8, and 15, at 7 pm. Our theme this year shall be *Three Trees*. While the Christmas trees are up all around us, we shall meditate upon how Holy Scripture sets the promised salvation of God before us by telling us about three other trees.

Joint Council Meeting at Grace on Wednesday, December 8, after worship.

Birthdays in November

- as known to the editor

November 8:

Evie Tanksley

November 26th:

Gordon Preis

Anniversaries in November

- as known to the editor

November 21:

Larry and Jackie Larsen

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

Zion Financial Report, September

Debits: \$ 4,472.06

Credits: \$ 1,941.57

Year to date:

Debits: \$ 44,757.86

Credits: \$ 54,487.85

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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 by Friday evening 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:

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