



**South Big Horn Lutheran Parish
Grace and Zion Lutheran Churches
Newsletter, February 2022**

Dear brethren,

the Fifth Commandment is: *You shall not murder!* And like His other commandments, this reflects the love of God for His most beloved creatures.

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

So clearly the Commandment not to commit murder addresses more than merely to abstain from actually killing people; it also prohibits us from hurting and harming others in any way, by malice or indifference, and more than that, it demands that we actively seek to make the lives of others pleasant, in so far as we have opportunity. Or in other words: it commands us to reflect the goodness of God into the lives of others.

Let your light so shine before men, as our Lord Jesus says it, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in Heaven.

Matthew 5:16

With that, He also makes it clear to whom it is that we are to show the goodness of God in our behaviour; that it is not only those near and dear to us, but also those who know nothing about us, other than what they can observe from our behaviour.

This is different from what comes to us naturally; what comes naturally to us is to love those we like. But then, why would there need to be a Commandment to teach us that which already comes to us naturally?

And again, the goodness we are to reflect to others is the goodness of God, which is different from our own.

If you love those who love you, says our Lord Jesus, how is that good of you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, how is that good of you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive back, how is that good of you? For even sinners lend to sinners to receive as much back. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil.

Such is the love of God; it is love for those not worthy of His love, and goodness shown toward those undeserving of His goodness. And since the meaning of His Commandment is for us to reflect His own goodness to others, it means nothing less than to show goodness also to those we do not know very well, who are not very close to us, and even to those we do not like and do not find lovely at all, that is: to show goodness to those who have done nothing to deserve any goodness from us, and to whom it seems to us that we owe nothing. For we owe it to God, who has shown His goodness to us, who are ourselves unthankful and evil, so that we would prefer not to honour His will and show goodness to those we do not care about much.

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 to the well-being of people in the country and the community.

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

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

Regular Voters' Meeting in both our churches on Sunday, January 30, after worship. Lunch at Zion, sponsored by Thrivent. Members are asked to bring salads or desserts.

LWML Meeting at Grace on Monday, February 7.

Pastor Tinglund shall be gone for a Circuit Pastors' meeting Tuesday, February 8. Messages can be left at cell phone 605-228-9216.

TTGNAJ Convocation in Casper February 11-12. Rev Dr. Adam Koontz of Concordia Theological Seminary will be speaking on how the Church should respond to increasing hostility from society, particularly with regards to common confusion about sexual identity and biology. Folders with further information are available. Registration Deadline is January 31.

Lenten Dinners at Grace at 6 pm., prior to Lenten Worship on Wednesdays, March 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30 and April 6.

March 2: Tacos

March 9: Carry-in

March 16: Spaghetti w/meat sauce

March 23: Carry-in

March 30: Baked potato dinner

April 6: Carry-in

Free will offerings will be taken for our Youth Account.

Lenten Worship at Grace on Wednesdays, March 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30 and April 6. Our theme for this year shall be *His Law and His Love*. We shall meditate on how the sufferings of our Lord Jesus demonstrate His love for us, in comparison to the love we owe to Him, and which He demands of us in the Ten Commandments.

This is our faith - from the Lutheran Confessions

Now, it is true, as we have said, that no one should by any means be forced or compelled to go to the Sacrament, lest we institute a new murdering of souls. Nevertheless, it must be known that people who deprive themselves of and withdraw from the Sacrament for such a long time are not to be considered Christians. For Christ has not instituted it to be treated as a show. Instead, He has commanded His Christians to eat it, drink it, and remember Him by it.

Of the Large Catechism

Just so we do not forget

What is the third Commandment?

Remember the Sabbath Day by keeping it holy.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God, so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.

Of the Small Catechism

Birthdays in February

- as known to the editor

February 4:

Al Corbin

February 7:

Brian DeRosa

February 19:

Taylor Stewart

February 22nd:

Alex Preis

Martha Werbelow

February 28:

Quinton Hibbert

Anniversaries in February

- as known to the editor

February 28:

Ray and Dory Cauffman

Zion Financial Report, December

Debits: \$ 4,619.38

Credits: \$ 4,580.90

Year total:

Debits: \$ 60,130.59

Credits: \$ 67,617.23

LWML meets at Grace at 7 pm. on the first Monday of February, March, April, November, and December, 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:**

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:**

Sundays at 8 am.

Bible Study at 9:15 am.

Zion:

Sundays at 10:30 am.

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