



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

Dear brethren,

the Fifth Commandment is: *You shall not murder!* Like all 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, each and every one of us.

As such, the Commandment calls not only for us not only not actually to put other people to death; rather, it calls for His love to be reflected in everything we do in dealing with other people.

*You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind, says our Lord Jesus; this is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.'* **Matthew 22:37-39**

If we know the love of God, and if His love is in us, we must and will love those whom He loves; and that would be other people. In fact, it is *everybody else!*

And to love other people means to actually *be good to them and do good to them*; to the real and specific people to whom God lays it upon us to be good and do good by placing them in our lives.

This is very different from convincing ourselves that we *love Mankind*. A such abstract love is *unreal*. Not that all things abstract are unreal; but love that is only abstract is! Love for *all Mankind* is love for no one; it is love only for our own *idea* of Mankind. Usually, it is love only for selected segments of Mankind, and often also even hatred against others.

As such, it actually is only love for yourself and your own preferences. It means being good to no one, except to yourself, serving your own interest and making yourself good in your own heart and mind, so that you can feel good, and feel good about yourself.

Our Lord Jesus teaches a different love: *You have heard that it was said: 'You shall love your neighbour and hate your enemy!'*, He says. *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**

The love He teaches is not an idea of having good feelings about everybody, or about our own idea of an imagined Mankind. Nor is it limited to particular preferred groups. Real love is being good and doing good to all the real and specific people whom we actually come upon in life, whether or not we judge them to be worthy of our love. It is a reflection of His own love, of which He says that *God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but rather have eternal life.* **John 3:16**

Now, this does not mean that He was pleased with all that we do and all that we are, but rather that, *in spite* of all that we do and all that we are, He chose to do good for us, and at the greatest cost to Himself.

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.

**Christmas Eve worship at Grace** at 4 pm.

**Christmas Eve worship at Zion** at 6 pm.

**Christmas Day worship** at Grace at 10:30 am.

**New Year's Eve Dinner** at Grace at 6 pm., sponsored by Thrivent, with fish fillets and salmon.

**New Year's Eve Worship** at Grace at 7 pm. After worship we will meet downstairs to toast the new year.

**Epiphany Dinner** at Grace on Wednesday, January 5, at 6 pm., sponsored by Thrivent, with tacos. As Epiphany marks the end of Christmas, it would be highly appropriate for you to bring your leftover Christmas goodies and let others help you get rid of them.

**Epiphany Worship** at Grace on Wednesday, January 5, at 7 pm.

**Pastor Tinglund shall be gone** for a Circuit Pastors' meeting Tuesday, January 11. Messages can be left at cell phone 605-228-9216.

**Pastor Tinglund shall be gone** for vacation Thursday, January 13, through Friday, January 21. Messages can be left at cell phone 605-228-9216. Should a need for immediate Pastoral assistance arise, feel free to call Pastor Korb of Worland at 307-388-4044.

**Pastor Tinglund shall be gone** for a Circuit Visitors' meeting Tuesday, January 25, through Wednesday, January 26. Messages can be left at cell phone 605-228-9216. Should a need for immediate Pastoral assistance arise, feel free to call Pastor Korb of Worland at 307-388-4044.

**Regular Voters' Meeting** in both our churches on Sunday, January 24, after worship. Lunch at Zion, sponsored by Thrivent. Members are asked to bring salads or desserts.

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

### **Just so we do not forget**

*Thy Kingdom come. What does this mean?*

The Kingdom of God certainly comes by itself without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also.

*How does God's Kingdom come?*

God's Kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity.

*Of the Small Catechism*

### **This is our faith**

*- from the Lutheran Confessions*

That now, I say, upon which you set your heart and put your trust is, properly speaking, your god.

*Of the Large Catechism*

### **Birthdays in January**

- as known to the editor

#### January 3:

Trenton Frazier

#### January 11:

Connie Werbelow

#### January 17:

Christa Corbin,

#### January 19:

Kathy DeWitt

#### January 21:

Leroy Klitzke

#### January 23:

Larry Larsen

#### January 30:

Becky Henderson

### **Anniversaries in January**

- as known to the editor

#### January 11:

Todd and Connie Werbelow

### **Zion Financial Report, November**

Debits: \$ 6,759.89

Credits: \$ 2,923.52

Missions: \$ 2,530

Year to date:

Debits: \$ 55,511.21

Credits: \$ 63,036.33

Missions: \$ 2,530

**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.

### **South Big Horn Lutheran Parish**

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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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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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