



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

Dear brethren,

the Fifth Commandment is: *You shall not murder!* Like the rest of those Commandments of God which pertain to our life with other people, this Commandment is an exposition of what it means to *love your neighbour*.

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.", as the holy Apostle Paul writes it.

Romans 13:9

When our Lord Jesus was asked the question that immediately pops up in the minds of sinners who do not want to do *too much* good, namely: *And who is my neighbour?*, He responded with a parable about a Samaritan who went out His way to help a person in need, presumably a Jew, that is: someone who would despise the Samaritan and his kind. And to his parable He added the conclusion: *Go and do likewise!*

Luke 10:37

The command to *love your neighbour* applies also to your enemies. The Parable of the Good Samaritan makes this ever so much clear, as the Samaritan clearly represents our Lord Jesus Himself, who became a stranger in this world, like the Samaritan was a foreigner among the people of God; as the holy Apostle John writes it: *He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. He came to His own, and those who were His own did not receive Him.*

John 1:10-11

What God commands is that we in our life with other people shown the same love He Himself has shown us sinners; nothing less. And the love He commands us to show in our life is one that manifests itself in giving, in sacrifice, and if need be, even in suffering, all for the benefit of whomever we come upon in life, including those we do not like, and even those who have actually done us wrong - as God, as the holy Apostle writes it, *shows His love for us in this: that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us, so that while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son!*

Romans 5:8, 10

From this we learn, also, that the love God commands us to show in our life is one that manifests itself in *forgiveness*. And what forgiveness means is not to hold the wrongdoings of others against them; not so much to overcome all hurt and hard feelings, but to do right against those who did us wrong, and act toward them in love.

This is what the forgiveness of God means: *God was in Christ and reconciled the world to Himself, as the Apostle also writes it, in that He does not count their trespasses against them.*

II Cor 5:19

God does not reward us according to our wrongdoings. We who do so much wrong ourselves, against others, and particularly against God, how can we insist that all wrongdoing must be held against the wrongdoer? How can we defy His Command, who Himself forgives us so much wrong, at the most terrible cost to Himself?

Sincerely

Jais H. Tinglund

Free money for our churches. if you have business with Thrivent, you may qualify to designate *Choice Dollars*. If so, you should have received a letter from Thrivent about this sometime soon. Thrivent has money it has available to give to charities. If you qualify to designate *Choice Dollars*, you can make a request as to where your portion of that money goes; and you can request that it goes to our churches. You can do so either on the phone or on-line, before **March 31**. To designate *Choice Dollars* will not cost you anything. It is free money for our churches, and it would be sad money for our churches to miss out on. If you receive a letter about *Choice Dollars* from Thrivent, and would like help actually registering your request, Dale Schmoldt (858-245-1506) will be glad to assist you, as will Pastor 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.

Lenten Dinners at Grace at 6 pm., prior to Worship on Wednesdays, March 23, and 30, and April 6. Free will offerings will be taken for our Youth Account

March 23: Carry-in

March 30: Pork loin

April 6: Carry-in

Lenten Worship at Grace at 7 pm. on Wednesdays, March 23, and 30 and April 6. Our theme this year is *His Law and His Love*. We meditate upon how the sufferings of our Lord Jesus demonstrate His love for us, in comparison to the love we owe to Him, as it is described in the Ten Commandments.

Let's do the time warp again: Our Worship times will switch over on Sunday, April 3. After that, Worship will be at Zion at 8 am. and at 10:30 am at Grace.

LWML Meeting at Grace on Monday, April 4, at 7 pm.

Seasonal Sing-along at the Parsonage on Saturday, April 9, at 6 pm. Bring part of your dinner, and part of everybody else's.

Holy Week Worship

Maundy Thursday, April 14:
Communion Worship, Grace, 7 pm.

Good Friday, April 15:
Passion Worship at Zion at Noon
Passion Worship at Grace at 7 pm.

Pastor Tinglund shall be gone for a Circuit Pastors' meeting most of Thursday, April 21. Messages can nevertheless be left at cell phone 605-228-9216.

LWML Spring Workshop at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Powell on Saturday, April 30, beginning at 9:30 am. All ladies of the congregation, of all ages, are members of the LWML and not only welcome, but also invited and encouraged to join us.

Just so we do not forget

What do you believe about the Office of the Keys?

I believe that when the called ministers of Christ deal with us by His divine command, in particular when they exclude openly unrepentant sinners from the Christian congregation and absolve those who repent of their sins and want to do better, this is just as valid and certain, even in Heaven, as if Christ our dear Lord dealt with us Himself. *Of the Small Catechism*

Birthdays in April

- as known to the editor

April 4:

Peggy Werbelow

April 5:

Stetson Cauffman

April 10:

Doug MacMartin

April 12:

Wanda Hansen

Ginger Mills

Jennifer Preis

April 14:

Joël Emmett

Lillian Tinglund

April 21:

Madi Kraft

April 23:

John Kraft

Anniversaries in April

- as known to the editor

April 25th:

Gary and Wanda Hansen

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Regular office hours at Grace:

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday,
Noon -1 pm.

Regular Worship Hours

April-September:

Grace:

Penitence & Prayer Fridays, 7 pm.

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:

Penitence & Prayer Fridays, 7 pm.

Sundays at 8 am.

Bible Study at 9:15 am.

Zion:

Sundays at 10:30 am.

Bible Study at 11:45 am.

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.