



South Big Horn Lutheran Parish
Grace and Zion Lutheran Churches
Newsletter, June - July 2023

Dear brethren,

the Sixth Commandment is: *You shall not commit adultery!* Usually, we take to the word *adultery* to refer to a married person having sexual relations outside of marriage. Our Lord Jesus, teaches us, though, that the Commandment has wider applications.

You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not commit adultery.' He says, But I say to you that whoever divorces his wife for any reason except sexual immorality causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a woman who is divorced commits adultery.

Matthew 5:27, 32

What the Commandment against adultery sets before us is the command to honour the institution of marriage as God's sacred ordinance; to do anything other than that is to commit adultery! And the ultimate expression of contempt for God's sacred ordinance is to break out of one's marriage. As our Lord Jesus further teaches: *Have you not read that He who made them at the beginning 'made them male and female,' and said: 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'? So, then, they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate.*

Matthew 19:3-6

Those who join together in marriage are joined together by God; for them to separate is not an option. For marriage is God's sacred ordinance, who has joined them together for life, and who alone, therefore, has the right to separate those whom He has joined together, namely by death.

And exactly because marriage is the sacred ordinance of God, the only circumstance under which God allows for a married person to divorce and for a divorced person to remarry is when his wife or her husband has already broken the bond of marriage, so that he or she is not a *perpetrator* of idolatry, but a *victim* of it.

Now, to break the marriage bond is something other than falling short in one's marriage, as all married sinners do, and not quite measure up to what you owe to your wife or husband, and to God; it is to set aside and abandon the marriage itself, that is: the obligation to live with your wife and husband and forsake all others.

A marriage is by definition broken when a person breaks out his marriage by having sexual relations outside of it. Furthermore, when a man will no longer live with his wife, or a woman with her husband - or in other words: will no longer be married to him or her - this also, obviously, is to break out of a marriage and leave it broken and over. And this, also, leaves the victim of that adultery which divorce in itself is, and new marriage, innocent. *Whoever divorces his wife for any reason except sexual immorality causes her to commit adultery*, says our Lord Jesus. And: *If the unbeliever departs, let him depart*, writes the holy Apostle Paul; *a brother or a sister is not under bondage in such cases.*

I Corinthians 7:15

This is how a marriage is broken, for the very reason that marriage is the sacred ordinance of God that it is.

Sincerely

Jais H. Tinglund

Services of penitence and prayer at Grace will be suspended on June 16, 23, and 30.

Pastor Tinglund shall be gone for a Circuit Pastors' Meeting most of Tuesday, June 13. Messages can be left at cell phone 605-228-9216.

Pastor Tinglund shall be gone on holiday Thursday, June 15, through Thursday, July 6. Should a need for immediate Pastoral assistance arise, feel free to call Pastor Korb of Worland at 307-388-4044.

***75 years of Grace in Greybull
- Grace Alone!
Anniversary Celebration
Saturday, August 19, 2023***

What is on our websites? Our wedding policies are posted on our web sites. Our websites also have recent sermons, bulletins and newsletters posted, in case you missed them, or lost them - and the versions on the websites are corrected or updated as need has been. Pastor Tinglund's articles for the Greybull Standard and the Basin Republican Rustler are posted on the websites, also, along with small articles about the vestments used at our worship services, and a few other things. Please feel free to visit our websites, and to do so often; the more visits we have, the easier our websites will be to find for people who are looking for a Lutheran church in the area.

Bring your receipts from Lynn's to Church. For every bundle of receipts for purchases of \$ 10,000 we collect, Lynn's will give us \$ 100 for the LMWL at Grace. At this time we have received our first three cheques this year, and are well on our way into earning yet another.

This is our faith

- from the Lutheran Confessions

Therefore the heathen really make their self-invented notions and dreams of God an idol, and put their trust in that which is altogether nothing. Thus it is with all idolatry; for it consists not merely in erecting an image and worshipping it, but rather in the heart.

Of the Large Catechism

Just so we do not forget

And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. What does this mean?

We pray in this petition that our Father in Heaven would not look at our sins, or deny our prayer because of them. We are neither worthy of the things for which we pray, nor have we deserved them, but we ask that He would give them all to us by grace, for we daily sin much and surely deserve nothing but punishment. So we too will sincerely forgive and gladly do good to those who sin against us.

Of the Small Catechism

Birthdays in June and July

- as known to the editor

June 12:

Tanya Kraft

June 15:

Dorothy Juillard

June 19:

Dean Marchant

June 21:

Tyler Marchant

June 23:

Gary Hansen

June 27:

Brad DeWitt

June 28:

Pastor Jais H. Tinglund

July 2:

Nona Smith

July 7:

Earl Jensen

July 17:

Denise Catlin

July 19:

LeAnn Frazier

July 21:

Cassandra Cauffman

July 22:

Dennis Bernard

July 23:

Dale Schmoldt

Anniversaries in June and July

June 11th:

Earl & Mary Ann Jensen

June 24th:

LeRoy and Christine Klitzke

July 5:

John and Tanya Kraft

July 11:

Jacob and Taylor Stewart

July 28

Gordon and Karen Preis

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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 meetings at Grace at 7 pm. on the first Monday of February, March, April, November, and December, and also on the **last** Monday of August - unless advertised otherwise.