



South Big Horn Lutheran Parish

Grace and Zion Lutheran Churches

Newsletter, September 2023

Dear brethren,

the Sixth Commandment is: *You shall not commit adultery!* And our Lord Jesus teaches that *whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her, and if a woman divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.* **Mark 10:11-12**

It is common in our day and age to understand adultery only as infidelity, that is: to have sexual relations with somebody other than your husband or wife while you are married, whereas if you prefer to be with somebody other than your husband and while, and for that reason divorce him or her, and then marry the one you would rather be with, that does not fall under the definition of adultery, and is not in any way problematic. Well, in our day and age, common culture does not consider infidelity necessarily immoral, not in itself, even though it might condemn some other behaviours that will often accompany infidelity, or be displayed in connection with a subsequent divorce. The idea that only the infidelity of someone who is still married is immoral, whereas exchanging your husband and wife for another is not, is one usually found only in church environments. It is taught in churches indifferent to the Word and will of God, sometimes outright, and certainly through their wedding practices, when they celebrate the substitution of one husband and wife for another, and declare the blessing of God to be upon it, as if first having divorced one's wife or husband makes it pleasing to God that one takes another.

What Holy Scripture teaches is that divorce is in itself adultery, because it means breaking the marriage covenant, which is what adultery is. *Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her, says our Lord Jesus, and if a woman divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.*

When God forbids adultery, He is not establishing a system of technicalities and hoops one must jump through before one can get rid of one's husband and wife and take another. His Commandment calls for *faithfulness*, nothing less, to Him, and to His ordinance, and to one's husband and wife. His command and ordinance is that those who would be together commit themselves to each other in a covenant of love, and that they do not break that covenant, neither in order to be with somebody else instead, nor for any other reason.

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**

His ordinance is that husband and wife live together, not only for as long as one of them wants to, or both, but all through life, and struggle through whatever temptations and trials may come along *together*, and together with Him, in faith and love.

Sincerely
Jais H. Tinglund

Services of penitence and prayer at Grace Friday nights at 7 pm. in response to political and cultural chaos at home and abroad, war, and other threats to the peace of the world, the freedom of the Church of Christ, and the general well-being of human beings everywhere.

Pastor Tinglund shall be gone for a District Circuit Visitors' Meeting Tuesday, August 22, through Wednesday, August 23. Messages can be left at cell phone 605-228-9216. Should a need for immediate Pastoral assistance arise, call Pastor Korb of Worland at 307-388-4044.

Free Will Offering at Grace on Sunday, August 27, in favour of the Wyoming District Emergency Pastoral Care Fund.

LWML Meeting at Grace on Monday, August 28, at 7 pm.

Pastor Tinglund shall be gone from Monday, September 11, through Wednesday, September 13 for some errands, but will be available on 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.

Sing-along at the Parsonage, preferably outside, on Saturday, September 16, beginning at 5 pm. Spraying for (or rather: against) bugs will have taken place. Hamburgers and hot dogs with basic condiments, chips, and soft drinks will be provided, sponsored by Thrivent. Anything else you think should be there? Bring it.

Pastor Tinglund will be unavailable, although technically not gone, most of Tuesday, September 19, for a Circuit Pastors' meeting.

A different Worship Service: The members of the congregations are invited to join the Pastors of the Yellowstone Circuit for a special communion worship service on Tuesday, September 19, at 10 am. The service will follow a festive order of worship based on the ancient liturgy of the Egyptian Coptic Orthodox Church.

Free Will Offering at Grace on Sunday, September 24, in favour of Lutherans For Life.

Let's do the time warp again: Sunday, October 2, our Sunday worship times will switch over, so that Sunday worship will be at 8 am. at Grace and at 10:30 am. at Zion.

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 four first five cheques this year, and are well on way to earning yet another.

This is our faith - from the Lutheran Confessions

Because He offers and promises forgiveness of sin, it cannot be received except by faith.

Of the Large Catechism

Just so we do not forget

What sins should we confess?

Before God we should plead guilty of all sins, even those we are not aware of, as we do in the Lord's Prayer; but before the Pastor we should confess only those sins which we know and feel in our hearts.

Which are these?

Consider your place in life according to the Ten Commandments: Are you a father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, or worker? Have you been hot-tempered, rude, or quarrelsome? Have you hurt someone by your words or deeds? Have you stolen, been negligent, wasted anything or done any harm?

Of the Small Catechism

Birthdays in September

- as known to the editor

September 13:

Carol Gernant

September 17:

Brent Gernant

Aftin DeRosa

September 18:

Dory Cauffman

September 23:

Karen Preis

September 24:

Jordan Kraft

Anniversaries in September

- as known to the editor

September 21:

Al and Christa Corbin

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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.

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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 - unless advertised otherwise.