



South Big Horn Lutheran Parish
Grace and Zion Lutheran Churches
Newsletter, March 2024

Dear brethren,

the Sixth Commandment is: *You shall not commit adultery!* Viewed in light of Holy Scripture as a whole (which is how Christians view individual statements of Holy Scripture), this Commandment clearly teaches that marriage between man and woman is the only context in which it is pleasing to God that humans engage in sexual relations.

Have you not read, as our Lord Jesus says it, with regards to marriage, that He who made them at the beginning 'made them male and female.'

Matthew 19:4-6

And He did, and it is right there for all to read: *God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.*

Genesis 1:27

Exactly with our differences as man and woman are we made in the image of God, with the capacity to bring new life into the world out of our love, as all life has come into the world, to begin with, out of the love of God.

Furthermore, man and woman living together in love was to be a reflection of how Man was to live with God Himself, in love. And the love between God and Man is love between parties not only alike, but also *different*. Man is not God! Accordingly, sexual relations between men, or between women, represent a distortion of what God created, and is quite contrary to His intent for His most beloved creature.

It is the denial of this fundamental difference between creature and Creator that leads to the idea that it is natural for men to have sexual relations with other men, and women with women. Holy Scripture describes this, also: *They changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator. Their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature; likewise, also, men left the natural use of the woman and burned in their lust for one another, and men committed what is shameful with men.*

Romans 1

Mankind has lost sight of the Creator being fundamentally different from His creature; and so, Mankind has come to seek a god that is alike to itself, and seek in its false gods, made in the image of Man, that which it finds missing in itself. Similarly, for those who feel incomplete, it will come to seem natural, also, to seek completion in sexual and romantic relations with someone alike to themselves. Idolatry is religious homosexuality - not entirely unlike how idolatry is also religious adultery.

And obviously, only to a culture having lost sight of the fundamental difference between Creator and creature can homosexuality, so clearly contrary to the natural order of things, come to seem natural; just as a so-called church can only come to view homosexuality, or any other departure from both the created order of God and His clear command, given in Holy Scripture, when it confuses creature and Creator and so comes to see the human self as not only the ultimate judge of good and evil, absolutely autonomous from the authority of God, but also as the creator of his own self, and his own reality.

Sincerely
Jais H. Tinglund

Lenten Dinners at Grace at 6 pm., prior to Lenten Worship on Wednesdays, February 21, and 28, and March 6, 13, and 20.

February 21: Carry-in

February 28: Spaghetti

March 6: Carry-in

March 13: Baked potato dinner

March 20: Carry-in

Free will offerings will be taken for our Youth/Emergency Account.

Lenten Worship at Grace on Wednesdays, February 21, and 28, and March 6, 13, and 20. Our theme this year will be *His Mercy and His Means*. We shall meditate upon some of the ways in how our Lord Jesus actually gives His salvation to us, in light of the account of Holy Scripture of how He has suffered to win salvation for us to begin with.

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

Free will offering at Grace on Sunday, February 25, in favour of the Wyoming District Pastoral Care Emergency Fund.

Free will offering at Zion on Sunday, February 25, in favour of the mission projects of the Wyoming District.

LWML Meeting at Grace Saturday, March 2, at 10 am.

Pastor Tinglund shall be gone on Tuesday, March 12, for a Circuit Pastors' Meeting. Messages can be left at 605-228-9216.

Daylight Saving Time will take effect on Sunday, March 10, at 2 am. Members are encouraged to make sure that their chronological devices are set to accordingly so as not to be late for Church. Our **worship times**, though, shall not change until Sunday, April 7.

Maundy Thursday Lamb Dinner, sponsored by Thrivent, at Grace on Thursday, March 28, at 6 pm., prior to Maundy Thursday worship. A free will offering will be taken for our youth/visitation account.

Holy Week and Easter worship

Grace

Maundy Thursday, March 28:

Communion Worship at Grace at 7 pm.

Good Friday, March 29:

Passion Worship at 7 pm.

Easter, March 31:

Communion Worship at 8 am.

Zion

Good Friday, March 29:

Passion Worship at Noon

Easter, March 31:

Communion Worship at 10:30 am.

Easter Breakfast at Grace during Bible Study on Sunday, March 31.

LWML Meeting at Grace on Saturday, April 6, at 10 am.

Let's do the time warp again: Our Worship times will switch over on Sunday, April 7. From the on, Worship will be at 8 am at Zion., and at 10:30 am at Grace.

Birthdays in March

- as known to the editor

March 13:

Mary Marchant

March 19:

Callee Catlyn

March 21st:

Todd Werbelow

March 23:

McKenzie Mazur

March 26th:

Blake Gernant

Howard Gernant

Mason Werbelow

March 27:

Christine Klitzke

Free will offering at Grace on Sunday, March 31 in favour of the Community Outreach Fund.

Free will offering at Zion on Sunday, March 31, in favour of Luther Classical College.

This we believe

- of 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 worshiping it, but rather in the heart.

Of the Large Catechism

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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 10 am. on the first Saturday of February, March, April, and November, and also at 7 pm. on the last Monday of August - unless announced otherwise.