



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

Dear brethren,

the Sixth Commandment is: *You shall not commit adultery!* As the Ten Commandments altogether sum up how it is God's will that His most beloved creatures should live in His love, this Commandment is also a summary of what Holy Scripture teaches about marriage, sex and sexuality.

Another summary, of course, is what our Lord Jesus replied when asked about marriage: *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'?* **Matthew 19:4-5**

Among the supposedly educated, but obviously either ignorant or dishonest, enemies of the Church of Christ, it has become fashionable in recent years not only to pretend that these words are not in Holy Scripture, and claim that our Lord Jesus has said nothing about homosexual marriage, but also to claim that Leviticus is the only book in Holy Scripture to address homosexual acts. As we have already seen, this is not true; our Lord Jesus has stated clearly what marriage is, and what is God's will with regards to sex.

The dishonesty of the claim that homosexual acts are addressed only in Leviticus (obviously, ignorance becomes dishonesty when the ignorant claims knowledge!) becomes even more obvious, though, when one actually bothers to look; as unbelievers usually claim to have, also falsely, when they say that Holy Scripture is silent about homosexual acts, except for Leviticus.

In his Letter to the Romans, the holy Apostle Paul condemns homosexual acts as *unnatural* (that is: in conflict with the created order of God) and *shameful* (that is: abominable to God), and describes how the very desire to engage in them arise to begin with as a result of Mankind's estrangement from God. **Romans 1:18-27**

Furthermore, the Apostle lists men who engage in homosexual acts among those who will not *inherit the Kingdom of God*; interestingly, he adds that *such were some of you, but you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.* **I Corinthians 6:10-11**

Embracing the faith involves giving up ungodly living; but on the other hand, those living in sin are *not* excluded from the salvation of God, nor from His Church, when they embrace it, and repent. No one familiar with the faith will be surprised at this! It is common, though, among the enemies of the Church of Christ to refer to being Christian as "hating homosexuals"; just as it is not uncommon among the supposedly educated enemies of the faith to claim that all that Christians seek in the faith to begin with is an excuse for "hating homosexuals"!

The Apostle also sets men who engage in homosexual acts in contrast to *a righteous person* and list such acts among *things contrary to sound doctrine.* **I Timothy 1:10-11**

But then, should one be surprised to find unbelievers to also be untruthful?

Sincerely  
**Jais H. Tinglund**

**Pastor Tinglund has been called** to serve as Associate Pastor to Atonement Lutheran Church and School in Glendale, Arizona. While contemplating this call, he would welcome not only your prayers, but also any thoughts you may have to share with him in this regard.

**Lenten Carry In Dinner at Grace** at 6 pm., on Wednesday, March 20. A free will offering will be taken for our Youth/Emergency Account.

**Lenten Worship at Grace** on Wednesday March 20.

**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.

**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 and other activities**

#### **Grace:**

Maundy Thursday, March 28:

Dinner at 6 pm.

Communion Worship at 7 pm.

Good Friday, March 29:

Passion Worship at 7 pm.

Easter, March 31:

Communion Worship at 8 am.

Easter Breakfast/Bible Study 9:15 am.

#### **Zion:**

Good Friday, March 29:

Passion Worship at Noon

Easter, March 31:

Communion Worship at 10:30 am.

Bible Study at 10:45 am.

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

**Free will offering at Zion** on Sunday, March 25, in favour of Luther Classical College in Casper.

**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 then on, Worship will be at 8 am at Zion., and at 10:30 am at Grace.

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

**Pastor Tinglund will be unavailable**, although technically not gone, most of Tuesday, April 9, 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, April 9, at 10 am. The service will follow a festive order of worship based on the ancient liturgy of the Egyptian Coptic Orthodox Church.

**LWML Zone Spring Workshop** at Saint Luke's Lutheran Church in Worland on Saturday, April 20, beginning at 9:30 am.

**Free will offering at Grace** on Sunday, April 28 in favour of Luther Classical College.

**Free will offering at Zion** on Sunday, April 28, in favour of the Mission activities of the Wyoming District.

## 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 18:

Lee Smith

### April 21:

Madi Kraft

### April 23:

John Kraft

## Anniversaries in April

- as known to the editor

### April 25:

Gary and Wanda Hansen

## Just so we do not forget:

*What is the Eighth Commandment?*

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbour.

*What does this mean?*

We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbour, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way.

*Of the Small 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.