



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

Dear brethren,

the Sixth Commandment is: You shall not commit adultery! Our Lord Jesus sums up what this means when He says 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 those who oppose the Christian faith and, more specifically, its teachings with regards to human sexuality, the untruthful claim that Holy Scripture addresses homosexual acts nowhere other than in Leviticus is often accompanied by the claim, also untruthful, that Holy Scripture also forbids such things as eating pork and shrimp, planting different kinds of crop in the same field, and similar things. And since Christians do not honour these prohibitions, it is said, they are not only inconsistent, but outright hypocritical. Considering homosexual acts sinful has nothing to do with Holy Scripture, rather, Christians only pretend to care about Holy Scripture because they are bigots and want an excuse for "hating homosexuals".

It is true that such prohibitions are found in the Law of Moses; it is not true, however, that Holy Scripture teaches Christians to observe them. These ordinances were given to ancient Israel as imageries of how Israel was to be a holy people and show herself to be that by living in purity, and belonging to God only; and so, with the real and actual holiness of God having come and being given to His people in Christ, they are obsolete. And therefore Holy Scripture explicitly declares that Christians have no need to observe these ordinances.

Let no one pass judgement on you in questions of food and drink, writes the holy Apostle Paul, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ.

Colossians 2:16-17

Similarly, Baptism has replaced circumcision as that which makes a person belong to God. *Neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision,* as the holy Apostle Paul also writes it, *but a new creation,* namely that which is given in Baptism.

Galatians 6:15

It is just not true that Holy Scripture prohibits Christians from eating pork, or anything similar; what it says, in this regard, is that a very long time ago, the people of Israel were not allowed to!

In Holy Scripture God calls sinners to abandon all ungodly living, though, and live in accordance with His will, and with the goodness that is His nature, and which His Commandments reflect. *Do not be deceived,* as He has had His holy Apostle Paul write it: *Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor the covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the Kingdom of God. And 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 6:9-11

Sincerely
Jais H. Tinglund

Services of penitence and prayer at Grace on Friday evenings at 7 pm. in response to political and financial and cultural chaos and oppression at home and abroad, war, and other current threats to the peace of the world, the freedom of the Church of Christ, and the welfare of human beings everywhere.

Pastor Tinglund has accepted the call to serve as Associate Pastor to Atonement Lutheran Church and School in Glendale, Arizona, and expects his ministry to our congregations to cease by June 1.

A Memorial Service for Betty Urwiller at Grace is scheduled for Saturday, April 27, at 2 pm.

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

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

Pastor Tinglund shall be gone for a District Pastors' Conference from the afternoon of Sunday, May 5, and be back on the afternoon of Wednesday, May 8. Messages can be left at cell phone 605-228-9216.

Ascension Day Pizza Dinner at Grace, sponsored by Thrivent, on Wednesday, May 8, at 6 pm. A free will offering will be taken for our Youth/visitation account.

Ascension Day Worship at Grace on the eve of the Feast, Wednesday, May 8, at 7 pm.

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. We have received our second cheque this year, and are well on our way to earning yet another.

Chicken Dinner at Grace on Wednesday, May 15, sponsored by Thrivent, to mark Pastor and Mrs. Tinglund's impending departure.

Free will offering at Zion on Sunday, May 26, in favour of Luther Classical College in Casper.

Free will offering at Grace on Sunday, May 26 in favour of Lutherans for Life.

This we believe - of the Lutheran Confessions

There is upon earth a little holy group and congregation of pure saints, under one head, even Christ. This group is called together by the Holy Spirit in one faith, one mind, and understanding, with many different gifts, yet agreeing in love, without sects or schisms. I am also a part and member of this same group, a sharer and joint owner of all the goods it possesses. I am brought to it and incorporated into it by the Holy Spirit through having heard and continuing to hear God's Word .

Of the Large Catechism

Just so we do not forget:

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gift, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth and keeps it with Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the last day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me, and to all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.

Of the Small Catechism

Birthdays in May

- as known to the editor

May 5th:

Cole Catlyn

Kye Catlin

Nancy Preis

May 28:

Benjamin Kraft

Anniversaries in May

- as known to the editor

May 20:

Max and Carrie Mazur

May 26:

Howard and Carol Gernant

May 28:

Lee and Nona Smith

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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.