

The Fifth Sunday of Easter
April 28, 2024



*One with us He died,
and makes us one with Himself
and with His own life.*

South Big Horn Lutheran Parish

**Grace Lutheran Church
Greybull**

For by grace you have been saved, through faith, and this is not of yourselves, it is the gift of God.

Ephesians 2:8-9

**Zion Lutheran Church
Emblem**

Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

Isaiah 12:6

Notes for the Feast

Easter is the feast for the resurrection of our Lord Jesus, and His victory over death and the devil. With His resurrection new life has begun for us - life in the power of His resurrection. The **Paschal Candle** is lit to point to the life of Christ shining through the darkness of death which still surrounds us. The festive colour is **white**, signifying purity, like the priestly robes of the righteous before His throne - or **golden**, pointing to the heavenly treasures.

Today:

Festive Order of Holy Communion, LSB p. 151, with *the Nicene Creed*

Hymns: 821 - 475 - 627/648 - 488

About Holy Communion

Holy Scripture teaches that to honour Christ's call for unity in His Church, Christians must share the Sacrament only with those with whom we are united in a common faith. As our due obedience, and also to protect ourselves against spiritual harm, as well as those who do not submit to the full counsel of God, only Christians who share our faith, and who therefore belong to congregations in the fellowship of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, will commune in our church. **We sincerely welcome our visitors;** we assure you that we uphold this practice also out of concern for *your* spiritual welfare, and that our Pastor would love to study Scripture with you and help you embrace the full counsel of God, so we can celebrate the Sacrament together in a manner both pleasing to God and beneficial for us all.

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

This we believe - *from the Confessions of our Church*

Faith means to hear God's Word (in which Christ, true God and man, is presented to us, together with all benefits that He has purchased for us by His flesh given into death for us, and by His blood shed for us, namely, God's grace, the forgiveness of sins, righteousness, and eternal life). It means to receive it with faith and keep it for ourselves. It means that in all troubles and temptations we firmly rely—with sure confidence and trust—and abide in this consolation: we have a gracious God and eternal salvation because of the Lord Jesus Christ. *Formula Concord, the Solid Declaration*

Free will offering at Zion today in favour of the Mission activities of the Wyoming District.

Free will offering at Grace today in favour of Luther Classical College in Casper.

Pastor Tinglund has accepted a 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.

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 general well-being of human beings everywhere.

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/emergency/visitation account.

Ascension Day Worship at Grace Wednesday, May 8, at 7 pm.

Chicken Dinner at Grace on Wednesday, May 15, at 6 pm., sponsored by Thrivent, in observation of Pastor and Mrs. Tinglund's impending departure. A free will offering will be taken for the LWML.

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

A Life Thought from Lutherans for Life: It is anxiety and fright that drive folks to pursue abortion, physician-assisted suicide, and other measures that view death as a solution. Fear likewise bullies the sanctity of life into silence. But the Lord's perfect love puts all fear to flight (1 John 4:18). In surprise pregnancy and terminal diagnosis, we and our neighbors need not independence and empowerment but the presence, promises, and compassion of the Father Almighty.

A Stewardship Thought for the Sunday: Part of our readings today is John 15:2 - "Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit." God is interested in the fruit that we bear in good works, and He even prunes us so that we may bring forth more fruit. Trusting in our Lord's work for us, being grafted by grace into His vine, we desire to be more like Him, to grow into His image. That's growth in fruit bearing — and it always comes with some pruning.

From the LCMS Stewardship Ministry

This Week:

Today:	8 am.	Communion Worship at Zion
	9:15 am.	Bible Study at Zion
	10:30 am.	Communion Worship at Grace
	11:45 am.	Bible Study at Grace
Tuesday:	Noon - 1 pm.	Pastor's office hours at Grace
Wednesday:	Noon - 1 pm.	Pastor's office hours at Grace
Thursday:	Noon - 1 pm.	Pastor's office hours at Grace
Friday:	Noon - 1 pm.	Pastor's office hours at Grace
	7 pm.	Prayer and Penitence Worship at Grace
Sunday:	8 am.	Communion Worship at Zion
	9:15 am.	Bible Study at Zion
	10:30 am.	Communion Worship at Grace
	11:45 am.	Bible Study at Grace