

The Feast of Pentecost
May 19, 2024



*In His Word of life
is the life of God, that which
gives life to the dead .*

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

Pentecost is the feast for the Holy Spirit coming to the Church. He is the Spirit of God, and His very own life. With Him our Saviour Himself comes to be with us with His own life and His power of salvation. The festive colour is **red** - like the flames of love He ignites in His Church, and in the hearts of His Christians.

Today:

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

Hymns: 500 - 650 - 496/498 - 805

About Holy Communion

Holy Scripture teaches that to honour Christ's desire for unity in His Church, Christians should share the Sacrament only with those with whom we are united in a common faith. We honour this teaching as our due obedience, and also to protect ourselves as well as the uninstructed and those who do not submit to the full counsel of God against spiritual harm (1 Corinthians 11:27-29). As such, only Christians who share our faith and confession, 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 Holy Scripture with you and help you embrace the full counsel of God, so that we can celebrate the Sacrament in a manner pleasing to God and beneficial for us all.

Just so we do not forget:

Thy Kingdom come. What does this mean?

The Kingdom of God certainly comes by itself without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also.

How does God's Kingdom come?

God's Kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity.

Of the Small Catechism

This is our faith - from the Confessions of our Church

According to Christ's teaching Christians should abstain from their sins, repent, believe His promise, and entirely trust in Him. Since we cannot do this by ourselves, by our own powers, the Holy Spirit desires to work these things—repentance and faith—in us through the Word and Sacraments. In order that we may receive this, persevere in it, and remain steadfast, we should beg God for His grace, which He has promised us in Holy Baptism. No doubt He will give it to us according to His promise, as He has said.

Formula Concord, the Solid Declaration

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.

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 a cheque for \$ 100 for the LMWL at Grace. So far we have received two cheques this year, and we are awaiting another.

The duties of Pastors, and what we make them promise:

Do you promise that you will perform the duties of your office in accordance with the Lutheran Confessions, and that all your preaching and teaching and administration of the Sacraments will be in conformity with Holy Scripture and with these Confessions?

Yes, I promise, with the help of God.

Will you faithfully instruct both young and old in the chief articles of Christian doctrine, will you forgive the sins of those who repent, and will you promise never to divulge the sins confessed to you? Will you minister faithfully to the sick and dying, and will you demonstrate to the Church a constant and ready ministry centered in the Gospel? Will you admonish and encourage the people to a lively confidence in Christ and in holy living?

Yes, I will, with the help of God.

Of the Rites of Ordination and Installation of a Pastor

A Life Thought from Lutherans for Life: The Holy Spirit means to make a dwelling place of every human body (1 Corinthians 6:19-20). The Scriptures explicitly apply this mission to old and young, male or female (Acts 2:17), and even the unborn (Psalm 139:13). We have the invitation and commission to proclaim this prophetic message to a culture that beholds some neighbors as lifeless bones (Ezekiel 37:2-3). Let His precious breath of life (Genesis 2:7) inspire us all!

A Stewardship Thought for the Sunday: Part of our readings today is Acts 2:1 - "When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place." Pentecost was the Old Testament harvest festival: a time of thanksgiving, bounty and the giving of gifts. How appropriate that in the New Testament, Pentecost takes on the meaning of a new harvest, directing us to the ripe fields of the nations and the task of bringing in the elect of every tribe and tongue to sing the Lord's praise. Every farmer knows that it is God who gives the increase and that the harvest calls for thanksgiving.

From the LCMS Stewardship Ministry

Tinglund address after June 1: 10308 W Kingswood Circle, Sun City, AZ 85351

This Week:

- Tuesday: Noon - 1 pm. Pastor's office hours at Grace
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- Thursday: Noon - 1 pm. Pastor's office hours at Grace
- Friday: Noon - 1 pm. Pastor's office hours 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