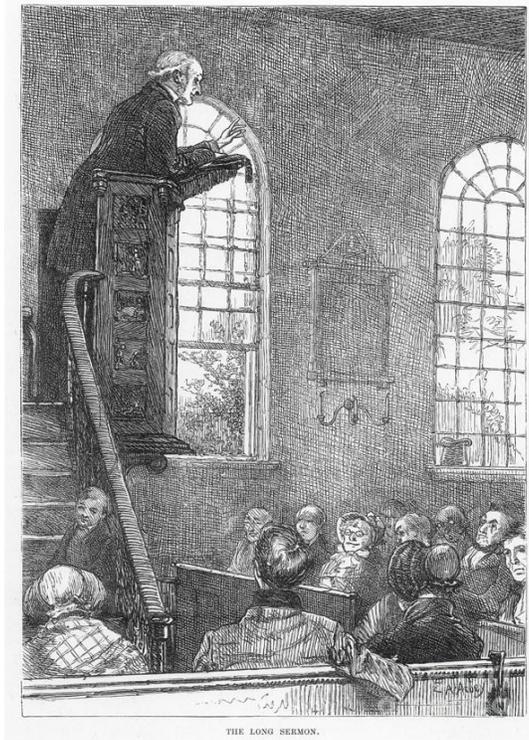


The First Sunday of Christmas
December 26, 2021



*With His Word of Peace
He comes to us with peace, and
we have peace with God.*

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

Christmas (*Christ-Mass*) is the Feast for the Eternal Son of God coming in the flesh. *Miracle of Miracles*: He who is Himself eternal God has come to us. More than that, for us men (be we male or female) He came down from Heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made Man Himself. He has come to us, and He remains with us, for our salvation.

The **festive colour** is **white**, signifying purity, as the priestly robes worn by the multitudes before the great white throne - or **golden**, pointing to the heavenly treasures.

Today:

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

Hymns: 386 - 372 - 353/375/395- 387

About Holy Communion

Holy Scripture teaches that as an expression of unity (Acts 2:42) 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 guard 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 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 that we can share the Sacrament in a manner 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 brings the Holy Spirit and produces a new life in hearts. It must also produce spiritual movements in hearts. Therefore, when we have been justified by faith and regenerated, we begin to fear and love God, to pray to Him, to expect aid from Him, to give thanks and praise Him, and to obey Him in times of suffering. We also begin to love our neighbors, because our hearts have spiritual and holy movements.

Of the Apology of the Augsburg

Confession

New Year's Eve Dinner at Grace at 6 pm., with fish fillets and salmon, sponsored by Thrivent

New Year's Eve Worship at Grace at 7 pm. After worship we shall gather again downstairs to toast the new year.

Epiphany Dinner with tacos at Grace on Wednesday, January 5, at 6 pm., sponsored by Thrivent. As Epiphany marks the end of Christmas, it would be highly appropriate for you to bring your leftover Christmas goodies and let the rest of us help you get rid of them.

Epiphany Worship at Grace on Wednesday, January 5, at 7 pm.

Thank you to all who thought of us with greetings, gifts, and goodness for Christmas; truly, it is and remains a privilege and a joy to live and serve among you.

Father and Mrs. T.

A Stewardship Thought for the Sunday: Part of our readings today is Luke 2:38 - "And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem." Notice here how giving thanks to our Lord leads to good works. Thankfulness toward God for all He has done for us is the foundation of a Christian life lived in godliness. For if we know all that the Lord has done for us, how can we not strive to honor Him with what we think, say, and do?
From the LCMS Stewardship Ministry

Do not be miserable without letting your Pastor know about it. Not that your Pastor likes to learn that you are miserable; but if you are, he would like to know. Your Pastor might not know about the things that are happening in your life; or he might know of what is happening, but not be aware of how it is bothering you, or how much. He should be, though: part of what he is there for is to help you through difficult times. And letting him do so is part of what it means to have a Pastor and be Church and be Christian. Even if what is bothering is not what you yourself would think of as a spiritual or church related issue, you should nevertheless not exclude the possibility that having the light of the Word of God shed upon it might be helpful. So please, if there are things that are bothering you in your life, please let your Pastor know.

What is on our websites? Our wedding policies are posted on our web sites. Our websites also have recent sermons, bulletins and newsletters posted, in case you missed or lost them - and the versions on the websites are corrected or updated as need has been. Pastor Tinglund's articles for the Greybull Standard and the Basin Republican Rustler are posted on the websites, also, along with small articles about the vestments used at our worship services, and a few other things.

This Week:

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
	6 pm.	New Year's Eve dinner at Grace
	7 pm.	Penitence and Prayer service at Grace
Sunday:	8 am.	Communion Worship at Grace
	9:15 am.	Bible Study at Grace
	10:30 am.	Communion Worship at Zion
	11:45 am.	Bible Study at Zion