

The Second Sunday of Advent
December 5, 2021



*Christ comes with judgement
to prepare us to see Him
come with salvation.*

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 Season

Advent (of Latin: *Adventus Domini*, the Coming of the Lord) is a season of preparation for the celebration of the birth of Christ. As difficult as this may be, surrounded by the increasingly pagan and premature celebrations of the godless world, this is a time of **penitence**. We are reminded of why He had to come for our salvation - and that He shall come to judge, and we should be ready to meet Him, when He does. The **colour of the season** is the colour of penitence, **purple**.

Today:

Penitential Order of Holy Communion, LSB p. 184, *Apostles' Creed*

Hymns: 345 - 344 - 781:1-2 - 347/343/357 - 387:1

About Holy Communion

In the Sacrament we are made one with the risen Christ, and with each other. According to Holy Scripture, oneness in faith and confession is a precondition for such unity. 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. **Visitors wishing to receive the sacrament** - please speak with Pastor prior to the service. We ask that our guests be respectful of our faith. **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 celebrate the Sacrament in a manner pleasing to God and beneficial for us all.

Just so we do not forget:

What does such baptising with water indicate?

It indicates that the old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever. *Of the Small Catechism*

This is our faith - *from the Confessions of our Church*

True, saving faith is not in those who are without contrition and sorrow, and have a wicked purpose to remain and persevere in sins; but true contrition precedes, and justifying faith is in those who repent truly, not feignedly.

Formula Concord, the Solid Declaration

LWML Christmas Party at Lisa's on Monday, December 6, at 6 pm. After dinner we shall go to Grace for devotions.

Advent Dinners at Grace Wednesdays, December 8 and 15, at 6 pm.

December 8: Spaghetti and meat sauce

December 15: Pork Loin and mashed potatoes

Free will offerings will be taken for our Youth Account.

Advent Midweek Worship on Wednesdays, December 8, and 15, at 7 pm. Our theme is *Three Trees*. While Christmas trees are being put up around us, we meditate upon how Holy Scripture sets the promised salvation of God before us by telling us about three other trees.

Joint Council Meeting at Grace on Wednesday, December 8, after Advent worship.

No penitence and prayer service this Friday as Pastor Tinglund shall be engaged elsewhere.

Seasonal Singalong at the Parsonage on Saturday, December 11, beginning at 5 pm. Bring part of your own dinner, and part of everybody else's.

No Saturday Evening Worship offered this Saturday, as Pastor Tinglund shall be engaged elsewhere (see bulletin note above).

Christmas Eve Worship at Grace at 4 pm.

Christmas Eve Worship at Zion at 6 pm.

Christmas Day Worship at Grace at 10:30 am.

New Year's Eve Dinner at Grace at 6 pm., sponsored by Thrivent, with fish fillets and salmon. Free will offering for our Youth Account.

New Year's Eve Worship at Grace at 7 pm.

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. A free will offering will be taken for our Youth Account.

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

A Life Thought from Lutherans For Life: God's deeds give every member of our race a right to life (Psalm 66:5, 9). He creates us in our mother's womb. He redeems us even as embryos. He calls us all into His everlasting family. Our life is a masterpiece He Himself commences and completes (Philippians 1:6). No sizes, skills, or circumstances on our part can impair or improve the value He has invested in us and our neighbors.

A Stewardship Thought for the Sunday: Part of our readings for today is Luke 3:4 - "As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, 'The voice of one crying in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." ' " God makes long-range plans: Isaiah lived more than 700 years before St. John the Baptist preached by the Jordan River. Obviously, God sees farther into the future than we do! That's yet another reason to trust Him when it comes to how He tells us to live our lives. He knows what's coming, and we don't.

From the LCMS Stewardship Ministry



The Week:

Tuesday:	Noon - 1 pm.	Pastor's office hours at Grace
Wednesday:	Noon - 1 pm.	Pastor's office hours at Grace
	6 pm.	Advent Dinner at Grace
	7 pm.	Advent Worship at Grace
Thursday:	Noon - 1 pm.	Pastor's office hours at Grace
Friday:	Noon - 1 pm.	Pastor's office hours at Grace
	7 pm.	Penitence and Prayer worship at Grace
Saturday:	5 pm.	Seasonal Singalong at the Parsonage
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