

The Baptism of the Christ  
January 9, 2022



*Baptised into Him,  
with whom the Father is pleased,  
we are right 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**

In the **Baptism of Our Lord** the Son of God made Himself one with sinners, and was confirmed to be the Son of God; after this His public ministry began. In this manner our celebration of His Baptism inaugurates the post-Christmas season, called *Epiphany* (Greek: *Revelation*). During this season He reveals to us who He is and what He has come to do, namely to rescue and deliver sinners from sin and its consequences.

The **festive colour** is **white**, signifying purity, as the heavenly priestly robes worn by the blessed 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: 401 - 405 - 389/594/598 -389:7

### 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 benefits does Baptism give?*

It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare.

*Which are these words and promises of God?*

Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Mark: "Whoever believes and is baptised will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned". *Of the Small Catechism*

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

Christ is not man alone, but God and man in one undivided person. Therefore, He was hardly subject to the Law (because He is the Lord of the Law), just as He did not have to suffer and die for His own sake. For this reason, then, His obedience (not only in His suffering and dying, but also because He was voluntarily made under the Law in our place and fulfilled the Law by this obedience) is credited to us for righteousness. So, because of this complete obedience, which He rendered to His heavenly Father for us by doing and suffering and in living and dying, God forgives our sins and regards us as godly and righteous, and eternally saves us.

*Of the Formula Concord, the Solid Declaration*

**Pastor Tinglund shall be gone** for a Circuit Pastors' meeting Tuesday, January 11. Messages can be left at cell phone 605-228-9216.

**Pastor Tinglund shall be gone** for vacation Thursday, January 13, through Friday, January 21. Messages can be left at cell phone 605-228-9216. Should a need for immediate Pastoral assistance arise, feel free to call Pastor Korb of Worland at 307-388-4044.

**Regular Voters' Meetings** in both our churches on Sunday, January 30, after worship. Lunch at Zion, sponsored by Thrivent. Members are asked to bring salads or desserts.

**TTGNAJ Convocation in Casper** February 11-12. Rev Dr. Adam Koontz of Concordia Theological Seminary will be speaking on how the Church can and should respond to increasing hostility from society, particularly in connection with the confusion in common culture about sexual identity and biology. Folders with further information are available. The deadline for registration is January 31.

**A Stewardship Thought for the Sunday:** Part of our readings today is Luke 2:40 - Luke 3:21 - "Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened." We know why the people were baptized, but why was Jesus baptized? He didn't need repentance or forgiveness. The answer is that He did it for us. The reason God sent His Son into the world is to fulfill all righteousness for us, to do what we could not do. The whole of Jesus' life, everything He did and said, was one great offering to the Father in our stead to fulfill all righteousness for us. With our righteousness fulfilled in Jesus and given to us in Baptism, our hearts now overflow with thanksgiving and praise.

*From the LCMS Stewardship Ministry*

**A Life Thought from Lutherans for Life:** The voice of the Lord makes the deer give birth (Psalm 29:9). And does not His Word likewise will the conception of every child (Genesis 30:22)? He creates, redeems, and calls each one (Isaiah 43:1) even more precious than the other creatures. His incarnate Son displays His desire to claim every human life as His beloved son or daughter (Luke 3:22). That includes you, me, and all other neighbors!

**This Week:**

Tuesday: *Pastor Tinglund gone*  
Wednesday: Noon - 1 pm. Pastor's office hours at Grace  
Thursday: *Pastor Tinglund gone*  
Friday: *Pastor Tinglund gone*  
Saturday: *Pastor Tinglund gone*  
Sunday: *Pastor Tinglund gone*  
8 am. Worship at Grace  
10:30 am. Worship at Zion

