

The Fourth Sunday of the Epiphany Season
January 30, 2022



*His Word has His own
authority, and the men
by whom He speaks it.*

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

The post-Christmas season - called *Epiphany* (Greek: *Revelation*) - is a season of afterthought. During this season we meditate upon the implications of what we have celebrated: the Son of God becoming Man. The theme of the season is how our Lord Jesus reveals who He is and what He has come to do. For this is the point of His miraculous works; to demonstrate His power as the power of deliverance and salvation. The colour of the season is **green**, signifying **growth and ripening**.

Today:

Order of Holy Communion, LSB p, 203, with the *Apostles' Creed*

Hymns: 578 - 551 - 781:1-2 - 412/353/549 - 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 do you believe about the Office of the Keys?

I believe that when the called ministers of Christ deal with us by His divine command, in particular when they exclude openly unrepentant sinners from the Christian congregation and absolve those who repent of their sins and want to do better, this is just as valid and certain, even in Heaven, as if Christ our dear Lord dealt with us Himself.

Of the Small Catechism

This we believe - from the Confessions of our Church

The Gospel assigns those who preside over churches the command to teach the Gospel, to forgive sins, to administer the Sacraments, and also to exercise jurisdiction (that is: the command to excommunicate those whose crimes are known and to absolve those who repent).

Of "The Power and the Primacy of the Pope"

Free will offering at Grace today in favour of the Community Outreach Fund. A basket has been set up for your gift at the entry to the Sanctuary.

Regular Voters' Meeting in both our churches today after worship. Lunch at Zion, sponsored by Thrivent.

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 **tomorrow**.

A Life Thought from Lutherans for Life: Physician-assisted suicide prizes autonomy. Abortion prioritizes "my body, my choice." But Christlike love "endures all things" and "does not insist on its own way" (1 Corinthians 13:5, 7). Only this love, which speaks truth, shows hope, and shares joy, can unshackle hearts from the demonic deception of using death as a solution (Luke 4:35). The Gospel love of Him who knows all before any are born (Jeremiah 1:5) changes minds and saves lives.

A Stewardship Thought for the Sunday: Part of our readings today is Luke 4:34 - "Hath have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are - the Holy One of God." The demon that Jesus drives out knows who He is. But knowing that Jesus is the Holy One of God will not save the demon from hell. Knowledge is not faith. To know something is not the same thing as trusting someone. Faith is trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation. Mere knowledge of the facts does not give life. Trusting in the living God is how we receive life. Knowledge doesn't necessarily lead anywhere, but a living faith in the Lord Jesus leads to a life built on Him and walking in His footsteps.

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, you should nevertheless not exclude the possibility that the light the Word of God would have shed upon it would be helpful. So please, if there are things that are bothering you in your life, please let your Pastor know about it.

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
	7 pm.	Penitence and Prayer worship 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