

The Seventh Sunday of the Epiphany Season
February 20, 2022



*Him we serve, who came
- not to be served, but to serve -
by serving others.*

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:

Special Order of Worship

Hymns: 700 - 704 - 781:1-2 - 611 - 389:7

Pastor Tinglund is away today to tend to his duties as Circuit Visitor. We thank the men of our congregations who serve us with the Word of God and lead us in our worship this morning for their service and their willingness to serve.

Just so we do not forget:

What does God say about all these Commandments?

He says "I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to third and fourth generation of those who hate Me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love Me and keep My commandments" (*Exodus 20:5-6*)

What does this mean?

God threatens to punish all who break these commandments. Therefore, we should fear His wrath and not do anything against them. But He promises grace and every blessing to all who keep these commandments. Therefore, we should also love and trust in Him and gladly do what He commands. *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

Lenten Dinners at Grace at 6 pm., prior to Lenten Worship on Wednesdays, March 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30, and April 6.

March 2: Tacos

March 9: Carry-in

March 16: Spaghetti w/meat sauce

March 23: Carry-in

March 30: Baked potato dinner

April 6: Carry-in

Free will offerings will be take for our Youth Account.

Lenten Worship at Grace at 7 pm. on Wednesdays, March 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30, and April 6. Our theme for this year shall be *His Law and His Love*. We shall meditate on how the sufferings of our Lord Jesus demonstrate His love for us, in comparison to the love we owe to Him, and which He demands of us in the Ten Commandments.

Delicious Pasty Puffins and Butter Braid Pastries are being sold as a fund raiser for our youth account. Place your order on the sheet provided by **Sunday, March 13**. Your Pastries should be available in good time before Easter.

High quality cutlery and other food items are being sold as a fundraiser for our youth account. Look through a catalogue if there is something you would like, whether for yourself or as a gift for someone else, and let Mrs. T. know by Sunday, **March 13**.

A Stewardship Thought for the Sunday: Part of our readings today is Luke 6:30-31 - "Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them." Is it really possible to live like this? Would it really work to be so open-handed and generous? Our conscience often reminds us of our failures, and the Lord knows our frailty, that's for sure! But a life of faith is a life lived in imitation of Jesus, and every follower of Jesus knows that yes, indeed, it is better to give than to receive. *From the LCMS Stewardship Ministry*

A Life Thought from Lutherans for Life: The Lord Jesus Christ means to destroy all that threatens any human life (1 Corinthians 15:26). This absolutely includes those who participate in abortion. Almighty God finds their lives just as precious as the ones that were lost. His Fatherly love removes their transgressions just as far as ours (Psalm 103:12-13). What better way to bless them (Luke 6:27-31) than to speak of it courageously and compassionately?

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.

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 \$ 100 for the LMWL at Grace. At this time we have received our first \$ 200 and are well on our way to have earned yet another \$ 100.

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
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