

The Fourth Sunday of Lent  
March 27, 2022



*His wrath against sin  
He has turned upon Himself;  
in this we rejoice!*

**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**

**Lent** is a time of preparation for Easter. It is a season of **penitence**, and the colour of the season is that of penitence, **purple**. For a while we lay aside the triumphant celebration of our salvation to meditate upon the cost of our salvation, and our responsibility for the sufferings of our Lord Jesus. In this sense we are *fasting* with Him, as we prepare for a jubilant celebration of His victory.

**Today:**

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

Hymns: 613 - 615 - 781:1-2 -627/450/568 - 422

## About Holy Communion

Holy Scripture teaches that as an expression of unity 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 celebrate the Sacrament in a manner pleasing to God and beneficial for us all.

### Just so we do not forget:

#### *What is Confession?*

Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution from the Pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven. *Of the Small Catechism*

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

God's two chief works among people are these: to terrify; to justify and make alive those who have been terrified. Into these two works all Scripture has been distributed. The one part is the Law, which shows, reproveth, and condemns sins. The other part is the Gospel, that is, the promise of grace bestowed in Christ. This promise is constantly repeated in the whole of Scripture, first having been delivered to Adam, afterward, to the patriarchs. Then, it was still more clearly proclaimed by the prophets. Lastly, it was preached and set forth among the Jewish people by Christ and then spread out over the entire world by the apostles. All the saints were justified through faith in this promise, and not by their own attrition or contrition. *Of the Apology of the Augsburg Confession*

**Lenten Dinners at Grace** at 6 pm., prior to Lenten Worship on Wednesdays, March 30 and April 6.

March 30: Baked potato dinner

April 6: Carry-in

- *Free will offerings will be taken for our Youth Account.*

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

**Services of penitence and prayer at Grace** on Friday nights at 7 pm. in response to the Wuhan Virus, political chaos and oppression at home and abroad, war, inflation, and other current threats to the peace of the world, the freedom of the Church of Christ, and the general well-being of people here and everywhere.

**Let's do the time warp again:** Our Worship times will switch over on **Sunday, April 3**, so that, until October, Sunday worship at Zion will be held at 8 am. and at Grace at 10:30 am.

**Seasonal sing-along in the Parsonage** on Saturday, April 9, beginning at 6 pm. Bring part of your dinner, and part of everybody else's.

**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 2 cheques of each \$ 100, we are awaiting a third, and we are more than halfway to having gathered enough receipts for yet another ...

**A Stewardship Thought for the Sunday:** Part of our readings today is Luke 15:12 - "And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.' And he divided his property between them." This prodigal son only sees the father as a source of wealth. Give me my inheritance now! Which is to say, "You are better off dead in my eyes." This is the sin at the heart of all greed, valuing things over people. This parable calls us to "come to our senses" as well. It calls us to see God as the loving Giver of all good, the true Father to be valued above and beyond all the things of this world.  
*From the LCMS Stewardship Ministry*

**A Life Thought from Lutherans for Life:** Psalm 32 speaks to the relief, the healing, and the outright glee in having sins forgiven. When we neglect to address abortion, we deny that delight to consciences guilty and grieving over their part in it. And we deny ourselves the exhilaration of serving as ambassadors for Christ (2 Corinthians 5:20). Let our advocacy for the sanctity of life be an invitation to celebrate for the prodigal - and his brother (Luke 15:32)!



**This Week:**

Tuesday:	Noon - 1 pm.	Pastor's office hours at Grace
Wednesday:	Noon - 1 pm.	Pastor's office hours at Grace
	6 pm.	Lenten Dinner at Grace
	7 pm.	Lenten Worship at Grace
Thursday:	Noon - 1 pm.	Pastor's office hours at Grace
Friday:	Noon - 1 pm.	Pastor's office hours at Grace
Sunday:	8 am.	Communion Worship at Zion
	9:15 am.	Bible Study at Zion
	10:30 am.	Communion Worship at Grace
	11:45 am.	Bible Study at Grace