

The Third Sunday of Lent  
March 20, 2022



*He wills not our death  
but gave, and gives, all to save;  
Why, then, would we die?*

**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-

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**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: 451 - 423 - 781:1-2 - 453/608/579 - 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 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*

But when not all who hear the Word of God believe, and some are therefore condemned the more deeply to severer punishments eternally, the reason is not that God had begrudged them their salvation, rather, it is their own fault, because they have heard the Word in such a manner as not to learn, but only to despise, blaspheme, and disgrace it, and have resisted the Holy Spirit, who through the Word wished to work in them, as was the case at the time of Christ with the Pharisees and their followers.

*Formula Concord, the Solid Declaration*

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

March 23: Carry-in

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 23, and 30, and April 6.

**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, 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 Sunday, **April 3**, so that, until October, Sunday worship at Zion will be held at 8 am. and at Grace at 10:30 am.

**A Life Thought from Lutherans for Life:** No death, not even in physician-assisted suicide or embryo destruction, pleases the Lord God (Ezekiel 33:11). And these practices pose spiritual dangers as well as physical ones. So, He has commissioned each of us to warn our neighbors—and especially our brothers and sisters—against them (Ezekiel 33:7-8). We have not only the responsibility but the privilege of ushering them to a sacred escape (1 Corinthians 10:13)!

**Thank you - again -** to all who request that Thrivent Choice Dollars go to our churches. We have been informed that Zion has recently received another \$ 707 through the Thrivent Choice Dollars programme. The money will be kept on a special account, where it will be available to us, should a special need arise; and where, in the meantime, it will earn us good interest.

**A Stewardship Thought for the Sunday:** Part of our readings today is Luke 13:13 - "No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish." The season of Lent is all about repentance. It is about turning back to the Lord, away from our sins, in faith. We know that it is only in the Lord that we can find salvation. So, we do well in this season of repentance to examine ourselves, asking questions like, "What is trying to keep me away from Jesus? What is a temptation I face? What is a sin I need to repent of and leave behind?" Then we turn to the Lord for the strength to leave these sins behind, and we turn to the Lord for the courage to follow Him in faith and faithful living.

*From the LCMS Stewardship Ministry*

**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, are awaiting a third, and are more than halfway to having gathered receipts for yet another.

**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 Grace  
9:15 am. Bible Study at Grace  
10:30 am. Communion Worship at Zion  
11:45 am. Bible Study at Zion