

The Fifth Sunday of Lent
April 3, 2022



Into the waters
of death He descended - to
make life spring from there.

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: 561 - 611 - 781:1-2 - 761/609/621 - 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 such baptising with water indicate?

It indicates that the old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever. *Of the Small Catechism*

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

Therefore our Baptism abides forever; and even though some one should fall from it and sin, nevertheless we always have access to it. [...] Repentance, therefore, is nothing else than a return and approach to Baptism, that we repeat and practise what we began before, but abandoned. *Of the Large Catechism*

Wyoming District March Newsletters are available in the Narthex.

Carry-in Dinner at Grace at 6 pm., prior to Lenten Worship on Wednesday, April 6. A free will offering will be taken for our Youth Account.

Lenten Worship at Grace Wednesday at 7 pm. 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, 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.

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.

Holy Week Worship

Thursday, April 14:

Maundy Thursday

Communion Worship at Grace at 7 pm.

Good Friday, April 15:

Passion Worship at Zion at Noon

Passion Worship at Grace at 7 pm.

Prayer chain: Much has changed in recent years, and we need to update our prayer chain at Grace and put a new list together of those who would like to be part of the change so as to be notified of prayer request that come up, and notify others, and, of course, pray. If you are would like to be part of the prayer chain, please let Mrs. T. know.

A Life Thought from Lutherans for Life: The vineyard tenants parable issues a stern warning about using death as a solution like abortion or assisted suicide. Paul's words - "for his sake I have suffered the loss of all things" (Philippians 3:8) - acknowledge the difficulties surprise pregnancy and terminal diagnosis bring. But Isaiah prophesies the sweet assurance of God's salvation in these difficulties: "a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert" (Isaiah 43:19).

A Stewardship Thought for the Sunday: Part of our readings today is Luke 20:16 - "He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others.' When they heard this, they said, 'Surely not!' " The crowds were shocked at Jesus' parable because they took the grace of God for granted. They never thought that God would actually take "the vineyard" away from them. But we only have access to God by faith. And we can drive faith and the Holy Spirit away. That is the warning of the parable. The Lord has graciously given us His Kingdom. Let us not take it for granted but instead respond with humble thanksgiving!

From the LCMS Stewardship Ministry



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