

The Second Sunday of Easter  
April 24, 2022



*Through doors shut for fear  
He makes His own way, and hearts  
shut by unbelief!*

**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 Feast**

**Easter** is the feast for the resurrection of our Lord Jesus, and His victory over death and the devil. With His resurrection new life has begun for us - life in the power of His resurrection. The **Paschal Candle** is lit to point to the life of Christ shining through the darkness of death which still surrounds us. The festive colour is **white**, signifying purity, like the priestly robes of the righteous before His throne - or **golden**, pointing to the heavenly treasures.

**Today:**

Festive Order of Holy Communion, LSB p. 151, with the *Nicene Creed*

Hymns: 482 - 475 - 555/470 - 488

## About Holy Communion

Holy Scripture teaches that to honour Christ's desire for unity in His Church, 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 protect ourselves as well as 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 who 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 the Office of the Keys?*

The Office of the Keys is that special authority which Christ has given to His Church on earth to forgive the sins of repentant sinners, but to withhold forgiveness from the unrepentant as long as they do not repent.

*Where is this written?*

This is what Saint John the Evangelist writes in chapter twenty: The Lord Jesus breathed on His disciples and said: "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld."

*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*

Out of His immense goodness and mercy God has His divine eternal Law and His wonderful plan concerning our redemption publicly preached, namely, the holy, alone-saving Gospel of His eternal Son, our only Saviour and Redeemer, Jesus Christ; and by this preaching He collects an eternal Church for Himself from the human race, and works in the hearts of men true repentance and knowledge of sins, and true faith in the Son of God, Jesus Christ. And by this means, and in no other way, namely, through His holy Word, when men hear it preached or read it, and the holy Sacraments when they are used according to His Word, God wills to call men to eternal salvation, draw them to Himself, and convert, regenerate, and sanctify them.

*Formula Concord, the Solid Declaration*

**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.

**LWML Spring Workshop** at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Powell on Saturday, April 30, beginning at 9:30 am. All ladies of the congregation, of all ages, are members of the LWML and not only welcome, but also invited and encouraged to join us.

**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. A mail box at Grace has been reserved for the collection of receipts ...

**A Life Thought from Lutherans for Life:** The patient gentleness of Jesus with Thomas extends joy to him and not judgment. In like manner the Savior's forgiveness embraces also hearts guilty and grieving because of aborting their own children or accelerating their parent's death. "Peace be with you," Jesus says to you who have participated in violence against life, "receive My absolution and My Holy Spirit." Come, praise Him who has made you precious alongside men and maidens, infants and aged (Psalm 148:12)!

**A Stewardship Thought for the Sunday:** Part of our readings today is John 20:19 - "On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' " Fear is the opposite of faith. That is, the kind of cringing fear we have in the face of something that is hostile to us and more powerful than we are. Jesus spends a lot of His time telling the disciples to not be afraid. Our fears constantly hem us in and prevent us from following the Lord's will. But there is no need to fear. Jesus has conquered. No fear can keep us locked up. We have been set free by Jesus for lives that declare His marvelous deeds. *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
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
Saturday:	9:30 am.	LWML Spring Workshop in Powell
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