

The Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 15, 2022



*We weep not to see
Him who died, while we rejoice
to own His own life!*

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: 480 - 457- 741/532/486- 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:

Thy Kingdom come. What does this mean?

The Kingdom of God certainly comes by itself without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also.

How does God's Kingdom come?

God's Kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity.

Of the Small Catechism

This we believe - from the Confessions of our Church

Faith means to hear God's Word (in which Christ, true God and man, is presented to us, together with all benefits that He has purchased for us by His flesh given into death for us, and by His blood shed for us, namely, God's grace, the forgiveness of sins, righteousness, and eternal life). It means to receive it with faith and keep it for ourselves. It means that in all troubles and temptations we firmly rely—with sure confidence and trust—and abide in this consolation: we have a gracious God and eternal salvation because of the Lord Jesus Christ. *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.

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 a cheque for \$ 100 for the LMWL at Grace. So far this year we have received one cheque, we are awaiting another, and are well on the way into gathering enough receipts for a third.

Ascension Dinner at Grace, sponsored by Thrivent, prior to Ascension Worship on Wednesday, May 25, at 6 pm. Pork Loin with mashed potatoes will be served. A free will offering will be taken for our Youth Account.

The Feast for the Ascension of our Lord will be observed at Grace on the Eve of the Feast, that is: Wednesday, May 25, at 7 pm.

Vacation Bible School at Grace is scheduled for Saturday, August 13. A planning meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 15. If you would like to help out, please contact Mrs. T. before then, at 307-202-1206, or run the risk of her contacting you!

A Stewardship Thought for the Sunday: Part of our readings for today is Revelation 21:1 - "Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more." The things of this world are passing away. We are waiting for a new heaven and a new earth, which have been promised to us in Christ. This knowledge is foundational for our stewardship of what God has put into our hands. What is truly important? What is worthy of our support? How has God called us to use "unrighteous mammon" for the good of our neighbor and His kingdom?

From the LCMS Stewardship Ministry

A Life Thought from Lutherans for Life: Don't abortion and physician-assisted suicide call common—or worse—what God the Lord has made precious (Acts 11:9)? And should the transitory sorrows of surprise pregnancy or terminal diagnosis blind us to the joy and hope He has invested in every human being (John 16:21)? May our witness to the sanctity of all human lives begin to wipe away the tears from all eyes (Revelation 21:4) with the Gospel of Christ's salvation!

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
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

