



South Big Horn Lutheran Parish
Grace and Zion Lutheran Churches
Newsletter, October 2023

Dear brethren,

the Sixth Commandment is: *You shall not commit adultery!* Now, this command does not, as does no other, reflect a random whim on the part of God, either, but rather His very nature, and the nature of reality itself.

Holy Scripture sets marriage before us as an imagery of the love of God for His people, how His faithfulness is like the faithfulness He commands those who are married to show each to the other, and how abandoning the faith and giving oneself over to ungodly behaviours and beliefs is spiritual adultery and grounds for spiritual divorce on the part of God from those who presumptuously claim to be of the faith while persistently and unrepentantly living in disregard and disobedience to what God in Holy Scripture declares to be His will. *To the wicked God says: "What right have you to recite my statutes or take my covenant on your lips?"*

Psalm 50:16

The holy Apostle Paul writes, as he teaches about marriage, that *this is a great mystery, but I am speaking about Christ and the Church.*

Ephesians 5:32

He points out how only by having died from the Law can sinners be saved by being *married to Him who was raised from the dead.*

Romans 7:4

Just as there is no lawful way out of marriage other than death, so there is no way for the sinner to escape the reality of the Law, that any and all sin and sinning brings eternal death and damnation, except by dying away from the Law, or by the Law dying; and the sinner has died away from the Law, and the Law has died, in Christ.

The Son of God has made Himself one with sinners, having had Himself born into our kind, and baptised into us; and so, with Him having died under the judgement of the Law, all sinners have died in Him, and the demand of the Law that each and every sinner must die has been fulfilled. And so, sinners are free from the Law to belong to Christ instead, who has been raised from death because His righteousness and innocence before the Law outweighs the gravity of the sin of all sinners, and the price and penalty has been paid in full, and in abundance.

As the Apostle also writes it, still with reference to marriage: *Christ loved the Church and gave Himself up for her to sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the Word, that He might present the Church to Himself in splendour, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, holy and without blemish.*

Ephesians 5:25-27

The salvation by which the Son of God wins sinners for Himself as His Church by paying Himself the price and penalty for the sin of all sinners to make sinners free from all guilt and debt before His judgement is compared to the sacrifices a groom makes for his bride, and the gifts he gives to her.

Marriage is, by the very design of God, an imagery, not only of His love and His goodness in general, but more directly of His salvation in Christ. And accordingly, to deny and disregard the sanctity of marriage as His ordinance is more than merely disobedience and sin against God: it is to deny and disregard His salvation in Christ!

Sincerely

Jais H. Tinglund

Services of penitence and prayer at Grace Friday nights at 7 pm. in response to political and cultural chaos at home and abroad, war, and other threats to the peace of the world, the freedom of the Church of Christ, and the general well-being of human beings everywhere.

Free Will Offering at Grace on Sunday, September 24, in favour of Lutherans For Life.

Let's do the time warp again: Sunday, October 1, our Sunday worship times will switch over, so that Sunday worship at Grace will be at 8 am. and at Zion at 10:30 am.

LWML Sunday at Grace on Sunday, October 1; brunch will be served during Bible Study.

Pastor Tinglund shall be gone for Pastors' Conference from Monday, October 2, through Wednesday, October 4. Messages can be left on cell phone 605-228-9216.

High quality cutlery and other food items as well as delicious **Pastry Puffin pastries** are being sold as a fund raiser for our Youth Account. Place your order by **Sunday, October 29** on the sheets provided.

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Remembering those passed on: On the Feast for All Saints on Sunday, November 5, we shall remember by name before God those who have passed on in the year gone by. If there is someone whom you would like to have included in this remembrance, please make sure that Pastor Tinglund is aware by **Friday, November 3.**

Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, November 5, at 2 am. Members are encouraged to set their chronometric devices **back** so as not to be unreasonably early for Church.

LWML Meeting at Grace on Monday, November 6, at 7 pm.

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 our first five cheques this year, and we are well on our way into gathering enough receipts for yet another.

Just so we do not forget

And lead us not into temptation. What does this mean?

God tempts no one. We pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us so that the devil, the world, and our sinful nature may not deceive us or mislead us into false belief, despair, and other great shame and vice. Although we are attacked by these things, we pray that we may finally overcome them and win the victory.

Of the Small Catechism

This is our faith - from the Lutheran Confessions

Now, it is true, as we have said, that no one should by any means be forced or compelled to go to the Sacrament, lest we institute a new murdering of souls. Nevertheless, it must be known that people who deprive themselves of and withdraw from the Sacrament for such a long time are not to be considered Christians. For Christ has not instituted it to be treated as a show. Instead, He has commanded His Christians to eat it, drink it, and remember Him by it.

Of the Large Catechism

Birthdays in October

- as known to the editor

October 2:

Betty Urwiller

Carrie Mazur

October 5:

Terry Marchant

October 21:

Pat Miller

October 23:

Jerold Preis

October 27:

Zerene Carroll

Anniversaries in October

- as known to the editor

October 14:

Lillian and Pastor Jais H. Tinglund

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Regular office hours at Grace:

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday,
Noon -1 pm.

Regular Worship Hours

April-September:

Grace:

Penitence & Prayer Fridays, 7 pm.

Sundays at 10:30 am.

Bible Study at 11:45 am.

Zion:

Sundays at 8 am.

Bible Study at 9:15 am.

October-March:

Grace:

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Sundays at 8 am.

Bible Study at 9:15 am.

Zion:

Sundays at 10:30 am.

Bible Study at 11:45 am.

LWML meets at Grace at 10 am. on the first Saturday of February, March, April, and November, and also at 7 pm. on the **last** Monday of August - unless advertised otherwise.