

The Baptism of Our Lord
January 7, 2024



*Baptised into Him,
with whom the Father is pleased,
we have life in Him.*

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

In the **Baptism of Our Lord** the Son of God made Himself one with sinners, and was confirmed to be the Son of God; after this His public ministry began. In this manner our celebration of His Baptism inaugurates the post-Christmas season, called *Epiphany* (Greek: *Revelation*). During this season He reveals to us who He is and what He has come to do, namely to rescue and deliver sinners from sin and its consequences.

The **festive colour** is **white**, signifying purity, as the heavenly priestly robes worn by the blessed before the great white throne - or **golden**, pointing to the heavenly treasures.

Today:

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

Hymns: 401 - 405 - 596/598/594 - 389:7

About Holy Communion

Holy Scripture teaches that to honour Christ's call for unity in His Church, Christians must share the Sacrament only with those with whom we are united in a common faith. As our due obedience, and also to protect ourselves against spiritual harm, as well as those who do not know or submit to the full counsel of God, only Christians who share our faith, 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 we can celebrate the Sacrament together in a manner both pleasing to God and beneficial for us all.

Just so we do not forget:

What benefits does Baptism give?

It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare.

Which are these words and promises of God?

Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Mark: "Whoever believes and is baptised will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned". *Of the Small Catechism*

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

Thus we must regard Baptism and make it profitable to ourselves, that when our sins and conscience oppress us, we strengthen ourselves and take comfort and say: "Nevertheless I am baptised; but if I am baptised, it is promised to me that I shall be saved and have eternal life, both in soul and body." *Of the Large Catechism*

Thank you to all who thought of us with greetings, gifts, and goodness for Christmas. Your tokens of love are greatly appreciated. *Father T and Mrs. T*

Pastor Tinglund shall be gone most of Tuesday for a Circuit Pastors' Meeting. Messages can be left at 605-228-9216.

Services of penitence and prayer at Grace on Friday evenings at 7 pm. in response to political and financial and cultural 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 human beings everywhere.

Regular Voters' Meeting in both our churches on Sunday, January 21, after worship.

TTGNAJ Convocation in Casper February 9-10. Rev. Dr. John C. Wohlrabe, Great Lakes Regional Vice President and 6th Vice President of the LCMS, will speak under the topic: *They Walked Away from God's Word: How the 1974 Seminary walkout changed the way the Gospel is proclaimed.* Registration information can be found in the District Newsletter and on the Wyoming District website.

A Life Thought from Lutherans for Life: Nothing and nobody comes into existence apart from the will and the Word of the Lord God Almighty (Genesis 1:3). This means God desires the survival of every human life from fertilization to forever. We court great danger if we go against this intent or counsel others to do so (Psalm 29:7-8). Instead let us receive neighbors as blessings and enjoy our Father's favor (Mark 1:11)!

A Stewardship Thought for the Sunday: Part of our readings today is Mark 1:7 - "And [John] preached, saying, 'After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie.'" John is right — Jesus is immensely greater than any of us, yet behold how He came to serve! That is the upside-down, outlandish grace of God: the innocent Jesus takes our sinner's place. This is the greatest act of giving the world has ever known or will know: the Father gives His Son to die in the place of sinners.
From the LCMS Stewardship Ministry

Prayer in Church: As part of our worship, we commit ourselves and all our concerns to God, as it is good and right and natural for Christians to do. God hears prayer; for some of us, having those we care for named specifically before God in worship also helps us as an assurance that the most important thing that can be done for them is being done. Feel free to ask Pastor to pray for those for whom you are concerned; or if you prefer, pray for them silently. Those for whom you request that they be mentioned in public prayer will be until you let your Pastor know that it is no longer necessary.

This Week:

Today:	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
Tuesday:	<i>Pastor Tinglund gone</i>	
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
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