

The Second Sunday of the Epiphany Season
January 14, 2024



*In His Church He lives,
who has come from God with Life;
there faith will see 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 Season

The post-Christmas season - called *Epiphany* (Greek: *Revelation*) - is a season of afterthought. During this season we meditate upon the implications of what we have celebrated: the Son of God becoming Man. The theme of the season is how our Lord Jesus reveals who He is and what He has come to do. For this is the point of His miraculous works; to demonstrate His power as the power of deliverance and salvation. The colour of the season is **green**, signifying **growth and ripening**.

Today:

Order of Holy Communion, LSB p, 184, with the *Apostles' Creed*

Hymns: 384 - 396 - 781:1-2 - 395/389/394 - 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 is the third Commandment?

Remember the Sabbath Day by keeping it holy.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God, so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.

Of the Small Catechism

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

If a person will not listen to preaching or read God's Word, but despises God's Word and community, and so dies and perishes in his sins, he cannot comfort himself with God's eternal election or receive His mercy. For Christ, in whom we are chosen, offers to all people His grace in the Word and holy Sacraments. He sincerely wants it to be heard. He has promised that where two or three are gathered together in His name and have His holy Word, He will be in their midst.

Formula Concord, the Solid Declaration

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 Stewardship Thought for the Sunday: Part of our readings today is 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 - "You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body." God owns everything, including our very selves. We were made to serve Him and glorify Him and will never truly be happy or find our fulfillment until we learn that lesson. Jesus has redeemed us and brought us back into the kingdom of the Father, and that has set us free to serve Him in joy, generosity, liberty and faith.

From the LCMS Stewardship Ministry

A Life Thought from Lutherans for Life: Life issues like surprise pregnancy and terminal diagnosis come with uncertainty. But the Lord our God knows both our worries (Psalm 139:4) and the best way forward. He has already seen (John 1:48) what it will take to save, and He has still chosen life for all humankind, even when we behold only darkness and despair. We may not know what tomorrow holds, but we know who holds tomorrow.

Do not be miserable without letting your Pastor know about it. Not that your Pastor likes to learn that you are miserable; but if you are, he would like to know. Your Pastor might not know about the things that are happening in your life; or he might know of what is happening, but not be aware of how it is bothering you, or how much. He should be, though: part of what he is there for is to help you through difficult times, and allowing him to do so is part of what it means to have a Pastor and be Church, and Christian. Even if what is bothering is not what you yourself would think of as a spiritual or church related issue, you should nevertheless not exclude the possibility that having the light of the Word of God shed upon it might be helpful. In fact, refusing the spiritual guidance God provides for you, and to which He directs you in Holy Scripture, and go your own way instead, that is not only disobedience against God, it also comes with the risk of going astray and suffering shipwreck to your faith. So please, if there are things that are bothering you in your life, let your Pastor know about it.

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:	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
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