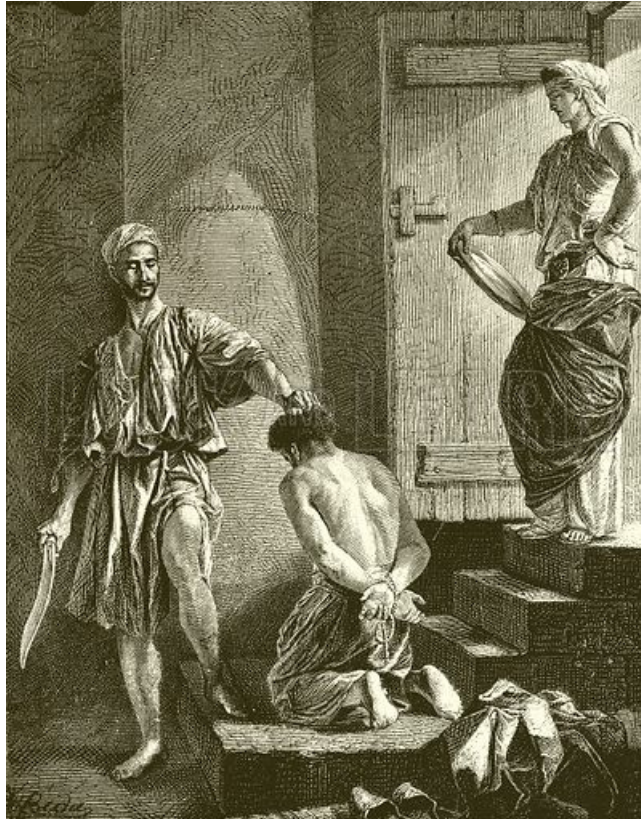


The Third Sunday of the Epiphany Season  
January 21, 2024



*All our own attempts  
must now yield to His own work,  
who fulfilled all things.*

**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, 203, with the *Apostles' Creed*

Hymns: 402 - 688 - 781:1-2 - 386/384/333 - 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:**

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gift, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth and keeps it with Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the last day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me, and to all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.

*Of the Small Catechism*

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

But here we must know that this faith ought to be confident that God freely forgives us for the sake of Christ, for the sake of His own promise, not for the sake of our works, contrition, confession, or satisfactions. For if faith relies upon these works, it immediately becomes uncertain, because the terrified conscience sees that these works are unworthy.

*Apology of the Augsburg Confession*

**Regular Voters' Meeting** in both our churches **today** after worship.

**Free will offering at Grace** on Sunday, January 28, in favour of Lutherans for Life.

**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.

**Bring your receipts from Lynn's to Church.** For every bundle of receipts for \$ 10,000 we collect, Lynn's will give us a cheque for \$ 100 for the LMWL at Grace. Last year we were able to give \$ 800 to missions just from having collected receipts.

**A Stewardship Thought for the Sunday:** Part of our readings today is Mark 1:14-15 - "Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.'" To repent means to turn away from sins and our former way of thinking and turn toward belief in God and His Gospel of grace and mercy. The whole Christian life is one of repentance and faith. Where is God calling you to repent today? How is He calling you to deeper faith?

*From the LCMS Stewardship Ministry*

**A Life Thought from Lutherans for Life:** The size of a people (as in the case of Nineveh, Jonah 3:3-4) makes no difference to their worth. Nor does the height of an individual's status (so says the Psalmist, Psalm 62:9) affect his or her sanctity. The life-giving grace of God measures according to His abundance rather than our scarcities of age, appearance, or ability. May we likewise direct gazes beyond abortion's and assisted suicide's shortsightedness (1 Corinthians 7:30-31).

**Promises made before God**

Do you hold all the Prophetic and Apostolic Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God? **I do.**

Do you confess the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran, drawn from the Scriptures, as you have learned to know it from the Small Catechism, to be faithful and true. **I do.**

Do you intend to hear the Word of God and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully? **I do, by the grace of God.**

Do you intend to continue steadfast in this confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it? **I do, by the grace of God.**

*From the Rites of Confirmation*

*and Reception of New Members by Transfer or Affirmation of faith*

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| <b>This Week:</b> |              |                                     |
| Today:            | 8 am.        | Communion Worship at Grace          |
|                   | 9:15 am.     | Voters' Meeting at Grace            |
|                   | 10:30 am.    | Communion Worship at Zion           |
|                   | 11:45 am.    | Bible Study/Voters' Meeting 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      |
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