

The First Sunday of Lent
February 18, 2024



*Sin makes us to sin,
which leads to death; from God comes
only all things good.*

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

Lent is a time of preparation for Easter. It is a season of **penitence**, and the colour of the season is that of penitence, **purple**. For a while we lay aside the triumphant celebration of our salvation to meditate upon the cost of our salvation, and our responsibility for the sufferings of our Lord Jesus. In this sense we are *fasting* with Him, as we prepare for a jubilant celebration of His victory.

Today:

Penitential Order of Holy Communion, LSB p. 184, w/the *Apostles' Creed*
Hymns: 418 - 656 - 781:1-2 - 421/451/701 - 422

About Holy Communion

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:

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 we believe - *from the Confessions of our Church*

Accordingly, we also believe, teach, and confess that when it is said: *The regenerate do good works from a free spirit*, this is not to be understood as though it is at the option of the regenerate man to do or to forbear doing good when he wishes, and that he can nevertheless retain faith if he intentionally perseveres in sins.

Formula Concord, the Epitome

Dinners at Grace at 6 pm., prior to Lenten Worship on Wednesdays, February 21, and 28, and March 6, 13, and 20.

February 21: Carry-in

February 28: Spaghetti w/meat sauce

March 6: Carry-in

March 13: Baked potato dinner

March 20: Carry-in

Free will offerings will be taken for our Youth/Visitation Account.

Lenten Worship at Grace at 7 pm. on Wednesdays, February 21 and 28, and March 6, 13, and 20. Under the theme *His Mercy and His Means* we shall, in light of His sufferings, meditate on how He actually gives to His Christians the salvation He has won for us with His sufferings.

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.

Pastor Tinglund shall be unavailable, although technically not gone, most of Saturday to judge at the Speech Meet at Greybull High School. Messages can be left at cell phone 605-228-9216.

Free will offering at Grace on Sunday, February 25, in favour of the Wyoming District Pastoral Care Emergency Fund.

Free will offering at Zion on Sunday, February 25, in favour of the Wyoming District's Mission activities.

Betty Urwiller currently resides at 3940 Rimrock Rd. room 25, Billings, MT 59102, phone 406-655-5802.

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. Last year, we earned \$ 800 for missions collecting receipts. At this time we are awaiting our first cheque and are well on our way into having gathered receipts enough for yet another.

A Life Thought from Lutherans for Life:

The Lord God forbid father Abraham from sacrificing his boy Isaac (Genesis 22:12). The lesson extends to us, too. Abortion is immoral because it is unnecessary. Jesus alone serves as beast of burden in the solemn rite of righting wrongs (Mark 1:13). Death always hatches from sin (James 1:15), but we belong in the business of redemption. If God's forgiveness forgets even abortion (Psalm 25:7), we ought to forget about it also.

A Stewardship Thought for the Sunday: Part of our readings today is Mark 1:13 - "And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him." God the Father cares for Jesus even in the midst of His temptation in the wilderness. God cares for us in every situation as well. Jesus realized this and always acted from the basis of trust in God the Father's provision. This is likewise the basis for our life lived in Christ: God cares for us, so we need not act out of fear or greed.

From the LCMS Stewardship Ministry

This Week:

Tuesday:	Noon - 1 pm.	Pastor's office hours at Grace
Wednesday:	Noon -1 pm.	Pastor's office hours at Grace
	6 pm.	Lenten Carry-in Dinner at Grace
	7 pm.	Lenten Worship 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 at Grace
Saturday:	<i>Pastor Tinglund mostly unavailable</i>	
Sunday:	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