

## The Second Sunday of Easter

April 7, 2024



*Once He came with peace  
to His servants; now He brings  
peace through His servants.*

### 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

**Easter** is the feast for the resurrection of our Lord Jesus, and His victory over death and the devil. With His resurrection new life has begun for us - life in the power of His resurrection. The **Paschal Candle** is lit to point to the life of Christ shining through the darkness of death which still surrounds us. The festive colour is **white**, signifying purity, like the priestly robes of the righteous before His throne - or **golden**, pointing to the heavenly treasures.

### Today:

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

Hymns: 463 - 614 - 486/531/548 - 488

## 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 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 Office of the Keys?*

The Office of the Keys is that special authority which Christ has given to His Church on earth to forgive the sins of repentant sinners, but to withhold forgiveness from the unrepentant as long as they do not repent.

*Where is this written?*

This is what Saint John the Evangelist writes in chapter twenty: The Lord Jesus breathed on His disciples and said: "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld."

*What do you believe about the Office of the Keys?*

I believe that when the called ministers of Christ deal with us by His divine command, in particular when they exclude openly unrepentant sinners from the Christian congregation and absolve those who repent of their sins and want to do better, this is just as valid and certain, even in Heaven, as if Christ our dear Lord dealt with us Himself.

*Of the Small Catechism*

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

The Gospel assigns to those who preside over Churches the command to teach the Gospel, to forgive sins, to administer the Sacraments, and also to exercise jurisdiction (that is: the command to excommunicate those whose crimes are known and to absolve those who repent).

*Of "The Power and the Primacy of the Pope"*

**Pastor Tinglund shall be unavailable**, although technically not gone, most of Tuesday, April 9, for a Circuit Pastors' meeting.

**A different Worship Service:** The members of the congregations are invited to join the Pastors of the Yellowstone Circuit for a special communion worship service on Tuesday, April 9, at 10 am. The service will follow a festive order of worship based on the ancient liturgy of the Egyptian Coptic Orthodox Church.

**LWML Zone Spring Workshop** at Saint Luke's Lutheran Church in Worland on Saturday, April 20, beginning at 9:30 am.

**A Memorial Service for Betty Urwiller at Grace** is scheduled for Saturday, April 27, at 2 pm.

**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.

**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. We are now awaiting our second cheque this year.

**Greeting cards for all occasions** are (still) being sold by the LWML, at prices much lower than you will find in any store in town.

**A Stewardship Thought for the Sunday:** Part of our readings today is John 20:19 - "Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'" The peace we have in Jesus is what makes a life of good works possible. Since we know that it is Jesus who saved us, and not our works, we are now free to do good works not out of self-interest, but for the right reasons: out of thanksgiving toward God and love for our neighbors.

*From the LCMS Stewardship Ministry*

**A Life Thought from Lutherans for Life:** How remarkable that our Lord's beloved Apostle St. John describes the Gospel of Jesus Christ as "the Word of Life" (1 John 1:2). He also declares all believers qualify as "little children" (2:1). And he proclaims that God has given His Son to redeem "the whole world" - every member of the human race, no matter what age, appearance, or ability. Even personal choice or political controversy can't keep us quiet about it!

### **This Week:**

Today:           8 am.   Communion Worship at Zion  
                  9:15 am.     Bible Study at Zion  
                  10:30 am.    Communion Worship at Grace  
                  11:45 am.     Bible Study at Grace

Tuesday:       *Pastor Tinglund preoccupied*  
                  10 am.   Communion Worship 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  
                  7 pm.        Prayer and Penitence Worship at Grace

Sunday:       8 am.        Communion Worship at Zion  
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