

ST. LUKE'S EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH 10:30 a.m.
200 11th Street E. Lemmon, SD 57638
We are affiliated with the Church of the Lutheran Confession (CLC)
Richard Kanzenbach Pastor

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Autumn Wiechmann, organist

April 6, 2025

WELCOME!

If any man sin, we have an Advocate [spokesman] with the Father, Jesus Christ the Righteous. And He is the Propitiation [peace offering] for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. ---I John 2:1-2

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT

I thank and praise You, almighty, everlasting Father, for Your divine tenderness and love, for You have again given me grace to receive the holy body and the precious blood of Your only Son, Jesus Christ, my Lord. I humbly ask that You fill me with the power of Your Holy Spirit so that through this sacrament which I have received with the mouth of my body, I may by faith ever retain the treasure of Your grace imparted to me in this sacrament—the forgiveness of sins, oneness with Christ, and eternal life. Grant that Your grace enables me to walk steadfastly in the footsteps of my Lord Jesus Christ never doubting that at the last You will give to me and to all that bear the cross for His sake the crown of everlasting life. Hear me, Heavenly Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ, my Lord and Savior. Amen!

ORDER OF SERVICE: Hymnal, page 15

Hymn 155 vv. 1-4 Sweet the Moments, Rich in Blessing!

On page 17: **The Kyrie** is read by the pastor.

For the Gloria, Hymn 155 v. 5 Sweet the Moments, Rich in Blessing!

EPISTLE: Hebrews 9:11-15 See how Christ's sacrifice for us far surpassed even the greatest Old Testament sacrifice--The Great Day of Atonement.

By a sinful high priest who died vs. By the holy Christ who serves forever
Sacrifice in a man-made tabernacle vs. Sacrifice before God in the heavens
Blood of goats vs. Blood of Son of God
Repeated each year vs. Once for all
Temporal cleansing vs. Eternal Redemption

"The blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanses us from all sin" (I John 1:7).

GOSPEL: John 8:51-59 The opponents of Jesus objected when He said He would “*free all who put their trust in Him.*” Jesus meant “freedom” from the punishment of sins, not political freedom. His opponents charged Jesus with demon-possession. When Jesus said that *those who held to Him would never see death*, the enemies again objected. Even great Abraham and the prophets had died! Jesus replied, “*Before Abraham was, I AM.*” implying He was God! The opponents were beside themselves. They attempted to stone Him, but could not.

NICENE CREED, p. 22

PASSION HISTORY READING:

Part 10: JESUS SUFERED ON THE CROSS

Hymn 153 Stricken, Smitten and Afflicted, See Him Dying on the Tree

SERMON: LUKE 13 : 31 – 35

DON'T PUSH GOD

On that very day some Pharisees came, saying to Him, “Get out and depart from here, for Herod wants to kill You.

And He said to them, Go, tell that fox, “Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow; and the third day I shall be perfected.” Nevertheless I must journey today, tomorrow, and the day following; for it cannot be that a prophet should perish outside of Jerusalem.

“O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, but you were not willing!

³⁵ See! Your house is left to you desolate; and assuredly, I say to you, you shall not see Me until the time comes when you say, ‘Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!’ ”

OFFERING and OFFERING PRAYER:

PRAYERS

Hymn 156 Not All the Blood of Beasts!

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

VISITORS, *please note that our congregation does not practice “open” communion.* Communion is an expression of oneness with the Lord and also oneness in faith and teaching with each other. Differences in Bible doctrine do separate. Therefore, we have a “close-knit” communion practice. Respectfully we ask that only members of St. Luke’s and sister CLC congregations come forward. Be assured, we are not judging your heart or your faith in Jesus. God knows the heart. For questions, please visit with the pastor. Thank you.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION:

Distribution Hymn 171, melody 2, Upon the Cross Extended

Benediction

Hymn 309 O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee!

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SCHEDULE, God Willing:

4/09 Wed. 5:30 Lent Midweek 6 Worship held in church basement.
6:30 Soup and sandwich supper follows. All invited.

Palm Sunday 4/13 10:30 Worship 9:30 Sun. Sch. and Bible Class

Maundy Thursday 4/17 7:00 Worship with Holy Communion

Good Friday 4/18 12:10 Worship

Easter Sunday 4/20 8:00 Festival Worship

9:00 “Potluck” Breakfast—All invited.

10:30 Festival Worship

EASTER BREAKFAST: The “potluck breakfast” worked well last year. We will follow that plan again this year. Bring any breakfast items you wish, such as boiled eggs, egg bake, sausages, rolls, donuts, cereal and milk, juice, etc. as you please. Thank you.

“PALM” SUNDAY: The name “Palm Sunday” is easy to understand. Jesus entered Jerusalem riding on a humble donkey. The crowds honored Him, scattering palm branches and their cloaks on the road. They shouted, “Hosanna! to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!” They realized Jesus was the One God had promised to send, now coming in the Father’s Name. The prophets had also said He would be a descendant of King David, an heir to the throne of Israel. “Hosanna!”—“Come Save Us, Now!” We too welcome Jesus to our hearts on Palm Sunday!

“HOLY” WEEK----FROM PALM SUNDAY TO EASTER SUNDAY:

Normally we think of the word "holy" as meaning "sinless and pure." The root of the Hebrew word means "set apart" or "separate." Thus, God is holy--He is separate, set apart from this world, without sin. This world was created holy--set apart, separate for God, sinless. The Bible is holy--a book different from all others, set apart, separated for God's message, true and without error.

The week before Easter is likewise called "holy," a week set apart for God. We ponder our Savior's great love for us. He paid the highest possible price for the forgiveness of our un-holiness and sins. His great resurrection from the grave proclaims His and our victory over sin and death. A very special week!

MYANMAR EARTHQUAKE: I heard from Pastor Kham that all the CLC-Myanmar members are safe and Chin State was mostly unaffected by the earthquake. Praise God from whom all blessings flow! --Supervising Missionary Todd Ohlmann

CHURCH CLEANING: April--- Connie H. and Laurie H. Thank you!

CLC CALL NEWS 4-6-25

Missionary Peter Evensen, Togo, West Africa, has received the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO.

Pastor Paul Krause, Watertown, SD, and Hidewood Township, SD, has returned the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO.

Mrs. Vanessa Wales and *Mrs. Danielle Sippert* have accepted their calls from Grace Lutheran School, Sleepy Eye, MN, to teach language arts and other courses for the 2025-2026 school year.

ST. LUKE'S ON THE WEB:

For live videos of our service (streamed) on Facebook. Go to:

<https://www.facebook.com/lemmonlutheran>

For St. Luke's webpage, go to <https://lemmon.clclutheran.org/>. Bulletins, sermons, and videos of services are available there.. Also available are St. Luke's contact info., location, schedule, Bible confession, etc.

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