

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)

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Pastor

9TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Katie Wiechmann, organist

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WELCOME!

*The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; He shall preserve your soul.
The LORD shall preserve your going out and your coming in from this time forth,
and even forevermore.*
-----Psalm 121:7-8

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Regarding this special eating and drinking, Jesus says, "Do this in remembrance of Me." Please do not miss the point, thinking that the Lord's Supper is only a "memorial," a "remembrance" of His death—like markers in a graveyard. Then the bread and the wine are also merely "symbols" reminding us of His body and blood sacrificed for us. Such is Reformed theology, not Lutheran theology. Then the sacrament becomes an outward act by which we show that we align with the Savior and "remember" His death for us. However, Communion is an act by which God comes to us personally. Communion is a special eating and drinking in which Jesus gives to us His very body and blood. It is a miracle. In a way that passes our understanding, but which we trust by faith, the Lord assures you that He has died for you. Christ has "redeemed" you, bought you back, paid the price, to set you free. The Lord's Supper is much more than a memorial. It is a "means of grace"—a means or method by which God's assurance of forgiveness come to each personally, in a way that can be seen and touched.

ORDER OF SERVICE:

Supplement, page 12 with Holy Communion.

Hymn 541 O Blessed Holy Trinity!

EPISTLE: I Corinthians 10:6-13. The many accounts of God's disciplining His Old Testament people were not written for their sake, but for ours! --- Beware of likewise turning from the Lord! The devil will always tempt, but no temptation is so overwhelming that it must be followed. The Lord provides a way out. When sins do overtake you, run to Jesus for forgiveness. His precious forgiveness gives new strength and new will to do better each day.

PSALM 2, page 30. Why Do the Nations Rage?

GOSPEL Luke 16:1-9 In the Parable of the Dishonest Steward, a “manager” or “steward” of a wealthy man’s resources, was about to be fired for dishonesty. The man was shrewd. He used his position to be even more dishonest and make friends of his master’s debtors by cutting their bills! These “friends” would naturally welcome him into their circles after he lost his job. ---- Jesus wants us to be like that steward. He does not want us to be dishonest! But to be “shrewd” in using our earthly wealth to spread the Good News of God’s forgiveness to others. Then when we leave this world, they will welcome us into heaven!

NICENE CREED: Supplement, page 5

Hymn 439 (melody 390) O God of Mercy, God of Might!

SERMON: JOSHUA 3-4, select verses

END OF THE TRAIL / HOME AT LAST

Chapter 3: ¹⁴ So it was, when the people set out from their camp to cross over the Jordan, with the priests bearing the ark of the covenant before the people, ¹⁵ and as those who bore the ark came to the Jordan, and the feet of the priests who bore the ark dipped in the edge of the water (for the Jordan overflows all its banks during the whole time of harvest), ¹⁶ that the waters which came down from upstream stood still, and rose in a heap very far away at Adam, the city that is beside Zaretan. So the waters that went down into the Sea of the Arabah, the Salt Sea, failed, and were cut off; and the people crossed over opposite Jericho. ¹⁷ Then the priests who bore the ark of the covenant of the LORD stood firm on dry ground in the midst of the Jordan; and all Israel crossed over on dry ground, until all the people had crossed completely over the Jordan. . . .

Chapter 4: ⁸ And the children of Israel did so, just as Joshua commanded, and took up twelve stones from the midst of the Jordan, as the LORD had spoken to Joshua, according to the number of the tribes of the children of Israel, and carried them over with them to the place where they lodged, and laid them down there. ⁹ Then Joshua set up twelve stones in the midst of the Jordan, in the place where the feet of the priests who bore the ark of the covenant stood; and they are there to this day. . . .

¹⁵ Then the LORD spoke to Joshua, saying, ¹⁶ “Command the priests who bear the ark of the Testimony to come up from the Jordan.” ¹⁷ Joshua therefore commanded the priests, “Come up from the Jordan.” ¹⁸ And it came to

pass, when the priests who bore the ark of the covenant of the LORD had come from the midst of the Jordan, and the soles of the priests' feet touched the dry land, that the waters of the Jordan returned to their place and overflowed all its banks as before. . . .

²⁰ And those twelve stones which they took out of the Jordan, Joshua set up in Gilgal. ²¹ Then he spoke to the children of Israel, saying: “When your children ask their fathers in time to come, saying, ‘What are these stones?’ ²² then you shall let your children know, saying, ‘Israel crossed over this Jordan on dry land’; ²³ for the LORD your God dried up the waters of the Jordan before you until you had crossed over, as the LORD your God did to the Red Sea, which He dried up before us until we had crossed over, ²⁴ that all the peoples of the earth may know the hand of the LORD, that it is mighty, that you may fear the LORD your God forever.”

OFFERING & OFFERING PRAYER

PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER

Hymn 410 Jesus, Lead Thou On!

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

VISITORS, please kindly note that our congregation does not practice “open” communion. Communion is an expression of oneness—certainly oneness with the Lord, but also oneness in faith and teaching with one another. Differences of Bible teaching do separate. In keeping with the unity enjoined by God, we practice a “close-knit” communion. We ask that only members of St. Luke’s and sister CLC congregations come forward. Be assured, we are not judging anyone’s heart or faith in Jesus. God alone knows the heart. For further questions, please speak with the pastor. Thank you.

Distribution Hymns: 305 Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness!

BENEDICTION

Hymn 54 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah!

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IN OUR PRAYERS: Julie Schopp continues to await plans for moving forward against the melanoma. Edward Larson had a very good day on yesterday.

SCHEDULE:

8/24 **10:30** Worship

8/31 **10:30** Worship

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND BIBLE CLASS RESUME: Sunday, 9/7/25.

LAWNMOWING: Please sign the sheet in the entry area, if you are willing and able to help with mowing the church yard. Thank you.

ESTATE: St. Luke's was named as one of the heirs in the estate of Mr. George Ketterling, who was called from this life last summer. Mr. Ketterling had joined the CLC while living in Washington. In retirement he moved to the Rapid City area and was a member at Good Shepherd. Mr. Ketterling had family ties to Lemmon. His burial was at Lemmon; Pastor Kanzenbach had the committal. He was 93. ---- Mr. Ketterling was blessed with many earthly resources and has shared them with three congregations of the CLC, and the CLC to further the preaching of the Savior's Name. He has also shared his resources with the Five Counties Nursing Home in Lemmon, and the School of Mines in the Black Hills. The past week, St. Luke's received a check for \$230,000. The Council will meet on Tuesday, 8/19, to begin recommendations on how to use this gift for our ministry. A voter's meeting will also be held—possibly Sunday, September 7. Please forward any thoughts you may have on this matter to councilmen Jonathan Wiechmann, Clayton Pederson, Dwight Wenner. We thank the Lord for this gift and pray that we may use it wisely and in love for Christ.

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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