

ST. LUKE'S EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH 10:30 a.m.

208 11th Street E.

Lemmon, SD 57638

We are affiliated with the Church of the Lutheran Confession (CLC).

Richard Kanzenbach

Pastor

3rd Sunday in Advent

Rhonda Tomac, organist

December 13, 2020

ADVENT WELCOME!

“The LORD your God will raise up unto you a Prophet, like me, from your midst, from your brethren. Him shall you hear.” -- Deuteronomy 18:15

ORDER OF SERVICE:

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Hymn 77 vv. 1-7 All My Heart This Night Rejoices!

EPISTLE: I Corinthians 4:1-5 To judge the hearts and motives of others is not wise. “Others” are not answerable to anyone except God only. Each individual is **His** servant and steward. This truth applies to pastors and their congregations and congregations and their pastors. God exposes each man’s heart at the Last Day, when he will deal with each. As you prepare to celebrate Christ’s birth at Bethlehem, live and “judge” with His second Advent in mind.

PSALM 100, p. 35 “Make a Joyful Shout to the Lord!”

GOSPEL: Matthew 11:1-11 John the Baptist spent the last days of his life in prison. There he must have felt that Jesus was not advancing God’s Kingdom in the way that John thought He should. John sent messengers, “Are You the One?” --- That question is still asked today. Is Jesus of Nazareth really the One? --- Perhaps it doesn’t seem like it. Jesus did not set up an earthly kingdom. However, He came to bring spiritual healing, to preach the Good News of mercy and forgiveness through His blood. By faith in Him, God’s Kingdom is ours. By faith in Him, even a simple believer is greater than John the Baptist! the greatest of all prophets.

APOSTLES’ CREED

Hymn 77 vv. 8-12 All My Heart This Night Rejoices!

SERMON: Luke 1:46-55

THE PRIVILEGE OF ADVENT !

And Mary said:

*My soul magnifies the Lord,
And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior.
For He has regarded the lowly state of His maidservant;
For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed.*

*For He who is mighty has done great things for me,
And holy is His name.
And His mercy is on those who fear Him
From generation to generation.*

*He has shown strength with His arm;
He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He has put down the mighty from their thrones,
And exalted the lowly.*

*He has filled the hungry with good things,
And the rich He has sent away empty.
He has helped His servant Israel,
In remembrance of His mercy,*

*As He spoke to our fathers,
To Abraham and to his seed forever*

Prayers and Lord's Prayer

Hymn 77 vv. 13-15 All My Heart This Night Rejoices!

Benediction

Hymn 63 vv. 1 + 5 On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry Announces That the
Lord Is Nigh!

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CHRISTMAS CAROLING: We hope you are so inclined! Christmas caroling is planned for this afternoon from approximately 1:30 – 4:30. We will not be entering residences, but singing outside. We will sing at the two LiveCenters, the nursing home, and various other residences as well. See Pastor Kanzenbach if you would like a tentative list. After caroling, those who wish to eat a joint meal at church are invited to stay. No church Christmas Party will be held this year. Thank you!

CHILDREN'S REHEARSALS: Today after service the children will have time to eat a sack lunch and then rehearse for Christmas Eve. Rehearsal will run an hour from 12:15-1:15. Last rehearsal is next Sunday, December 20.

CHOIR REHEARSAL: As soon as possible after the service, while the children are eating their lunch, if any wish to form a choir for the Christmas Eve service, please gather at the front of the church for rehearsal. Thank you!

THE ADVENT WREATH: The Advent wreath is a Christian custom used in preparation for Christmas.

THE 1ST CANDLE is the "Prophecy Candle." It reminds us how the Old Testament people who heard the prophecies of Christ waited patiently for Him.

THE 2ND CANDLE is the "Bethlehem Candle." It reminds us how God's Son humbly came to this earth to be born of a woman at Bethlehem to be our Savior!

THE 3RD CANDLE (PINK) is the "Shepherd Candle." It reminds us that Jesus came into the hearts and lives of the shepherds the night of His birth. Just as He entered their hearts through the message of the angels and then seeing Him in the manger, so He enters our hearts through the message of His Word and our seeing Him by faith. It is a candle of JOY (pink)!

MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICES: As an aid for preparing hearts for Christmas, one more midweek Advent service will be held this Wednesday, 12/16, at 7:00 pm. This year we are worshipping upstairs.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS BAGS: Please use the sign-up sheet—it is at the guest book—if you wish to help supply items for the children's bags, or if you wish to help fill the bags. Thank you!

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP: Thursday, December 24, 4:00 pm.

CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP: Friday, December 25, 10:00 am.

CHURCH CLEANING: Thank you to the following for December:

L. Bubbers, K. Christman, R. Wiechmann, J. Olsen

WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

12/16 Wed 7:00 Midweek Advent Worship (upstairs)

12/20 Sun 10:30 Worship with COMMUNION 9:30 B.Class & S.Sch.

12/24 Thu. 4:00 Christmas Eve Worship (Children's Service)

12/25 Fri. 10:00 Christmas Day Worship

SHOES—LHS-NHS—ANGEL BINS: The National Honor Society of Lemmon High School is sponsoring a "shoe drive." Shoes that are still in good condition may be deposited in the box in the entry. NHS will sell the shoes to Angel Bins, an organization which re-sells them at bargain prices to needy or sends them overseas. Please see the restrictions on the box. Thank you!

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