

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

NEW YEAR SUNDAY

Ruth Wiechmann, organist

January 3, 2021

"My times are in Your hand." -- Psalm 31:15

HOLY COMMUNION

Lord Jesus, Christ, Thou hast prepared

A feast for our salvation.

It is Thy body and Thy blood;

And at Thy invitation

As weary souls, with sin oppressed,

We come to Thee for needed rest,

For comfort and for pardon.

---- TLH 306:1

ORDER OF SERVICE:

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Hymn 62 Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel!

OLD TESTAMENT: Psalm 90 A Psalm of Moses

The Lord's strength and the sinner's frailty

P: O Lord, You have been our dwelling place

C: In all generations.

P: Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever You had formed the earth
and the world,

C: Even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God.

P: You turn man to destruction,

C: And say, "Return, O children of men."

P: For a thousand years in Your sight are like yesterday when it is past,

C: And like a watch in the night.

P: You carry them away like a flood;

C: They are like a sleep.

P: In the morning they are like grass which grows up, in the morning it
flourishes and grows up;

C: In the evening it is cut down and withers.

P: For we have been consumed by Your anger,

C: And by Your wrath we are terrified.

P: You have set our iniquities before You,

C: Our secret sins in the light of Your countenance.

P: For all our days have passed away in Your wrath,

C: We finish our years like a sigh.

P: The days of our lives are seventy years [“three score years and ten” –KJV] ;

C: And if by reason of strength they are eighty years,

P: Yet their boast is only labor and sorrow;

C: For it is soon cut off, and we fly away.

P: Who knows the power of Your anger?

C: For as the fear of You, so is Your wrath.

P: So teach us to number our days,

C: That we may gain a heart of wisdom.

The Lord's mercy and the sinner's joy

P: Return, O Lord! How long?

C: And have compassion on Your servants.

P: Oh, satisfy us early with Your mercy,

C: That we may rejoice and be glad all our days!

P: Make us glad according to the days in which You have afflicted us,

C: The years in which we have seen evil.

P: Let Your work appear to Your servants,

C: And Your glory to their children.

P: And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands for us.

C: Yes, establish the work of our hands!

GOSPEL: Luke 12:1-8 SUMMARIZED. As we look back and look ahead, each year brings its own sorrows. Is dying in a horrid manner the worst that can happen?? The worst tragedy—the only *real* tragedy—is Death without repentance and forgiveness through faith in Christ! Cling to the Lord this year. Continue to bear fruit for Him.

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Hymn 110 Across the Sky the Shades of Night

SERMON: Isaiah 40:1-2 & 25-31

IF IT SEEMS THAT GOD HAS FORGOTTEN YOU !

Comfort, yes, comfort My people, says your God. Speak comfort to [the heart of] Jerusalem , and cry out to her, that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned; for she has received from the Lord's hand [the] double for all her sins.

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To whom then will you liken Me, or to whom shall I be equal, says the Holy One?

Lift up your eyes on high, and see who has created these things, who brings out their host by number? He calls them all by name, by the greatness of His

might and the strength of His power; not one is missing.

Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel: “My way is hidden from the Lord, and my just claim is passed over by my God”?

Have you not known? Have you not heard? The everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, neither faints nor is weary. His understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the weak, and to those who have no might He increases strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall. But those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength. They shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary they shall walk and not faint !

Prayer

Hymn 118 Father, Let Me Dedicate All This Year to Thee

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 each other. Differences of Bible teaching do separate. In keeping with the unity expressed in the Lord’s Supper, we follow a “close-knit” communion practice. 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 alone knows the heart. For further questions, please visit with the pastor.*

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION: We ask that four come forward at a time, except if the group is immediate family.

Distribution Hymn 305 Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness!

Benediction

Hymn 97 Let Us All with Gladsome Voice Praise the God of Heaven!

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NEW YEAR 2021: By God’s grace, we have entered calendar year 2021 ! The same Lord and Savior who was with us each day of 2020 will continue to be with us in 2021. In Christ, God forgives us, blesses us, guides us, and carries us from this life through death to the next. Hold tightly to Jesus in faith!

VIDEO-RECORDINGS: St. Luke’s has begun video-taping worship services. Services may be viewed at *St. Luke’s Lutheran facebook page*. It may take a few weeks for us to get the recordings to the desired level. We thank Phil Larson for leading this project!

VOTERS MEETING: The 4th Quarter (Oct.-Dec.) voters meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 24, after Service. This is the annual meeting.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

01/10	Epiphany Sunday	10:30	Worship	9:30	B.Class & S.Sch.
01/17	Sun.	10:30	Worship with COMMUNION	9:30	B.Class & S.Sch.
01/24	Sun.	10:30	Worship	9:30	B.Class & S.Sch.
01/31	Sun.	10:30	Worship	9:30	B.Class & S.Sch.

CHURCH CLEANING: January—John and Myrna Erhardt. We thank all cleaners for their dedication and faithfulness to the Lord!

Pastor Charles Edwards in Myanmar suffered a massive stroke December 28 and later passed away. He was sixty-four years old and is survived by five children, a brother, and two sisters. Pastor Edwards was the only theologically trained pastor of the National Lutheran Church of Myanmar that he founded in Yangon. The CLC has been in fellowship with the NLC-Myanmar since 2014. Pastor Edwards served one congregation in Yangon and several preaching stations. He also worked with several orphanages in the Yangon area to provide Bible instruction and school supplies for more than 300 children. These are sad and uncertain times for the NLC-Myanmar and for his family. Please pray for Pastor Edward's children: Sam (28), Anna (25), John Mark (21), Hope (19), and Faith (13); and also his brother and sisters, other family members, and many souls blessed by his faithful preaching and teaching of God's saving Word.

CLC Project KINSHIP - On the Rise! As endeavors to spread the Gospel overseas continue to increase, so do our opportunities to support these endeavors. Of the current 113 overseas seminary students, there are currently five students that do not have stateside sponsors. Please consider becoming a sponsor through the CLC KINSHIP program. The cost for this particular sponsorship is \$35/month (\$420/year). There will also be sponsorship opportunities for the overseas orphan population in the near future, and KINSHIP would welcome folks who are willing to be put on the "wait list" for those sponsorships. These sponsorships require a similar financial commitment. Contact is Dan Roehl (danroehl@hotmail.com or 507-381-2042).

2020-2021 Poem / Today's Insert: Greg and Dawn Rand are members of St. Paul's Lutheran in Melrose, WI, which is part of the very small Protestant Conference. The Conference left the WELS in the 1920's. About six congregations remain. The Rands came into contact with Pastor Chad Seybt some years ago, and in 2020 renewed that tie, when seeking direction during corona difficulties. Their church is a group of about 25 members and has been without a pastor for three years. Through these contacts, St. Paul's is now studying and considering joining the CLC. The Rands visited one of my services in Onalaska six months ago. The Lord's mysterious ways!

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