

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).

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Pastor

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

Autumn Wiechmann, organist

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WELCOME !

The god of this world [Satan] has blinded the minds of them who believe not, lest the light of the glorious Gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.
--II Corinthians 4:4

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Why do we use the terms “Holy” “Communion” for the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper? The word “**holy**” indicates that this act is from the Lord—sacred—granting blessings from God that we cannot give to ourselves. The word “**communion**” means sharing, having in common, a mutual participation. The word “communion” describes the blessed sharing and oneness that Jesus grants to each Christian. Each receives the very purchase price of salvation—Christ’s body and blood, miraculously present with the bread and the wine. Jesus draws the sinner very close to Himself assuring the recipient that in Him there is atonement and forgiveness from God. A communion that’s holy indeed!

ORDER OF SERVICE:

Supplement, page 12 with Holy Communion.

Hymn 537 Every Morning Mercies New Fall as Fresh as Morning Dew!

EPISTLE: Romans 12:1-10 In view of God’s mercy in Christ, live your life as a sacrifice pleasing to God. Do not pattern yourself after the world. Put aside pride and arrogance, and function together with others, one body in Christ, using the gifts God has given to you.

PSALM 23 The Lord Is My Shepherd (Supplement, page 36)

GOSPEL: Luke 2:41-52 At age twelve Jesus was at the temple in Jerusalem for Passover. He discussed with the Old Testament teachers the truths and promises it held, namely man’s rescue from sin. His understanding amazed them! Jesus made it evident that His mission on earth involved more than simple human labors. He was the Son of God here to do His heavenly Father’s business. According to his human nature, Jesus would still have to grow and mature, but according to His divine nature He was God’s eternal Son.

NICENE CREED (Supplement, page 5.)

Hymn 133 Within the Father’s House

SERMON: Isaiah 61:1-6

LORD, WHAT ABOUT YOUR PROMISE ?

*The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon Me,
Because the LORD has anointed Me:*

*To preach good tidings to the poor,
He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted,
To proclaim liberty to the captives,
And the opening of the prison to those who are bound;
To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD,
And the day of vengeance of our God;
To comfort all who mourn,
To console those who mourn in Zion,
To give them beauty for ashes,
The oil of joy for mourning,
The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness;
That they may be called trees of righteousness,
The planting of the LORD,
That He may be glorified*

*And they shall rebuild the old ruins,
They shall raise up the former desolations,
And they shall repair the ruined cities,
The desolations of many generations.
Strangers shall stand and feed your flocks,
And the sons of the foreigner
Shall be your plowmen and your vinedressers.*

*But you shall be named the priests of the LORD,
They shall call you the servants of our God.
You shall eat the riches of the Gentiles,
And in their glory you shall boast.*

Prayers and Lord's Prayer

Hymn 138 vv. 1-4 Thou Light of Gentile Nations

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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 expressed in the Lord’s Supper, 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 visit with the pastor. Thank you.

Hymns during Distribution of Holy Communion

304 An Awe-Full [*awe-filled*] Mystery Is Here

308 Invited, Lord, by Boundless Grace I Stand a Guest before Thy Face

Benediction

Hymn 138 vv. 5-6 Thou Light of Gentile Nations!

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

COUNCIL: The Council will meet this Thursday, January 21. Thank you.

PRAIRIE FIRE: We thank the Lord that no loss of life or dwelling was incurred during Thursday evening's massive grass fire. May the Lord comfort and care for those who suffered damage or harm. Let us be of help as we are able with actions and with prayers. We thank God for the many public servants who helped fight the blaze.

BABY GRAND PIANO: At the front of the church, you see a baby grand piano occupying the piano corner! The piano arrived this week by way of Jim Laabs Music, Steven's Point, WI. We thank the individual(s) (anonymous) who donated the piano to beautify our worship services to the Lord. This piano has been beautifully rebuilt and refurbished. It is still in need of adjustments after the trip. The former piano will be moved to the basement. Does anyone have a home for the old basement piano? Thank you.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

01/24	Sun. 10:30	Worship	9:30	B.Class & S.Sch.
		Followed by Voters Annual Meeting		
01/31	Sun. 10:30	Worship	9:30	B.Class & S.Sch.
02/07	Sun. 10:30	Worship with COMMUNION	9:30	B.Class & S.Sch.

CLEANERS FOR JANUARY: John and Myrna Erhardt. We thank you!

CLC FISCAL UPDATE, THANKFUL TO THE LORD: In November, treasurer for our Church of the Lutheran Confession reported with concern that the synod's operating fund had dropped deeper into negative territory. The balance stood at -\$70,000. Offerings from congregations and individuals have improved the picture greatly. By the close of December there was a \$50,000 improvement; the closing balance was -\$21,700. We thank the Lord who has opened the hearts of His people! We entrust our church body to His care.

BUILDING PLANS IMMANUEL CAMPUS, EAU CLAIRE: With funds on hand from a large bequest received last summer, designated by the donor for buildings on the Immanuel campus, the Immanuel Planning Committee is moving forward with a recommendation to the June CLC Convention to build a new gymnasium and to revamp the current gym for ILC daily chapel gatherings, band/choir practices, plays, musicals, CLC Conventions, other large gatherings, etc. The committee will present its current plans and drawings at the convention. The building fund has a balance of over \$1 million. We thank the Lord and ask His guidance and direction in this matter.

SATAN'S SCHEMES: Friday, January 22, will mark forty-eight years of **legalized ! abortion** in our nation. We ask the Lord to bring our country to repentance, to grant forgiveness, to lead our people to *criminalize* such ungodly and vicious acts ending the lives of those yet within mother's womb. Dear Lord, help us all.

IN OUR PRAYERS: We continue to offer prayers for peace in our nation and homeland. So much goes on that is contrary to our Lord's will and desires, whether it is within the populace at large or within levels of government. Satan seeks to pollute every good thing. Much goes on, about which we really do not know, or do not know the truth. Satan's chief weapon is always the Lie. We ask that the Lord would help us correctly to see political and civil matters, to make judgments based on truth, and to be open to correction when that is not the case. Our concern is not just the condition of our nation *for the sake of our nation*, but for the proclamation of God's Word of forgiveness and salvation in Christ to the hearts and homes of our people. May the Gospel of forgiveness of sins through the crucified and risen Jesus, continue to be proclaimed at every level, and may we joyfully carry its banner. Lord, in Your holy wisdom, power, grace, and love deal with our people, nation, and leaders so as to draw us all closer to Your Son and the rescue from death and damnation that You give us in Him.

CALL NEWS:

Pastor David Ude, Appleton, WI, has returned the call extended to him by Redeemer, Cheyenne, WY.

Pastor Mike Eichstadt, Hales Corners, WI (Milwaukee area), has returned the call extended to him by Living Savior, Eden Prairie, MN (Minneapolis area).

Teacher Joshua Ohlmann, Sleepy Eye, MN, has accepted the call from Holy Trinity, West Columbia, SC, to serve as upper grade teacher and principal.

Pastor Mark Tiefel, Lynnwood, WA has been called by Redeemer, Cheyenne, WY.

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