

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

208 11<sup>th</sup> Street E.

Lemmon, SD 57638

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

Richard Kanzenbach

Pastor

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**

Ruth Wiechmann, pianist

January 24, 2021

## WELCOME !

*Make a joyful shout to the LORD all you lands! Serve the LORD with gladness. Come before His presence with singing! Know that the LORD, He is God. It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves. We are His people and the sheep of His pasture. Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name. For the LORD is good. His mercy is everlasting, and His truth endures to all generations!*

---- Psalm 100

## DEDICATION OF PIANO

PSALM 150

*Praise the LORD! Praise God in His sanctuary!*

***Praise Him in His mighty firmament !*** [the great expanse of the sky]

*Praise Him for His mighty acts!*

***Praise Him according to His excellent greatness.***

*Praise Him with the sound of the trumpet!*

***Praise Him with the lute and harp.***

*Praise Him with the timbrel and dance!*

***Praise Him with stringed instruments and flutes.***

*Praise Him with loud cymbals!*

***Praise Him with clashing cymbals.***

*Let everything that has breath praise the LORD!*

***Praise the LORD!***

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND BLESSING

**Hymn 536** Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun Thy Daily Stage of Duty Run!

**ORDER OF SERVICE:** Hymnal, page 5

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The Pastor will read **The Kyrie.**

The Congregation will sing **Hymn 15** "From All that Dwell below the Skies" in place of **The Gloria in Excelsis.**

**EPISTLE: Romans 12:10-21** Love and unity among Christians—people who know that God's Son gave His life for us all—is pleasing to God. Self-centeredness and arrogance work to destroy such harmony and brotherly love. Do not repay evil for evil, but overcome evil with good!

**GOSPEL: Matthew 3:10-17** John the Baptist preached a baptism of repentance for forgiveness of sins and new life. John urged those who came to him, to lead lives pleasing to God, lest they be cut down! Surprisingly, Jesus also came to be baptized. He did not come because He was a sinner. He came as our substitute and Savior. When He came up from the water of the Jordan, He was proclaimed as the Promised Son of God! The Holy Spirit descended on Him in the form of a dove, and God the Father spoke words of approval from heaven. In your baptism you also see Jesus your Savior. In Him all your sins are washed away! Treasure your Baptism washing!

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**Hymn 132 vv 1-4** O God of God, O Light of Light!

## **SERMON: GENESIS 15;1-6**

### **HAVING NOTHING, YET POSSESSING ALL THINGS !**

*After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying, "Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your exceedingly great reward."*

*But Abram said, "Lord GOD, what will You give me, seeing I go childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" Then Abram said, "Look, You have given me no offspring; indeed one born in my house is my heir!"*

*And behold, the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "This one shall not be your heir, but one who will come from your own body shall be your heir." Then He brought him outside and said, "Look now toward heaven, and count the stars if you are able to number them." And He said to him, "So shall your descendants be."*

*And he believed in the LORD, and He accounted it to him for righteousness.*

Prayers and Lord's Prayer

**Hymn 535** Rejoice, My Heart, Be Glad and Sing!

Benediction

**Hymn 132 v.5** O God of God, O Light of Light!

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VOTERS MEETING: The Quarterly Voters Meeting, covering the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter (Oct.-Dec.) of 2020 as well as summarizing all of 2020, will be held after the service today. This is also the Annual Meeting.

VOTERS---COUNCIL ELECTION: Jonathan Wiechmann's three-year term on the council expires today. Nominations to fill that position are: Jonathan Wiechmann and any nominated from the floor.

VOTERS AND WORSHIP SCHEDULE: Voters approve the church schedule for February-March-April (Lent and Easter included) today. However, one item will need discussion at home before a final decision can be made. In keeping with Covid precautions, the Council feels it is wisest not to plan an Easter brunch this year. But does a Sunrise service at 7:00 still seem appealing, or on the other hand a service at the regular 10:30 hour? Or, a service at both times so that as many as possible are able to attend this greatest service of our Christian victory? Please give this some thought and discussion. A final decision will need to be made in a few weeks. Thank you.

#### IN OUR PRAYERS:

We thank the Lord. **Baby Harlan Cummings** came home for the first time on Thursday. The Cummings and Bubbers families are joyous and thankful to the Lord. They thank you for your concerns and prayers as well, and ask that you keep Harlan in your petitions to the Lord.

We also pray for Lemmon resident **Jim Lorenz** whose condition has worsened, complicated by Covid infection. May he find comfort in the forgiveness and life that Jesus has won for the world, placing his trust in Christ. We ask that the Lord grant healing at the time and in the measure that He knows is best, leading each soul to heaven in Jesus.

#### SCHEDULE:

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.
02/14	Sun.	10:30	Worship	9:30	B.Class & S.Sch.
02/17	ASH WEDNESDAY	7:00 pm.	Worship (upstairs).		

WE THANK YOU, CHURCH CLEANERS: JANUARY--John and Myrna Erhardt. FEBRUARY—L. Bubbers, C. Hourigan, D. Wenner, K. Christman

#### CALL NEWS:

**Teacher Neil Bernthal**, Winter Haven, FL, has returned the call extended to him to serve as principal and upper grade teacher at Faith, Markesan, WI.

**Teacher Ross Kok**, Phoenix, AZ, has been called to serve as principal and upper grade teacher at Faith, Markesan, WI.

**Mrs. Megan Goodwin**, Immanuel, Winter Haven, FL, has resigned her call as lower grade teacher.

**Teacher Sherman Carstensen**, Immanuel, Mankato, MN, has resigned his call as teacher and has also asked for a release of membership from Immanuel and from the CLC at large due to differences in the doctrine of Church Fellowship.

THE MISSING DEVOTION: Pastor David Pfeiffer apologizes for the devotion that was missing in *Daily Rest* for Friday, 1/22. The devotion is below:

*Now when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from Him until an opportune time. Luke 4:13*

#### The Devil Defeated

As we hear this familiar Bible account, we might have the impression that Jesus was in the wilderness for forty days and then experienced three temptations, perhaps over the course of an hour. Luke's account, however, tells us that Jesus was "tempted for forty days by the devil." Since Jesus is true Man, surely He experienced temptation daily, as do we. But this forty day period seems to be a time of intensified assault by the devil, the likes of which we cannot imagine.

Throughout this barrage, Jesus remained unscathed. He weathered every temptation. Ultimately, the devil had to leave, defeated. Armed with the Word of God, Jesus was able to deflect every dart that Satan threw His way.

In doing so, He gave us a model to follow, a blueprint for defeating the devil. Jesus consistently applied the Word of God in His desert-defeat of Satan. And that is our only hope of resisting the devil. No amount of willpower on our part will suffice. Our full reliance upon God and His divine Word is our only hope.

Yet, even though we are provided with the tools to resist Satan's assaults, we will continue to fail. Fully fed, fully rested, and in all modern comforts--advantages which our Savior did not have in the desert--we will still stumble under Satan's prompts.

Thanks be to God that Jesus' successful work in the desert is credited to us. as our victory over Satan! Jesus completed the task of perfect obedience in our place. So now, when we stumble, we can look to the cross and see all of our sins fully paid for by our triumphant, heroic Savior! Praise be to Jesus for His valiant work in the desert, and throughout His life and His sacrificial death and resurrection on our behalf!

*Dear Jesus, when we think of all that You endured in our place, we marvel at what You did for us. Thank You for taking our place and fulfilling God's commands for us. Thank You for taking on the punishment that we have earned. Thank You for defeating our enemy the devil. Amen*

ST. LUKE'S VIDEOS OF SERVICES: When you are unable to be at worship, please find our service at St. Luke's Facebook page.

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