

**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*

**TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY**

**Last Sunday of Epiphany**

Autumn Wiechmann, organist

February 7, 2021

**WELCOME!**

*"This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!"*

*--Matthew 17:5*

**HOLY COMMUNION**

*How does the pastor get the authority to administer the very special sacrament of Holy Communion? Does he receive authority directly from God? No, God does not speak to the pastor directly Does he receive it by virtue of graduation from a seminary? No, seminary classes are only training, not authorization. Does he receive it from the pastor who ordained or installed him, who in turn received it from the pastor who ordained and installed him—all the way back to the apostles and Jesus? No, the Bible speaks of no passing on of the office of the ministry from one pastor to another. What then? Scripture does teach that the pastor's authority to administer Holy Communion, or to baptize, or to teach the Word is given to him **by the members of the congregation**. Christ has granted to believers the universal priesthood in which they have direct access to God through Jesus and are authorized to proclaim the name of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light (I Peter 2:9). The believers, the congregation, under the Lord's guidance, asks or CALLS a man to do this FOR them. The pastor's "authority" is from the congregation. Authority in the Christian church is at the bottom, not the top.*

**ORDER OF SERVICE:**

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**Hymn 541** O Blessed Holy Trinity!

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The Pastor reads The Kyrie.

The Congregation sings **Hymn 644** "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" in place of The Gloria in Excelsis.

**GOSPEL: Matthew 17:1-9** At the Transfiguration of Jesus, Jesus was briefly displayed in His divine glory as witnessed by Peter, James and John. In all brilliance and majesty, Jesus spoke with the Old Testament prophets Moses and Elijah concerning His imminent death and departure. God the Father spoke words of approval from heaven, "This is My beloved Son." It was evident that Jesus of Nazareth was the special Son and Servant of God to rescue sinners. ----- Don't ignore Him!

**EPISTLE: II Peter 1:16-21** Peter wrote about Jesus' "majesty," which he himself witnessed. Peter had been on the mountain of Transfiguration. He saw the glory and heard the Father speak. Jesus was the Son of God! The Old Testament prophets likewise bore witness that the promised One, the Savior, would be true God. ---- Heed both of these great witnesses!

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**Hymn 135** 'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here!

**SERMON: II Kings 17:6-23** (selected verses)

**BECAUSE OF THE PARTING OF THE WAYS,  
JESUS WAS TRANSFIGURED**

6-7) *In the ninth year of Hoshea [king of Israel] , the king of Assyria took Samaria and carried Israel away to Assyria. . . . For so it was that the children of Israel had sinned against the LORD their God, who had brought them up out of the land of Egypt from under the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and they had feared other gods.*

16-18) *They left all the commandments of the LORD their God, made for themselves a molded image and two calves, made a wooden image and worshiped all the host of heaven, and served Baal. And they caused their sons and daughters to pass through the fire, practiced witchcraft and soothsaying and sold themselves to do evil in the sight of the LORD to provoke Him to anger. Therefore, the LORD was very angry with Israel, and removed them from His sight. There was none left but the tribe of Judah alone.*

22-23) *The children of Israel [had] walked in all the sins of Jeroboam which he did. They did not depart from them until the LORD removed Israel out of His sight, as He had said by all His servants the prophets. So Israel was carried away from their own land to Assyria, as it is to this day.*

Prayer

**Hymn 341 vv. 1-4** Crown Him with Many Crowns!

## 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 306** Lord Jesus Christ, Thou Hast Prepared a Feast!

Benediction

**Hymn 341 v. 5** Crown Him with Many Crowns!

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

**SEEKING MEMBERSHIP BY CONFESSION OF FAITH:** Jenn Kolb has completed her study of the teachings and confessions of the CLC drawn from Scripture. Jenn stands on the same page as St. Luke’s. She requests membership. Reception by Confession of Faith is planned.

**SCHEDULE:**

02/14	Sun. 10:30	Worship	9:30	B.Class & S.Sch.
02/17	ASH WEDNESDAY	7:00 pm. Worship (upstairs).		
02/21	Sun. 10:30	Worship with COMMUNION	9:30	B.Class & S.Sch.
02/28	Sun. 10:30	Worship	9:30	B.Class & S.Sch.

**TIME OF EASTER WORSHIP?** Easter is April 4<sup>th</sup>. There will be no Easter brunch due to coronavirus precautions. Do you prefer worship at 7:00? Or at regular time 10:30? Or both? Pastor Kanzenbach is agreeable to having both sunrise and regular. Easter is the high point and foundation of our Christian faith--Jesus died for our sins and rose again for our victory! Please discuss the matter. Share your thoughts. The voters will have a special meeting on February 14 to decide the matter.

**SPECIAL VOTERS MEETING---SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14, after SERVICE:**

- 1, Determine time(s) for Easter Sunday worship
2. Correct un-intentional error in the motion for pastor’s 2021 salary.
3. ILC Tour Choir concert (?)

POSSIBLE ILC TOUR CHOIR CONCERT: Prof. John Reim is seeking interested congregations for Tour Choir concerts this spring. NOTE:

It is not necessary that the concert be presented *inside* the church.

The Christmas concert in Eau Claire was presented outside.

Perhaps another facility with more room for proper spacing is available

The time frame appears to be March 13-21

The singers may stay in motels rather than in members' homes so as to accommodate distancing.

Fast-food restaurants may be used, instead of eating at church.

*(Final Note: Prof. Reim retires this summer.)*

WE THANK FEBRUARY CHURCH CLEANERS:

L. Bubbers, C. Hourigan, D. Wenner, K. Christman

TO THE NEXT LIFE: On Sunday, January 31st, the Lord called retired Pastor Warren Fanning of Sun City, AZ, from this earth to eternal rest and everlasting joy in His presence. May Christ's payment at the cross and His victory at the empty tomb! comfort the family. Services are pending.

CALL NEWS:

**Pastor David Schaller**, Sister Lakes, MI, has been called to serve as professor at Immanuel Lutheran College in Eau Claire, WI, replacing Prof. John Reim who is retiring in June of 2021.

**Pastor Mark Tiefel** has returned the call extended to him by Redeemer, Cheyenne, WY.

**Teacher Andrew Roehl**, Eau Claire, has been called to serve as principal and teacher at Grace, Sleepy Eye, MN.

**Mr. Caleb Noeldner**, who is teaching public school in the Milwaukee, WI area has been called by Messiah, Eau Claire to teach in the upper grades.

**Mrs. Valerie Hammett**, Eau Claire, WI, has been called to be the second full-time teacher at Immanuel of Winter Haven, FL.

**Mrs. June Schmid**, currently teaching part time at Messiah, Eau Claire, has been called by Messiah to teach full time in the lower grades.

**Mrs. Jennifer (Dan) Roehl** has returned the call to be the female mentor at ILC.

PASTOR'S 2020 ANNUAL REPORT: The Pastor's 2020 Annual Report is available in the entry. Please take one. Thank you.

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