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

208 11th Street E.Lemmon, SD 57638We are affiliated with the Church of the Lutheran Confession (CLC).Richard KanzenbachPastor

1st Sunday of Lent

February 21, 2021

Rhonda Tomac, organist

WELCOME !

"For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God." --I Peter 3:18

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Human reason, though it ponder, Cannot fathom this great wonder That Christ's body e'er remaineth Though it countless souls sustaineth And that He His blood is giving With the wine we are receiving. These great mysteries unsounded Are by God alone expounded. --- TLH 305:6

ORDER OF SERVICE: Supplement, page 12 with Holy Communion.

Hymn 528 vv. 1-5 If God Himself Be for Me, I May a Host Defy!

EPISTLE: II Corinthians 6:1-10 Paul instructs his readers not to receive the Lord's grace in Christ in vain. To give up on Christ is foolish! The world considers Christ and Christians as worthless and despised, but cling to Jesus by faith! Those, who trust in Christ, have everything!

PSALM 146 While I Live, I Will Praise the Lord! (Supplement, page 41)

GOSPEL: Matthew 4:1-11 At the very beginning of Jesus' ministry, Satan confronted Him in the wilderness seeking to de-rail His work as the Redeemer. Three times he tempted Jesus, trying to lead Him astray from the Father's will. Each time Jesus answered with God's Word. Jesus did not yield to the devil's schemes one inch. He was not the easy target that Adam and Eve had been.

NICENE CREED, Supplement, page 5.

Passion History Reading: During Lent at the Wednesday evening services and the Sunday morning services, we will hear portions of the Passion History (Christ's suffering and death). This morning, the events of The Passover Meal and Institution of the Lord's Supper are continued.

Hymn 155 Sweet the Moments, Rich in Blessing!

SERMON: Exodus 1:5-22 SATAN DEALS SHREWDLY BUT THE LORD DEALS WELL

All those who were descendants of Jacob were seventy persons (for Joseph was in Egypt already). And Joseph died, all his brothers, and all that generation. But the children of Israel were fruitful and increased abundantly, multiplied and grew exceedingly mighty; and the land was filled with them.

Now there arose a new king over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. And he said to his people, "Look, the people of the children of Israel are more and mightier than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, lest they multiply, and it happen, in the event of war, that they also join our enemies and fight against us, and so go up out of the land."

Therefore they set taskmasters over them to afflict them with their burdens. And they built for Pharaoh supply cities, Pithom and Raamses. But the more they afflicted them, the more they multiplied and grew. And they were in dread of the children of Israel.

So the Egyptians made the children of Israel serve with rigor. And they made their lives bitter with hard bondage—in mortar, in brick, and in all manner of service in the field. All their service in which they made them serve was with rigor.

Then the king of Egypt spoke to the Hebrew midwives, of whom the name of one was Shiphrah and the name of the other Puah. And he said, "When you do the duties of a midwife for the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstools, if it is a son, then you shall kill him; but if it is a daughter, then she shall live."

But the midwives feared God, and did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but saved the male children alive. So the king of Egypt called for the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this thing, and saved the male children alive?" And the midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are lively and give birth before the midwives come to them." Therefore God dealt well with the midwives, and the people multiplied and grew very mighty. And so it was, because the midwives feared God, that He provided households for them.

So Pharaoh commanded all his people, saying, "Every son who is born you shall cast into the river, and every daughter you shall save alive."

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Prayers and Lord's Prayer

Hymn 528 vv. 11-15 If God Himself Be for Me, I May a Host Defy!

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 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.

Hymn (Communion Distribution) 316 O Living Bread from Heaven

Benediction Hymn 52 Almighty Father, Bless the Word!

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LENT: Lent is the forty day season preceding Easter during which we specially consider the depth of our Savior's suffering and love for us to set us free from our sins. It is a season in which we turn to Scripture to be led to love Him more, to serve Him from the sincerity of our hearts, and willingly to keep His commandments. The Lenten season begins on Ash Wednesday and runs to the day before Easter. The calendar days are forty-six days; however the six Sundays are excluded from the count. The season of Lent does not correspond to any specific event in Christ's life, such as Easter, Good Friday, or Christmas do. It's observance is purely Christian custom, reminiscent of Jesus' 40 day temptation by the devil, Israel's 40 years of wandering in the wilderness, and the like. Please join our Wednesday evening services during Lent.

REPORT FROM SPECIAL VOTERS' MEETING, 2/14/21:

Attendance: 8 voters, 1 prospective voter, 1 pastor

- *Salary Correction:* The motion at the Annual Meeting setting the pastor's 2021 salary at \$24,000 for the year was corrected to read that the pastor's salary be set at \$2,400 per month, equaling \$28,800 per year.
- *Easter Service <u>10:30 a.m.</u>:* Because Easter brunch will not be held this year due to Covid precautions, voters agreed that <u>Easter worship will be held at our regular Sunday time of 10:30.</u> No sunrise service this year. (No Sunday School and Bible Class at 9:30.)
- *ILC Tour Choir:* Voters approved inviting Immanuel Tour Choir to sing during the week of March 13-21. The concert will be at St. Luke's.
- *Internet Fee by Congregation:* Voters agreed to pay \$45 per month for St. Luke's internet access, which runs to the pastor's computer at the parsonage.
- *Membership for Jenn Kolb:* Jenn Kolb, who completed her review of Scripture with Pastor Kanzenbach and is in agreement with St. Luke's confession, was received into membership by voters subject to her Confession of Faith at a Sunday service soon.

SCHEDULE:

- 02/24 Wed. Midweek LENT 2 7:00 pm. (upstairs)
- 02/28 Sun. 10:30 Worship 9:30 B.Class & S.Sch.
- 03/03 Wed. Midweek LENT 3 7:00 pm. (upstairs)
- 03/07 Sun. 10:30 Worship with COMMUNION 9:30 B.Class & S.Sch.
- 03/10 Wed. Midweek LENT 4 7:00 pm. (upstairs).
- 03/14 Sun. 10:30 Worship

9:30 B.Class & S.Sch

FEBRUARY TO APRIL CALENDAR: The updated church calendar, February through April, is available today. Thank you.

CHURCH CLEANERS: We thank those who serve out of love for the Savior by spending their time and energies to tidy the Lord's house of worship. February--L. Bubbers, C. Hourigan, D. Wenner, K. Christman

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

CALL NEWS:

Mrs. Valerie Hammett, Eau Claire, has returned the call to be the second fulltime teacher at Immanuel, Winter Haven, FL.

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