

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

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

Ruth Wiechmann, organist

March 7, 2021

WELCOME!

"He died for all!"

--II Corinthians 5:15

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The unleavened bread which we use in Holy Communion is used in the form of small individual wafers. However, we know from Scripture that Jesus broke off portions from a loaf and did not use wafers. *Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying . . . (Matthew 26:26).* We do not know just how the unleavened loaf looked (flat?), nor its actual size. We today certainly could use an unleavened loaf, breaking off portions for each communicant. In fact the concept of unity would be better pictured! However, the use of individual wafers is convenient. It is also of long standing usage in the Christian church, likely going back to 1100-1200 AD.

ORDER OF SERVICE:

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Hymn 394 My Faith Looks up to Thee!

EPISTLE: Ephesians 5:1-8 **SUMMARY:** Be imitators of God! Among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality! You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord! Live as children of light!

GOSPEL: Luke 11:14-23 **SUMMARY:** Jesus had just driven a demon out of a man His enemies maintained that He had done so by the power of Beelzebub (Satan). Jesus pointed out that a kingdom which attacks itself does not stand. Only when someone is stronger than a strong man, can the strong man be subdued. Jesus had just subdued a demon; He is stronger than Satan! He is God! Anyone who opposes Jesus actually opposes God. Beware.

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PASSION HISTORY READING: Part 6, Sent to Pontius Pilate.

Hymn 158 Glory Be to Jesus

SERMON: John 10:22-39

NOT INTIMIDATED

Now it was the Feast of Dedication in Jerusalem, and it was winter. And Jesus walked in the temple, in Solomon's porch. Then the Jews surrounded Him and said to Him, "How long do You keep us in doubt? If You are the Christ, tell us plainly."

Jesus answered them, I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in My Father's name, they bear witness of Me. But you do not believe, because you are not of My sheep, as I said to you.

My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand. I and My Father are one.

Then the Jews took up stones again to stone Him. Jesus answered them, Many good works I have shown you from My Father—for which of those works do you stone Me?

The Jews answered Him, saying, For a good work we do not stone You, but for blasphemy, and because You, being a Man, make Yourself God.

Jesus answered them, Is it not written in your law, "I [God] said, You are gods"? If He called them gods, to whom the word of God came (and the Scripture cannot be broken), do you say of Him whom the Father sanctified and sent into the world, "You are blaspheming!" because I said, I am the Son of God? If I do not do the works of My Father, do not believe Me. But if I do, though you do not believe Me, believe the works, that you may know and believe that the Father is in Me, and I in Him.

Therefore, they sought again to seize Him, but He escaped out of their hand.

Prayer

Hymn 447 Fight the Good Fight with All Thy Might !

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 324 Jesus Sinners Doth Receive

Benediction

Hymn 449 My Soul Be on Thy Guard!

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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.

WEDNESDAY LENTEN WORSHIP:

There are three more 7:00 pm. Wednesday evening Lenten services.

We gather, not merely to feel badly for Jesus and His suffering. We gather, not merely to feel badly for ourselves because it was our sins and mistakes that caused His agony. We gather, not merely to follow Christ's supreme example of "sticking to the cause." We gather, not merely to encourage each other to do better..

All of the above are true and partially the reason that we gather for Lenten worship, but what is missing? What is the undergirding truth that holds all of them together and leads to true benefit? It is this: We gather to re-learn that through Christ's sacrifice, our debt before the Father has been paid, that through Jesus' Passion we are declared Not Guilty by God, that through Jesus all of our offenses—all of them—are forgiven and wiped off the books, that through Jesus the grave will not hold us forever. that through Jesus we will rise, body and soul, to the glory of heaven with our Father, our Savior, and our Counselor. Lenten worship is about our Triune God's rescue for sinners.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY:

Sunday morning, March 14, Daylight time officially begins at 2:00 am. Turn clocks ahead one hour. Our church service will seem an hour earlier than usual—still 10:30 am. Thank you.

SCHEDULE:

03/10 Wed. Midweek LENT 4 7:00 pm. (upstairs).

03/14 Sun. 10:30 Worship 9:30 B.Class & S.Sch

03/15 Mon. 7:00 CONCERT BY ILC TOUR CHOIR

03/17 Wed. Midweek LENT 5 7:00 pm. (upstairs)

03/21 Sun. 10:30 Worship with COMMUNION 9:30 B.Class & S.Sch.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:

Maundy Thursday 7:00 evening Worship with Communion

Good Friday 12:10 afternoon Worship

Easter Sunday 10:30 morning Worship with Communion CHURCH

CLEANERS: We thank those cleaning St. Luke's in love for the Savior.

March—J. Olson R. Wiechmann R. Schweitzer E. Wiechmann

ILC TOUR CHOIR:

We are privileged to host the Immanuel Tour Choir's sacred concert this year !

MONDAY, MARCH 15, 7:00 PM AT ST. LUKE'S

OVERNIGHT LODGING at Dakota Lodge.

SUPPER FOR THE CHOIR: On Monday, 3/15: Choir plans to arrive in Lemmon at 4:30 pm.

SACK LUNCHES FOR TUESDAY NOON: Choir plans to depart from Lemmon at 9:30 am.

This tour is Prof. John Reim's last tour. He is retiring at the end of the year. Plan to attend.

CALL NEWS:

Redeemer, Bowdle, and **Zion**, Ipswich, SD, are requesting/calling for a Seminary graduate (there is one).

Teacher Nathan Wales, West Columbia, SC, has returned the call to Grace, Sleepy Eye MN, to serve as principal and teacher.

Teacher Nathan Wales, West Columbia, SC, has returned the call to Messiah, Eau Claire, WI, to teach grades 5-6.

Jessica Krueger, member at Faith, Markesan, WI, teaching in the public system. has accepted the call from Faith to teach upper grades.

PSALM 82

The Lord Judges the Ungodly!

God [*the Mighty One*] stands in the congregation of the mighty;
He judges among the gods [*mighty ones*].

*“How long will you judge unjustly,
And show partiality to the wicked?*

Defend the poor and fatherless;

Do justice to the afflicted and needy.

Deliver the poor and needy;

Free them [the needy] from the hand of the wicked.

[But] they do not know, nor do they understand;

They walk about in darkness;

All the foundations of the earth are unstable.

I said, You are gods [mighty ones] **

And all of you are children of the Most High.

But you shall die like men!

And fall like one of the princes! ”

Arise, O God, judge the earth;
For You shall inherit all nations.

**** words referred to by Jesus in John 10:34-35**

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