

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

5th Sunday of Lent

Ruth Wiechmann, organist

March 21, 2021

WELCOME

"Had they known , they would not have crucified the Lord of glory."

--I Corinthians 2:8

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Dear child of God in Jesus: Do you ever feel that attending Holy Communion just doesn't do anything for you? That your life after Communion is the same as your life before? The cause for such lack-luster thoughts toward the Lord's Supper is twofold. On the one hand, you do not grasp that you are vile, sinful, and rebellious before God—A FACT. The excuses that you offer and all the rationalizing that you use to excuse your faults doesn't cut it before God. Wrath looms. Read Scripture on it. --- Nor do you grasp what it means that God in love PARDONS you in Christ—completely pardons you through Christ's death and resurrection for you. Every transgression gone. Walking away with a clean slate. A gift! Righteousness given to you, an unrighteous soul, given at great expense, given from a father's heart of love. In Christ there is relief. In Christ there is well-being. --- Do not mechanically go to the Lord's table and mechanically go through the motions. That is empty. Rather ponder in your heart that Jesus personally gives to you, a failing and flailing sinner, full pardon--in His body and blood surrendered at the cross for you. You are no longer a prisoner awaiting inevitable doom , but a beloved child held in His arms of affection.. Holy Communion grants peace and joy to the soul.

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

Hymn 360 Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing!

EPISTLE: Hebrews 9:11-15 Sins against the Ten Commandments were (are) acts against God's first covenant. They anger God. Atonement was needed. Animal sacrifices were offered, but animal blood does not atone for man's sin. Animal sacrifices were but pictures of the real sacrifice to come. God's own Son in the flesh would give His holy life and holy blood on the altar of the cross to atone for all mankind's sin. Jesus was the priest that offered the sacrifice. He was sacrificer and sacrifice. He has established God's new covenant: "*The blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanses us from all sin*" (I John 1:7).

PSALM 91 (Supplement, 33) He Who Dwells in the Secret Place of the Lord

GOSPEL: John 8:44-59 The opponents of Jesus objected when He said He would free all who put their trust in Him [*He was talking about freedom from sins!*]. They charged Jesus with demon-possession. Jesus further said those who held to Him would never see death. The enemies again objected--even Abraham and the prophets had died! Jesus replied, "Before Abraham was, I AM." Jesus is God! His opponents tried to stone Him.

NICENE CREED: Supplement, page 5.

Passion History Reading: Part 10, At Calvary (Golgotha) on the Cross

Hymn 153 vv. 1-3 Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted

SERMON: John 11:28-45

AT THE LORD'S LOUD COMMAND -- LIVE!

She {Martha} went her way and secretly called Mary her sister, saying, "The Teacher has come and is calling for you." As soon as she heard that, she arose quickly and came to Him. Now Jesus had not yet come into the town, but was in the place where Martha met Him. Then the Jews who were with her in the house, and comforting her, when they saw that Mary rose up quickly and went out, followed her, saying, "She is going to the tomb to weep there."

Then, when Mary came where Jesus was, and saw Him, she fell down at His feet, saying to Him, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died."

Therefore, when Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her weeping, He groaned in the spirit and was troubled. And He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to Him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus wept.

Then the Jews said, "See how He loved him!" And some of them said, "Could not this Man, who opened the eyes of the blind, also have kept this man from dying?"

Then Jesus, again groaning in Himself, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of him who was dead, said to Him, "Lord, by this time there is a stench, for he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not say to you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God?" Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead man was lying.

And Jesus lifted up His eyes and said, "Father, I thank You that You have heard Me. And I know that You always hear Me, but because of the people who are standing by I said this, that they may believe that You sent Me."

Now when He had said these things, He cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come forth!" And he who had died came out bound hand and foot with graveclothes, and his face was wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Loose him, and let him go."

Then many of the Jews who had come to Mary, and had seen the things Jesus did, believed in Him.

Prayers and Lord's Prayer

Hymn 307 Draw Nigh and Take the Body of the Lord

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 171 (Communion distribution) Upon the Cross Extended, *melody 2*

Benediction

Hymn 153 v.4 Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted

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THANK YOU TO THE ILC TOUR CHOIR: What a joy it was to hear the choir on Monday evening. Attendance was approximately 75. There were many visitors. The special offering for the choir was \$1575. The Savior's blessings to Professor and Director John Reim in his forthcoming retirement.

CALENDAR:

03/24 Wed. 7:00 Midweek LENT 6

HOLY WEEK

03/28 PALM SUNDAY: 10:30 Worship 9:30 B.Class & S.Sch

04/01 Maundy Thursday 7:00 Worship with Communion

04/02 Good Friday 12:10 Worship

04/04 EASTER SUNDAY 10:30 Worship with Communion No BC and SS

“MAUNDY” THURSDAY: The name “Maundy” Thursday is a most unusual name. The name is sometimes thought to be “Monday” Thursday. -- Incorrect. Or, thought to be “Maunday” Thursday. Incorrect again. The word is “maundy,” which comes from Latin “mandatum” meaning “command.” Some English derivatives are “mandatory, mandate, and command.” “Mandatum” may have first been applied to the Thursday of Holy Week because of Jesus’ words to His disciples that evening, “A new commandment I give you, that you love one another.” Or perhaps it was given because of the words of institution of the Lord’s Supper, “Take eat. Take drink. Do this in remembrance of Me.” By all counts, a very special day.

“GOOD” FRIDAY : It may seem that a better name for the day Jesus died would be “Bad” Friday—after all, Jesus died. Yet the day of Jesus’ death in payment for our sins is our great and good day of salvation. That day truly is “Good” Friday. That name for the day Jesus died is sometimes confused with “Black” Friday. Black Friday is the popular shopping day after Thanksgiving on which massive amounts of merchandise are sold to put businesses into good financial position for the year—in the “black”—instead of being financially short in the “red.” The name “Good” Friday far surpasses both Bad Friday and Black Friday.

CHURCH CLEANERS:

March—J. Olson	R. Wiechmann	R. Schweitzer	E. Wiechmann
April— K. Larson	A. Lane	V. Peterson	J. Larson

Your service is greatly appreciated!

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. Debra Mayhew , member at Grace, Sleepy Eye, MN, has been called as K-8 teacher at Grace, Sleepy Eye, MN.

Pastor Dave Naumann, Clarkston, WA, and Orofino, ID, has been called by Redeemer, Sister Lakes, MI.

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