

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

4th Sunday after Easter

Ruth Wiechmann, organist

May 2, 2021

WELCOME !

"I am the Resurrection and the Life. He that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live. And whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die." --- John 11:25-26 (KJV)

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The wine used in Holy Communion is grape wine. We specifically know that Jesus used **grape** wine. He said to His disciples when instituting the Lord's Supper, "I will not drink of this **fruit of the vine** from now on until that day when I drink it anew with you in My Father's Kingdom" (Matthew 26:29). To use anything else, even in a so-called emergency, would be doubtful at best. There is no evidence that using cherry wine, blackberry wine, etc., would even be the Lord's Supper. ----- We also confidently conclude that Jesus was using **wine**, not grape juice. The Lord's Supper was instituted at Passover Festival. Passover Festival was in the spring. There were no fresh grapes available in spring from which to make grape juice. Without refrigeration, the only means for preserving grape juice was fermentation—thus, wine.

ORDER OF SERVICE:

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Hymn 736 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing!

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The Pastor reads The Kyrie.

The Congregation sings **Hymn 203**, "Morning Breaks upon the Tomb," in place of The Gloria in Excelsis.

EPISTLE: James 1:22-27 James gives practical advice on living our Christian faith. The Christian faith is **liberty**—liberty from condemnation for sin, and liberty and freedom from the slavery of trying to keep God's laws to perfection. In Jesus we are forgiven and free! In fact, we are also free to serve the Lord willingly--not because we must, but because we want to, for He loved us first. The fruit of Christian faith growing in our hearts is keeping God's commandments. To ignore His rules is like seeing one's dirty face in the mirror and walking away satisfied. A disconnect somewhere. A thermometer to

check what's going on in the heart is to consider what is coming out of the mouth. Control the tongue! Furthermore, assisting widows, orphans, and the like is an action that grows forth from a heart filled with freedom in Christ. Stay unspotted from the stains of the world. Christ has set you free!

GOSPEL: Matthew 28:16-20 After Jesus had risen from the grave, He commanded His disciples to go to a mountain in Galilee (roughly 80 miles away) to meet with Him. There, those who doubted were assured. There, Jesus commanded His disciples to proclaim the message of salvation to all nations, to baptize in the name of the triune God, and to teach all of God's Truth. He promised to be with them always—even to the End. --- We share in that same privilege! Jesus did not ascend into heaven at the close of this incident. He ascended into heaven later, from the Mt. of Olives outside of Jerusalem.

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Hymn 301 He That Believes and Is Baptized

SERMON: Isaiah 49:9-26 (selected verses)

FREED! WHY DEJECTED?

Say to the prisoners, "Go forth," [and] to those who are in darkness, "Show yourselves!" They shall feed along the roads, and their pastures shall be on all desolate heights. They shall neither hunger nor thirst; neither heat nor sun shall strike them. For He who has mercy on them will lead them, even by the springs of water He will guide them.

Sing, O heavens! Be joyful, O earth! And break out in singing, O mountains! For the Lord has comforted His people, and will have mercy on His afflicted.

But Zion said, "The Lord has forsaken me, and my Lord has forgotten me."

Can a woman forget her nursing child and not have compassion on the son of her womb? Surely they may forget, yet I will not forget you. See, I have inscribed you on the palms of My hands. Your walls are continually before Me.

Thus says the Lord God, "Behold, I will lift My hand in an oath to the nations, and set up My standard for the peoples. They shall bring your sons in their arms and your daughters shall be carried on their shoulders. All flesh shall know that I, the LORD, am your Savior, and your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob!"

Prayer

Hymn 726 Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain!

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 312 Lord Jesus Christ, Thou Living Bread

Benediction

Hymn 189 He Is Arisen! Glorious Word!

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

EXITING THE SERVICE: For the benefit of those who wish to leave immediately after the service, please keep the aisles open. Thank you.

CALENDAR:

05/09 10:30 Worship 9:30 B. Class & Sun. Sch.

05/13 ASCENSION DAY (no church service)

05/16 **ASCENSION SUNDAY**

10:30 Worship with COMMUNION 9:30 B. Class & Sun. Sch.

11:45 am. Special Meeting on Joint Statement

05/23 **PENTECOST SUNDAY**

10:30 Worship 9:30 B. Class & Sun. Sch.

05/25-27 Conference Pastor + Delegate Tue-Thu Grace, Valentine, NE

05/30 **TRINITY SUNDAY**

10:30 Worship 9:30 B. Class & Sun. Sch.

MOTHER’S DAY, MAY 9: CHILDREN: *Honor your father and mother, that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth (Ephesians 6:2-3).* The commandment does not simply say “Obey,” it says, “Honor!” Willing and respectful service! The Lord takes a very dim view of those who dishonor and disrespect their parents. ***The eye that mocks his father and scorns obedience to his mother, the ravens of the valley will pick it out and the young eagles will eat it*** (Proverbs 31:17). Your Savior who died for you is pleased when you honor and obey.

“2015 PROPOSED JOINT STATEMENT” between CLC-WELS-ELS:

At the June, 2021, CLC synod convention, a final decision will be made on a Statement drawn up six years ago, which was intended to resolve the major issue dividing the CLC and the WELS/ELS. That issue is: “Separating from a sister-synod which adamantly follows/teaches error.” The point of contention regards the *process* and the *reasoning* used, to make that break, not just the time elapsed before doing so. Our convention must decide whether the Proposed 2015 Statement satisfactorily resolves this doctrinal divide, or whether the Statement lacks the thoroughness and preciseness necessary for a satisfactory resolution.

It is important that St. Luke’s members at large understand and are informed. Therefore, a special **open** voters meeting will be held on **Sunday, May 16, after worship**, to discuss the matter. All worshipers are invited to visit the meeting. Please consider attending. Materials are available today. Thank you.

THE BRANCHES MAGAZINE--TIME TO RENEW OR SUBSCRIBE: “The Branches’ is a magazine designed and published by women of the CLC Its goal is encouragement for faith and life, and items of general interest. Several back issues are available to examine on the table in the entry area. May is the month to subscribe, to renew or to purchase gift subscriptions for others. Thank you. Cost: \$15 one year. Four 24-page issues (July, October, January, April). Checks: Payable to “The Branches.” Mail: Laura Wales, 8727 Forestview Lane North, Maple Grove, MN 55369. PayPal: Email Laura Wales to be invoiced directly, lewales@gmail.com

CLEANING CHURCH: “*Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God*” (1 Corinthians 10:31). We thank you for your labors!
May: J. Olson L. Schoon K. Wiechmann D. Wenner C. Hourigan

CALL NEWS:

Pastor Tom Naumann, Detroit, MI, has been called by Redeemer, Cheyenne, WY.
Pastor Luke Willitz, who was recently accepted as a pastor-candidate by colloquy (from WELS), has been called by Redeemer. Bowdle, SD, and Zion, Ipswich, SD.
Teacher Graduate (at ILC) Ben Hanson has accepted the call to St. John's, Okabena, MN.

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