

ST. LUKE'S EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH 9:30 a.m.

208 11th Street E.

Lemmon, SD 57638

We are affiliated with the Church of the Lutheran Confession (CLC).

Richard Kanzenbach

Pastor

9th Sunday after Trinity Festival

Rhonda Tomac, organist

August 1, 2021

WELCOME !

Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.
--- *Matthew 6:33*

HOLY COMMUNION

Holy Communion is also known as the Sacrament of the Altar. The name Sacrament of the Altar is appropriate because the earthly elements, bread and wine, are placed on the worship "altar"--not on the pulpit, for example. The name is also appropriate in that Old Testament offerings were sacrificed on the "altar"—sheep, goats, cows, grain, etc. Jesus is God's sacrifice for our sins. Jesus was offered on the "altar" of the cross. In His sacrifice we are forgiven. Thus, whether one celebrates the Sacrament of the Altar using a worship "altar" is not that significant. A table, a stand, or a "pulpit," would also work. However, Christ was offered on the altar of the cross. His very body and blood are miraculously present, beyond science and logic, with the bread and the wine, and are shared with each for the personal assurance of forgiveness from God.

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Hymn 543 When Streaming from the Eastern Skies!

EPISTLE: I Corinthians 10:1-13. When God's Old Testament people turned to idol worship and wickedness, they had known better. God's anger was kindled against them, and they suffered for it. Such Old Testament accounts were not written for the sake of the Old Testament people, but for *us*! Beware of turning away from the Lord! No temptation is so overwhelming that it must be followed. The Lord provides a way out. When sin does overtake, run to Jesus for forgiveness. His precious forgiveness gives new strength and new will to do better each day.

GOSPEL Luke 16:1-9 The Parable of the Dishonest Steward: The steward in this parable was dishonest, but was shrewd. When he saw that he was about to be fired for dishonesty, he further abused his authority and made friends with his master's debtors by reducing their bills! Later when he would lose his job they would naturally welcome him. He had done them a financial favor! ---- Jesus wants us to be like that steward. Of course, He does not want us to be dishonest! But to be "shrewd" in using our earthly wealth to spread the good news of God's forgiveness to others, so that when we die, these will be there to welcome us into heaven!

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Hymn 438 Almighty Father, Heaven and Earth

SERMON: Acts 7:51 to 8:2

IN "DROUGHT," GOD REAPS SUCCESS

[Stephen said], You stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears! You always resist the Holy Spirit; as your fathers did, so do you. Which of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? And they killed those who foretold the coming of the Just One, of whom you now have become the betrayers and murderers, who have received the law by the direction of angels and have not kept it.

When they heard these things they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed at him with their teeth. But he, being full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God, and said, "Look! I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!"

Then they cried out with a loud voice, stopped their ears, and ran at him with one accord; and they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their clothes at the feet of a young man named Saul. And they stoned Stephen as he was calling on God and saying, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not charge them with this sin." And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

Now Saul was consenting to his death. At that time a great persecution arose against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles.

Prayer

Hymn 587 Asleep in Jesus

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

VISITORS, *please 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 311 Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior

Benediction

Hymn 309: O Jesus, Blessed Lord to Thee!

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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.

SCHEDULE:

08/08 9:30 Worship
08/15 9:30 Worship with Communion
08/22 9:30 Worship
08/29 9:30 Worship (final 9:30 worship for the summer)

VBS MEETING: After church, all concerned about scheduling VBS, and/or about assisting with VBS, please come to the front of the church for a brief meeting. Thank you.

CLEANING CHURCH: August—Rhonda Tomac. Thank you!

HECLA HARVEST FESTIVAL: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church of Hecla, SD, welcomes you to their annual Harvest Festival, 4 pm, Sunday, Aug. 8. An outdoor service will be held on the grounds of the Guelph School, followed by a turkey barbecue dinner. This is a different location from last year. Guelph, ND, is between Ellendale and Oakes ND, one mile off ND-11 at the sign which directs you north. Turn right into Guelph, and you will find the school grounds just past the three houses in town. You will see plenty of parked cars. For more information, contact pastor_daub@hotmail.com or (605) 994-2145.

REPORT FROM VOTERS MEETING, 7-25-21:

Attendance: Voters 6. Pastor 1.

Pastor Shut-in Visits: Bob Rieger, Harold Erlenbusch, Lanny Hopfinger

Private Communion: Bob Rieger

Confession of Faith Studies: Continue with Lavonne Kinyon.

Personal Request for Release from membership: Releases postponed until
Requests received in writing:

- 1) Amanda Letellier, Murdo, SD
- 2) Janci Herr, Spearfish, SD

Treasury Balances:

General Fund--\$51,684.13 Missions Fund--\$1,800.00 in/out. Balance -0-
Memorial Fund--\$5,672.66 Building Fund--\$20,914.28

Church Copy Machine: A new copier will be purchased. Pastor Kanzenbach is asked to research, and church council to make the final purchase decision.

Mower Repair: A Thank You to John Erhardt, Shawn Preszler, and Joe Warfield

VBS: A one-day VBS (morning and afternoon) is planned for August.

ALTERED Summer Schedule: 9:30 services simply June-July-August/

Calendar August-September-October: (Please see calendar distributed today.)

CALL NEWS:

Miss Moira Drager, member at St. John's, Clarkston, WA, has accepted the call to be the lower grades teacher at Valley Bible Academy - St. John's Lutheran.

Pastor Michael Gurath, Phoenix, AZ has been called by Faith Lutheran, Manchester, MO.

Miss Rebecca McKenney, member at Faith, Cambridge, WI, has been called as upper grade teacher at Grace School, Valentine, NE, 2021-2022 school year.

Greta Brown-Kempenaar has accepted the call to serve as music/pre-school aid for one year at Faith Lutheran School, Markesan, WI.

Pastor Mark Bernthal, Middleton, WI, has asked to step down from the CLC Board of Doctrine.

Pastor Frank Gantt, Loganville, GA, has been appointed to the Board of Doctrine by the praesidium and the conference-visitors.

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