

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

16TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY FESTIVAL

Ruth Wiechmann, organist

September 19, 2021

WELCOME !

"Therefore, be imitators of God as dear children. Walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God."

--- Ephesians 5:1-2

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Who is properly prepared to receive this Sacrament?

Fasting and bodily preparation are fine outward customs, but he is truly worthy and well-prepared who has faith in these words, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." But he who does not believe these words, or doubts them, is unworthy and unprepared. For the words, "For you," require only hearts that believe. ---Small Catechism, Dr. Martin Luther, 1529

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

Hymn 1 Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty!

EPISTLE: EPHESIANS 3:13-21 Paul was concerned that his imprisonment and personal suffering for Christ might discourage the Ephesians. He prayed that the Holy Spirit would open the Ephesians' hearts to grasp the vastness of Christ's love. Sufferings in the lives of Christians are truly for our glorious benefit. Be strong and rooted in Christ!

Psalm 100, p. 35: "Make a Joyful Shout to the Lord!"

GOSPEL: Luke 7:11-17 When Jesus was entering the city of Nain, He met a burial procession exiting. The dead man was the only son of a widowed mother. Circumstances looked very dim for the mother—she was alone. She wept. In His compassion, love, and power, Jesus restored life to the young man and restored him to his mother! ----- When days seem darkest, Jesus is there to help!

NICENE CREED: Supplement, page 5

Hymn 203: Morning Breaks upon the Tomb!

SERMON: LUKE 13:1-9

WHAT ABOUT WHEN LIFE “STINKS” ?

There were present at that season some who told Him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. And Jesus answered and said to them: Do you suppose that these Galileans were worse sinners than all other Galileans, because they suffered such things? I tell you, No. But unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them, do you think that they were worse sinners than all other men who dwelt in Jerusalem? I tell you, No. But unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.

He also spoke this parable: A certain man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. Then he said to the keeper of his vineyard, “Look, for three years I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree and find none. Cut it down; why does it use up the ground?” But he answered and said to him, “Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and fertilize it. And if it bears fruit, well. But if not, after that you can cut it down.”

Prayers and Lord’s Prayer

Hymn 279 Today Thy Mercy Calls Us!

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 enjoined by God, 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 speak with the pastor. Thank you.

Distribution Hymn 306 Lord Jesus Christ, Thou Hast Prepared

Benediction

Hymn 655 I Pray Thee, Dear Lord Jesus!

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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.

SCHEDULE:

09/26	10:30 Worship	9:30 Bible Class and Sunday School
10/03	10:30 Worship with Communion	9:30 Bible Cl. & Sun. Sch.
10/10	10:30 Worship	9:30 Bible Class and Sunday School

CHURCH CLEANING: We thank you for serving to the glory of God!

September:

V. Peterson, E. Wiechmann, R. Schweitzer, E. Larson.

October:

K. Larson, A. Lane, J. Larson, K. Wiechmann, J. Wiechmann

MISSION FESTIVAL AT ST. LUKE'S: Mission Festival at St. Luke's is being planned. Possible dates are either Sunday, October 17, or Sunday, October 24. Whether the service is morning or afternoon depends largely on the guest speaker. Speaker is being determined. A potluck meal is also planned. Thank you.

CALL NEWS:

Pastor Ben Libby, Tacoma, WA, has accepted the call to Redeemer Lutheran Church, Cheyenne, WY.

Pastor Timothy Daub, Hecla, SD, has received the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO.

Pastor Doug Priestap, Live Oak, FL, has been serving both Grace, Live Oak, FL, and Resurrection, Calgary, Alberta, Canada. He has been living in Live Oak and flying to Calgary. Pastor Priestap has announced his retirement from serving in Calgary. He has moved from Live Oak to Stratford, Ontario, Canada, and will continue to serve Live Oak by phone, internet, and travel as the situation allows.

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