

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Autumn Wiechmann, organist

November 28, 2021

ADVENT WELCOME!

"When the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth His Son, made of a woman, made under the Law, to redeem them that were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption of sons!"

--- Galatians 4:4-5 (KJV)

ORDER OF SERVICE: Hymnal, page 5

Hymn 58 vv. 1-5 O Lord, How Shall I Meet Thee?

On Page 7: **The Kyrie** will be read by the Pastor.

The Gloria in Excelsis will be replaced with –

Hymn 792 "Let All Things Now Living"

EPISTLE: Romans 13:8-14 When we ponder God's mercy to us in Christ, we are moved to love the Lord and to love those around us. In fact, "Love" is the fulfilling of God's commandments. Our flesh, however, does not want to do so. The flesh wants to indulge self! Beware! the return of the Savior is fast approaching! Do not let Him find you serving sin and darkness. Keep Christ first in your heart. Serve the Light. ---- Likewise this Advent season as you prepare to celebrate your Savior's first arrival on earth, do not build your Advent and Christmas on desires of the flesh--drunkenness, strife, immorality, jealousy, etc. Put off the sins of darkness. Put on the armor of light!

GOSPEL: Matthew 21:1-9 Jesus entered life on this earth in all humility, a little baby lying in a cattle manger. Jesus entered Jerusalem prior to His death, in all humility, riding a donkey, a beast of burden. He came in love for you. The night of His birth, the angels of God praised Him, "Glory to God in the highest!" The day of His ride into Jerusalem, the crowds hailed Him, "Hosanna! to the Son of David (Come! Save us, now! O descendant King of King David)." In similar fashion, Jesus enters your heart humbly and quietly, through His Word. During this Advent season, welcome Him with attention, faith, joy, and praise! Precious Savior!

APOSTLES' CREED

Hymn 71 Watchman, Tell Us of the Night!

SERMON: Luke 1:67-79

AN ADVENT MESSAGE FOR THE ADVENT MESSENGER!

Now his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Spirit, and prophesied, saying:

*Blessed is the Lord God of Israel,
For He has visited and redeemed His people,
And has raised up a horn of salvation for us
In the house of His servant David,
As He spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets,
Who have been since the world began,
That we should be saved from our enemies
And from the hand of all who hate us,
To perform the mercy promised to our fathers
And to remember His holy covenant,
The oath which He swore to our father Abraham:
To grant us that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies,
Might serve Him without fear,
In holiness and righteousness before Him all the days of our life*

*And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Highest;
For you will go before the face of the Lord to prepare His ways,
To give knowledge of salvation to His people by the remission of their sins,
Through the tender mercy of our God,
With which the Dayspring from on high has visited us;
To give light to those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death,
To guide our feet into the way of peace."*

Prayers and Lord's Prayer

Hymn 58 vv. 6-9 O Lord, How Shall I Meet Thee?

Benediction

Hymn 70 Hosanna! To the Living Lord!

ST. LUKE'S ON THE WEB:

For live streamed services, go to: <https://www.facebook.com/lemmonlutheran>
For our webpage, go to: <https://lemmon.clclutheran.org/>. Find there bulletins, sermons, service videos, contact info., confession and beliefs, etc.

ADVENT SEASON: The four Sundays before Christmas are the Sundays of Advent. The word “advent” means “arrival / He is arriving.” During Advent we prepare **our hearts** for celebrating Christ’s first arrival on earth. He, the eternal Son of God, took human flesh and blood to serve as our substitute at the cross in order to triumph for us at the empty tomb! Surely Christ’s arrival on earth at Bethlehem is significant. However, Christ’s second arrival when He comes at the end of time in glory to take us to the bliss of heaven is even more significant! It is the day of our Resurrection and Eternal life! Whether it is Christ’s first or second Arrival/Advent, let us prepare spiritually, lest the glory of the day be lost to us, and we be lost to it. How to prepare? Realize what Jesus has done for you. In humble repentance for your sin, cling to Him by faith for forgiveness and life. Do not deny Him. Serve Him from your heart each day! Then the day will be special, “The Savior comes!”

THE ADVENT WREATH: The Advent wreath is a Christian custom used in preparation for Christmas. Its origins appear to be from Lutheran circles in Germany during the 1800’s. Originally a candle was lit each day in Advent to point children ahead to the great day of Christmas. Modifications have been made. We now have one candle each week and one candle at Christmas. Various meanings and points of devotion exist regarding each of the candles.

THE 1ST ADVENT CANDLE (VIOLET—the color of repentance): The “Prophecy Candle” begins the period of waiting. It reminds us of the Old Testament promises/prophecies of the coming of the Savior from sin. With humble hearts of repentance awaiting the Savior from sin, we think back to the many believers before us who waited patiently and longingly for the promise of the Savior to be fulfilled.

CALENDAR:

Today 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

10:30 Worship 9:30 Bible Class & Sunday School

11:45 Choir Rehearsal for Christmas

12/01 WEDNESDAY EVENING ADVENT SERVICE

7:00 Worship--in basement 6:00 Soup and sandwich supper

12/05 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

11:45 Choir Practice 11:45 Sack lunch for children

12:15 Children’s Christmas Rehearsal

12/08 WEDNESDAY EVENING ADVENT SERVICE

7:00 Worship—in basement 6:00 Soup and sandwich supper

MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICES: As an aid to preparing hearts for Christmas, special Advent services will be held the next three Wednesdays. at 7:00 pm.—December 1, 8, and 15. A soup and sandwich supper will precede the service at 6:00. The service will be in the basement.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE REHEARSALS BEGIN NEXT SUNDAY Sundays, December 5, 12, 19. Please bring a sack lunch so children may eat after worship before practice begins. Rehearsals last no more than an hour.

CAROLING AND CHURCH CHRISTMAS PARTY:

Two dates are available: Sunday, December 12, or Sunday, December 19.

By next Sunday we should determine a preference.

1:30-4:30 Caroling 5:00 Church Christmas Party

SIGN-UP LIST FOR CHILDREN'S BAGS: If you wish to help supply items for the children's bags, please use the sign-up sheet at the guest book. Also sign if you wish to help fill the bags. Thank you!

CALENDAR CORRECTION: The three-month calendar missed an item for January 23rd. The day will also include a noon meal after service, before the Voters Annual Meeting at 1:00. Thank you.

DECEMBER CHURCH CLEANING: Special thanks in this busy month!
J. Olson, K. Christman, R. Wiechman, J. Kanzenbach

EXPECTATIONS: Matt and Kelly Skjoldal wish to share with you that, Lord willing, there will a little Skjoldal in their house come July. Blessings!

CALL NEWS: ***Pastor Rob Sauers***, Fond du Lac, WI, has returned the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO.

WINTER CLOTHING NEEDED: Cory Mills and Kessa Green, who is known to some of you, plan to move from Oregon to Lemmon in January. Winter clothing is needed—X- Large for Cory. Thank you!

CLC JOURNAL OF THEOLOGY: The CLC produces a "Journal of Theology" published quarterly. It is designed for pastor-trained individuals. The current issue is produced in duplicate to give lay-people an opportunity to read and digest articles. A copy for your use is available on the bulletin table.

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