

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 in Advent

Autumn Wiechmann, organist

December 19, 2021

WELCOME !

*“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. . . . **And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the father, full of grace and truth.**”*

---- John 1:1-4 & 14.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

What is a sacrament? A sacrament is a sacred act, which:

- 1) Was instituted by Christ—i.e., commanded by the Lord
- 2) Has earthly elements—i.e., uses earthly, physical substances
- 3) Uses the Word of God—i.e., together with the earthly elements,
- 4) Offers, conveys, and seals to the sinner forgiveness of sins.

The two sacraments are Holy Communion and Holy Baptism. The Bible does not specify how many sacraments there are. Marriage, for example, does not give forgiveness. Marriage is not a sacrament. Confirmation is not commanded by God. Confirmation is not a sacrament. Etc.

ORDER OF SERVICE:

Supplement, page 12 with Holy Communion.

Hymn 702 vv. 1-4 As Angels Joyed with One Accord

EPISTLE: Philippians 4:4-7. As we await Christ's return at the end of time (and the celebration of His birth at Bethlehem), Paul says, live joyfully in your forgiving Savior! Rejoice! There is no reason for rudeness and harshness with others; there is no reason to be anxious. Turn to the Lord in prayer. The peace of God, which passes all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus! ----- In Him you are safe regardless of events around you.

PSALM 96 Sing to the Lord! (Supplement, page 26)

GOSPEL: John 1:19-28. SUMMARIZED. John the Baptist did not claim to be the Messiah or draw attention to himself. His role was to prepare hearts for the Lord who takes away sin. May we also, during Advent and Christmas, turn attention away from ourselves to the Savior.

NICENE CREED (Supplement, page 5.)

Hymn 705 Come, O Long-Expected Jesus !

SERMON: I Corinthians 1:22-31

IN ADVENT OUR GLORY IS JESUS

Jews request a sign, and Greeks seek after wisdom; but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. For you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called. But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty; and the base things of the world and the things which are despised God has chosen, and the things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are, that no flesh should glory in His presence. But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God—and righteousness and sanctification and redemption—that, as it is written, “He who glories, let him glory in the Lord!”

Prayers and Lord’s Prayer

702 vv. 5-7 As Angels Joyed with One Accord

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.*

Communion Distribution Hymn 69 Arise, Sons of the Kingdom!

Benediction

Hymn 79 Rejoice, Rejoice, This Happy Morn !

ALTAR POINSETTIAS: Thank you to the donor of the poinsettias which adorn the altar during this Christmas and Advent season!

THE 4TH ADVENT CANDLE (VIOLET) is the “Angel Candle,” which reminds us of the final advent of the Lord and Savior, coming in glory, with all His holy angels for Judgment and Rescue of His people at the end of the age.

CHILDREN’S REHEARSALS: After the service, children will have time to eat, and then rehearse for Christmas Eve. This is the last rehearsal before Friday; the session may run a little longer, 12:15-1:30

CHOIR REHEARSAL: While the children are eating, the Christmas Eve choir will rehearse. Please start as soon after the service as possible.

CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS BAGS: Thank you to those who are providing treats, and to those who are filling the bags (during children’s rehearsal today).

CALENDAR:

TODAY 10:30 Worship with COMMUNION 9:30 B.Class and S. Sch.
11:45 Choir Practice 11:45 Sack lunch for children
12:15 Children’s Christmas Rehearsal

12/22 NO WEDNESDAY ADVENT SERVICE this week.

CHRISTMAS EVE: Worship Friday, December 24, 4:00 pm.

CHRISTMAS DAY: Worship Saturday, December 25, 10:00 am.

12/26 Sun. 10:30 Worship. 9:30 B.Class & S.Sch.

01/02 Sun 10:30 Worship with COMMUNION 9:30 B.Class & S.Sch.

CHRISTMAS CARD: Please take a card from the bulletin table—special Christmas greetings from the Kanzenbachs.

THANK YOU RECEIVED: Live-Center West extends a Thank You for the carols and carolers last Sunday afternoon!

CHURCH CLEANING: We thank the cleaners for their time and labors to keep the Lord’s House clean and provide a pleasant atmosphere for worship!

DECEMBER: J. Olson, K. Christman, R. Wiechmann, J. Kanzenbach

JANUARY: M. Erhardt, full month.

CALL NEWS:

Teacher Rebecca Lillo, St. Stephen Lutheran School, Mountain View, CA, has asked for a peaceful release from her call at the end of this school year.

PASTOR AND CANDRA GANTT FIRE AT LOGANVILLE, GEORGIA:
Pastor Gantt and family recently experienced an electrical fire in their home in Loganville, GA. The fire was contained to a single bedroom, limiting the physical damage. Smoke and water damage extended further. The Gantts have been displaced from their home for clean-up and repair. They are thankful to the Lord for limited damage and no injury or harm to anyone. Pastor Gantt writes that they “wrestle with this trial during the Christmas season, but are confident that the Lord only chastens those whom He loves.” Correspondence may be sent to:

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(Note: Zion congregation relocated in 2017 from Lawrenceville to Loganville. Both communities are in the greater Atlanta metro area.)

IN OUR PRAYERS: We also include in our prayers the ranchers and farmers in Kansas who have suffered loss from extensive grass fires these past days due to electrical wires downed by high winds.