

ST. LUKE'S EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH 10:30 a.m.

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

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EPIPHANY SUNDAY

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WELCOME!

At the wedding in Cana, when the wine ran out, Jesus turned water into wine. *“This beginning of signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and manifested His glory; and His disciples believed in Him.”* ---John 2:11

EPIPHANY FESTIVAL: *In the 200's A.D., the eastern Christian churches—Greece, Asia Minor (Turkey), and Syria—set aside **January 6** as the festival of Epiphany. The word “epiphany” means “to shine out, to make evident, to make manifest, to reveal.” Epiphany focused on Christ the LIGHT of salvation, who shines out for all the world. It pointed to early events in His life which displayed that He was true God and Savior of all; namely, His birth which was Good News of great joy for all people, the visit of the wise men who were not Jews but Gentiles, His baptism at age 30 when the Father spoke “This is My beloved Son,” His first miracles beginning with changing water into wine at Cana by which He manifested forth His glory. ----- “Western” Christian churches, basically Rome and those under Rome's influence, would establish December 25 as the day for celebrating Christ's birth. ----- We celebrate both.*

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Hymn 718 O Jesus, King of Glory!

OLD TESTAMENT: Isaiah 60:1-6 KJV. Isaiah foresaw the day when the LORD in His mercy would take His downtrodden people back to their homeland. ---- In Christ all Christians, downtrodden, are restored to the homeland of heaven!

P: Arise, shine; for thy light is come!

C: **And the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee!**

P: For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people;

C: **But the Lord shall arise upon thee, and His glory shall be seen upon thee.**

P: And the Gentiles shall come to thy light,

C: **And kings to the brightness of thy rising.**

P: Lift up thine eyes round about, and see—

C: **All they gather themselves together, they come to thee.**

P: Thy sons shall come from far,

C: **And thy daughters shall be nursed at thy side.**

P: Then thou shalt see, and flow together,

C: **And thine heart shall fear [tremble], and be enlarged;**

P: Because the abundance of the sea shall be converted unto thee,

C: **The forces of the Gentiles shall come unto thee.**

P: The multitude of camels shall cover thee, the dromedaries [*camels with one hump*] of Midian and Ephah;

C: All they from Sheba shall come.

P: They shall bring gold and incense!

C: And they shall show forth the praises of the Lord!

PSALM 66, p. 37 “Make a Joyful Shout to God!”

GOSPEL: Matthew 2:1-12 Gentile Wise Men from the East came to worship the young child Jesus—the promised King! They followed a miraculous star. How did they know about this Star and the Savior? Six hundred years earlier, the people of Judah were captive in Babylon. The prophet Daniel, one of the captives, became one of the Babylonian wise men or magi. Daniel surely was faithful in proclaiming the truths and promises of God. He must have shared with fellow magi the LORD’s promise of the Savior and King of all people coming from Judah (Genesis 40:8-12); and the promise of the Star and the Ruler, rising out of Israel (Numbers 24:15-19). When wise men years later saw God’s special star, they understood. They came to worship the newborn Savior and King. The Wise Men were Gentiles, that is non-Jews. Christ was their Savior and King too! (The Bible does not say there were three.) They brought their hearts and their gifts. Let us do also.

APOSTLES’ CREED

Hymn 127 As with Gladness Men of Old

SERMON: I JOHN 3 : 8

ENTER -- THE SON OF GOD !

He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.

Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

Hymn 198 vv. 1-4 He’s Risen! He’s Risen! Christ Jesus the Lord!

Benediction

Hymn 198 v. 5 He’s Risen! He’s Risen! Christ Jesus the Lord!

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ST. LUKE’S ON THE WEB:

For live videos of our service (streamed) on Facebook. Go to:

<https://www.facebook.com/lemmonlutheran>

For St. Luke’s webpage, go to <https://lemmon.clclutheran.org/>. Bulletins, sermons, and videos of services are available there.. Also available are St. Luke’s contact info., location, schedule, confession of faith, etc.

VOTERS MEETING: The quarterly voters meeting (covering Oct.-Dec.) was announced last week for January 23. However, due to changes, the meeting will likely be moved to Sunday, January 30, at 1:00. This meeting will also be the annual meeting for the entire past year. Election of one councilman will be held. A potluck meal is scheduled for noon. Stay tuned for exact date.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

01/16	Sun.	10:30	Worship with COMMUNION	9:30	B.Class & S.Sch.
01/23	Sun.	10:30	Worship	9:30	B.Class & S.Sch.
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CHURCH CLEANING: January—John and Myrna Erhardt. “Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all for the glory of God” (I Corinthians 10:31).

SERMONS BY E-MAIL AND LAND MAIL: Sermon summaries are e-mailed or land-mailed to members who so desire. If you are unable to be at services, or if you would simply like to receive digital or printed copies, that is fine. Please give your contact info. to Pastor Kanzenbach. Thank you.

TO THE NEXT LIFE: *Professor Paul Sullivan*, who retired from ILC in May, 2019, was called to his heavenly home on December 29, 2021. Paul was 76. A service of comfort and Christian victory was conducted yesterday in Eau Claire. Cards may be sent to the Sullivan home at 632 Ripley Ave, Eau Claire, WI 54701. May the Lord comfort wife Jan and family.

CALL NEWS:

Pastor Luke Bernthal, Mountain View, CA, Stockton, CA, and Hayward, CA, has received the call to Immanuel Lutheran Church, Winter Haven, FL.

IN OUR PRAYERS: We continue to offer prayers for our nation and homeland. So much goes on that is contrary to our Lord’s will and desires, whether it is within the populace at large or within levels of government. Satan seeks to pollute every good thing. Much goes on, about which we really do not know, or do not know the truth. Satan’s chief weapon is always the Lie. We ask that the Lord would help us to see matters accurately, to make judgments based on truth, and to be open to correction when that is the case. Our concern is not just the state of our nation for the sake of our nation, but the proclamation of God’s Word of forgiveness and salvation in Christ to the hearts and homes of our people. May the Gospel of forgiveness of sins through the crucified and risen Jesus, continue to be proclaimed at every level, and may we joyfully carry its banner. Lord, in Your perfect wisdom, love, power, holiness, and grace deal with our people, nation, and leaders so as to draw us all closer to Your Son and the rescue from death and damnation that You give us in Him.

ABORTION'S INSIDIOUS NATURE: After reviewing one of his own bulletin articles from forty years ago, retired CLC Pastor Paul Fleischer writes, "Approaching another anniversary of the Roe V. Wade court decision legalizing abortion, January 22, 1973—which is now so long ago that even our Christian consciences get calloused to it—who can be surprised at our *current declining domestic and foreign position in this nation*. Forty years ago, Dr. John Warwick Montgomery maintained that very thing! Following is an abridged commentary which I wrote back then regarding one of Montgomery's articles."
--Pastor Paul Fleischer

Dr. John Warwick Montgomery wrote on the subject of abortion in the current [1980's] issue of Christianity Today magazine. He points out that abortion might well be one of those sins which "are such an affront to the divine majesty that they are very likely also to trigger imminent judgment in the course of human history itself." As examples he says, "In the Old Testament, for example, we read that Uzzah was struck down on the spot for touching the ark of the covenant (2 Sam. 6:6-7). Also the deaths of Ananias and Sapphira for attempting to deceive in spiritual things (Acts 5) is not a dissimilar incident in the New Testament."

Montgomery does not wish to categorize sins, but "at the same time," he says, "it would appear that there are some acts that by their very nature kindle the divine wrath and are likely to lead to immediate retribution." Among such sins he gives the perversion of the marriage estate and the destruction of God's chosen people, and thirdly, abortion.

He writes: "Since Scripture teaches that the child's life begins at the moment of conception (Ps. 51:5) and that he is a genuine person no less while in the womb than after birth (Luke 1:41, 44), early Christians likewise protected prenatal life and regarded abortion as homicide...." He speaks of the high regard that Jesus has for little children when He says, "for of such is the kingdom of God," and he adds, "Destruction by the horror of being thrown into the sea with a millstone around the neck is associated with godless Babylon in Revelation 18:21 and specifically with those who do harm to little children in Matthew 18:1-6..."

This is Montgomery's serious conclusion: "The time has come for American Christians to bring this eschatological (end-time) perspective to bear on our society. If God did not tolerate the Nazi extermination of six million Jews, what makes us think that He will continue to ignore our daily mounting toll of infanticides? I am not a prophet [Montgomery], nor the son of a prophet, but I see as less than accidental our simultaneous slaughter of the innocents and declining domestic and foreign position. In baldest terms, the life we can save by a right-to-life amendment to our federal Constitution may well be our own."