

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 AFTER EASTER

Autumn Wiechmann, organist

May 15, 2022

WELCOME !

"I am the Resurrection and the Life. He that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live. And whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die." --- John 11:25-26 (KJV)

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Is there a special prayer one should say before going to Communion? There is no special prayer. However, prayer before the sacrament is appropriate. Acknowledge your sinfulness, seek the Lord's mercy and forgiveness in Christ as He promised, ask the Lord to help you acknowledge that in a miraculous manner beyond understanding the true body and blood of the Savior which were given for your salvation are extended to you in the bread and the wine, and pray that the Holy Spirit help you amend your sinful life. Such a prayer is very fitting. ---- To find a printed prayer, please see the lower right hand column of page 118 in the front of the Hymnal.

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

Hymn 210 The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done!

EPISTLE: James 1:16-21 The Father in heaven is kind and steadfast. He gives to our spirits new life in Jesus. In keeping with this new life, we offer ourselves to Him as firstfruits, just as the Old Testament believers brought the harvest firstfruits to the Lord. Let us cast anger and moral filth aside.

Psalms 85, p. 40: "Lord, You Have Been Favorable."

GOSPEL: John 21:15-25 After Jesus rose from the dead, He appeared to His disciples who were fishing at the Sea of Galilee. By Jesus' power, their net was filled with large fish. By Jesus' power, breakfast was waiting for them on the shore. After the breakfast,, Jesus specifically addressed Peter. It was Peter

who three times had denied that he even knew Jesus. Jesus asked Peter three times, “Do you love Me?” The third time used a lesser word for “love”—on the order of, “Peter, do you even *like* Me?” Peter humbly responded in repentance, “Lord, You know that I love you.” Jesus replied each time to Peter, “Feed My sheep.” Jesus re-instated Peter. --- With the same forgiveness, He re-instates you as His child, each time you sin.

NICENE CREED: Supplement, page 5

Hymn 736 vv. 1-4 At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing!

SERMON: JOHN 15:1-6
THE VINE AND THE BRANCHES

I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes [cleans], that it may bear more fruit.

You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. I am the vine; you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned.

OFFERING

Prayers and Lord’s Prayer

Hymn 414 The Man Is Ever Blessed Who Shuns the Sinners’ Ways

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 206 Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense!

Benediction

Hymn 736 v. 5 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing!

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

05/22 Sun. 10:30 Worship 9:30 B.Class & S.Sch.

05/29 Sun. 10:30 **(FINAL 10:30)** Worship 9:30 B.Class & S.Sch. (Also **FINAL**)

06/05 Sun. **9:30** Worship with COMMUNION
QUESTIONING AND CONFIRMATION

06/12 Sun. 9:30 Worship.

CONFIRMATION: Our youth confirmands this year will be
Blake Larson
Rosemary Wiechmann

GRADUATION TODAY: Justin Schopp graduates from Lemmon High School today. The Lord's blessings! An invitation is posted on the bulletin board in the entry.

MAY CHURCH CLEANING:

Connie H. Luana S. Katie W. Debbie W. Dorena W.
Thank you for cleaning!

PASTOR AND DELEGATE CONFERENCE: Conference will be held May 24-26 (Tues.-Thurs.) at St. Paul's, Lakewood (Denver), CO. Reports to be given at the synod convention in June will be discussed. Several essays will also be presented.

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