ST. LUKE'S EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH 9:30 a.m.

200 11th Street E.

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

Richard Kanzenbach

Pastor

9TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY FESTIVAL

Autumn Wiechmann, organist

August 14, 2022

Lemmon, SD 57638

WELCOME!

Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. --- Matthew 6:33

ORDER OF SERVICE:

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Hymn 776 Lord, 'Tis Not That I Did Choose You

EPISTLE: I Corinthians 10:1-13. When God's Old Testament people turned to idol worship and wickedness, they knew better. God's anger was kindled against them, and they suffered for it. Such Old Testament accounts were not written for the sake of the Old Testament people, but for *us*! Beware of also turning away from the Lord! No temptation is so overwhelming that it must be followed. The Lord provides a way out. When sin does overtake, run to Jesus for forgiveness. His precious forgiveness gives new strength and new will to do better each day.

VBS Hymn: "I Am Jesus' Little Lamb" TLH #648

GOSPEL Luke 16:1-9 The Parable of the Dishonest Steward. The steward or manager in this parable was dishonest, but was shrewd. When he saw that he was about to be fired for his dishonesty, he further abused his authority and made friends with his master's debtors by <u>reducing</u> their bills! He knew he would lose his job. These new friends would naturally welcome him. He had done them a financial favor! ---- Jesus wants us to be like that steward. He does <u>not</u> want us to be dishonest! But to be "shrewd" in using our earthly wealth to spread the good news of God's forgiveness to others. Then when we leave this world, they will welcome us into heaven with open arms!

APOSTLES' CREED

Hymn 783 "Jesus, Shepherd of the Sheep!" v. 1 VBS Students

vv. 2-5 Congregation

SERMON: Matthew 14:22-33 (Parallel accounts in Mark 6:45-52, John 6:16-21) IN CHRIST EVEN "BAD" EXPERIENCES ARE GOOD!

Immediately Jesus made [constrained] His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away. And when He had sent the multitudes away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. Now when evening came, He was alone there. But the boat was now in the middle of the sea, tossed by the waves, for the wind was contrary.

Now in the fourth watch of the night [3:00 – 6:00 a.m.] Jesus went to them, walking on the sea. And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear! But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying. "Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid."

And Peter answered Him and said, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water." So He said, "Come." And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus. But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!" And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased.

Then those who were in the boat came and worshiped Him, saying, "Truly You are the Son of God!"

Offering and Offering Prayer Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Hymn 434 O God of Jacob, by Whose Hand Thy People Still Are Fed!

Benediction

Hymn 649 Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me over Life's Tempestuous Sea!

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

08/21Sun.9:30Worship with COMMUNION08/28Sun.9:30Worship (final 9:30 worship for the summer)09-04Sun.10:30Worship with COMMUNION9:30 Sun.Sch. & B.Class

AUGUST-SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER Calendars: Available in the entry.

CHURCH CLEANING August: Rhonda T. Our heartfelt Thanks!

YOU ARE INVITED: "Everyone is invited to an early celebration of Dean's 75th birthday. Join us at the ranch on Saturday, 8/20, for lunch at noon and supper at 6:00. On Sunday, 8/21, join us for brunch following the church service at about 11:00. Please RSVP to Kathy as to which meals you will attend. Thank you!" --Kathy Larson

CLC-WELS-ELS DISCUSSIONS:

This summer's CLC Convention resolved the following:

"RESOLVED that the CLC president, in conjunction with the Joint Committee and the Board of Doctrine, bring the three points outlined on page 30 of the Prospectus to the WELS and ELS to see if they are willing to accept them.

1. All three church bodies must clearly state their agreement on what Scripture teaches in Romans 16:17-18 concerning the termination of fellowship with false teachers.

2. It is necessary that the WELS and ELS reject past official, synodical statements on this subject which disagree with the doctrine of Scripture.

3. It is necessary that current official synodical statements that conflict with the doctrine of Scripture are removed or corrected, not merely annotated in online format."

The resolution above was forwarded to President Obenberger of the ELS and to President Schroeder of the WELS, along with a note expressing the hope that they would be willing to meet at least one more time to discuss the three points. In part, their response reads:

The conventions of both the ELS and WELS have already agreed to that provision of the Joint Statement. Having said all that, we believe that the CLC, in the resolution passed by its convention, has erected an insurmountable barrier to further talks. This is truly a sad day, because we had sincerely hoped that the Joint Statement would be the first step towards re-establishing fellowship based on our synods' agreement in biblical doctrine. We believe that the Joint Statement, crafted carefully and in good faith, showed that there really is no doctrinal difference on this specific question. And with the stipulations of the three points, along with a lack of specific examples of ambiguity in the Joint Statement and specific examples of doctrinal statements and synodical resolutions that would need to be changed, it seems that further talks cannot take place. It's not because we are unwilling to talk, but because we are unable to meet the conditions set before us.

> Reported by CLC president, Pastor Michael Eichstadt

ST. LUKE'S VBS: We had 19 students in attendance at our One-Day-VBS on Thursday (a morning and afternoon session). Thank you, students and staff! Lower Level: Ericka Wiechmann

Upper Lever: Pastor Kanzenbach

Crafts for Lower Level: Judy Kanzenbach

Other Helpers: Autumn W, Katie W, Sam and Karla M, Zach M. Tim M, Phil and Erica L, Lou Ann B, Rhonda T.

ST. LUKE'S ON THE WEB:

For live videos of our service (streamed) on Facebook. Go to: <u>https://www.facebook.com/lemmonlutheran</u>

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

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