

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

200 11th Street E.

Lemmon, SD 57638

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

Richard Kanzenbach

Pastor

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Rhonda Tomac, organist

November 27, 2022

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 570 Praise, Oh, Praise our God and King!

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

The Gloria in Excelsis will be replaced with –

Hymn 568 v. 3 “With Voices United, Our Praises We Offer”

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 whom He also loves. In fact, “love” is the fulfilling of God’s commandments. The 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. Serve the Light; serve Jesus! ---- This Advent season as you prepare to celebrate the 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. ---- 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 and heir of King David.*)” ---- Jesus enters your heart humbly and quietly, without fanfare. through His Word. During this Advent season, welcome Him with your “Hosannas,” your faith, joy, and praise! The Savior is here!

APOSTLES' CREED

Hymn 55 Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come!

SERMON: ROMANS 1:1-15

LOOKING FORWARD TO SHARING THE NEWS OF CHRIST!

Paul, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated to the gospel of God which He promised before, through His prophets in the Holy Scriptures, concerning His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who was born of the seed of David according to the flesh, and declared to be the Son of God with power according to the Spirit of holiness by the resurrection from the dead.

Through Him we have received grace and apostleship for obedience to the faith among all nations for His name, among whom you also are the called of Jesus Christ.

To all who are in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, that your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world. For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of His Son, that without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers, making request if, by some means, now at last I may find a way in the will of God to come to you. For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift, so that you may be established—that is, that I may be encouraged together with you by the mutual faith both of you and me.

Now I do not want you to be unaware, brethren, that I often planned to come to you (but was hindered until now), that I might have some fruit among you also, just as among the other Gentiles. I am a debtor both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to wise and to unwise. So, as much as is in me, I am ready to preach the gospel to you who are in Rome also!

Prayers and Lord's Prayer

Hymn 346 Jesus! and Shall It Ever Be, a Mortal Man Ashamed of Thee?

Benediction

Hymn 69 vv. 1 & 6 Arise, Sons of the Kingdom!

ADVENT SEASON: The four Sundays before Christmas are the Sundays of Advent. The word “advent” means “arrival / he arrives.” 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, to triumph for us at the empty tomb! 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, prepare spiritually, not physically, lest the glory of the day be lost to you, and you be lost to it. How does one prepare? Realize what Jesus has done for you. In humble repentance for your acts of disobedience, cling to Him by faith, for sure and certain forgiveness and life! Then that day will be special: “The Savior comes!” Serve Him from your heart each day! Do not deny Him.

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 a fifth 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/prophesies of the coming of the Savior from sin. With humble hearts of repentance awaiting the Savior, we think back to the many believers before us who also waited patiently and longingly for the promise of the Savior to be fulfilled.

MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICES: As an aid to preparing hearts for Christmas, special Advent services will be held the next four Wednesdays. at 7:00 pm.—November 30, December 7, 14, and 21. A soup and sandwich supper at 6:00 will precede the services. Services will be in the basement.

CALENDAR:

Today 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
10:30 Worship 9:30 Bible Class & Sunday School
11/30 WEDNESDAY EVENING ADVENT SERVICE
7:00 Worship--in basement 6:00 Soup and sandwich supper
12/04 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
12/07 WEDNESDAY EVENING ADVENT SERVICE
7:00 Worship—in basement 6:00 Soup and sandwich supper

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE REHEARSALS BEGIN NEXT SUNDAY
Sundays, December 4, 11, 18. 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:

Caroling is scheduled for Sunday, December 11 (December 18 is back-up)
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 in the entry. Thank you!

DECEMBER CHURCH CLEANING: Special thanks in this busy month!
Judy K. Darlene S. E. Wiechmann R. Wiechmann

FROM PASTOR JYOTHI BENJAMIN, CLCI, INDIA:

Philippians 1:21 For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

My father, Rev V. S. Benjamin, Chairman of the CLCI, went to be with the Lord at the age of 89 years. He suffered from a heart condition and pneumonia. His race has ended, but we still have our race to run. Please pray for the comfort of the family and the CLC-I." ---By way of Pastor Todd Ohlmann

AN OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE: The Human Services Center at Yankton, SD (operated by the South Dakota Department of Social Services), is seeking donors to help provide gifts and treats at Christmas for patients at the Human Services Center. *"Many of our clients will be missing time with family members and in an unfamiliar hospital setting, so we try very hard to make them feel as comfortable as possible during the Holiday Season. Be assured 100% of all donations will be given to our patient population."* A list of acceptable items is available [see Pastor Kanzenbach]. Or monetary gifts may be sent, payable to "HSC Patient Benefit Fund," memo line "Christmas Donation." If possible, mail by December 9. Thank you.

Mail to: Tate Mallory, Support Services Co-ordinator
Human Services Center
3515 Broadway Avenue
PO Box 7600
Yankton, SD 57078-7600

CALL NEWS: **Pastor Joe Naumann**, Mankato, MN, has returned the call to serve Redemption Lutheran, Lynnwood, WA and Ascension Lutheran, Tacoma, WA.

ILC'S CHRISTMAS CONCERT AND WORSHIP: Will be held on Friday, December 16, 7:30 p.m. (Central), livestreamed at ilc.edu/tv.

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