

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

NEW YEAR'S DAY

January 1, 2023

Rhonda Tomac

Organist

WELCOME!

"My times are in Thy hands!" --- Psalm 31:15

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Is Holy Communion a requirement for entering heaven? No where does the Bible make such a statement. However, it is a precious gift from God to assure us that our sins are forgiven in Jesus and to draw us closer to Him. Jesus tells us, "Do this." He does not say, "If you want." Communion dare not be carelessly despised or cast off as a bother. To despise this precious means, by which His Gospel message comes to us, displeases the Lord.

ORDER OF SERVICE: Hymnal, page 15

Hymn 115 vv. 1-5 A Blessed Day When First Was Poured

On page 17:

The Kyrie is read by the Pastor

Hymn 115 v. 6 is sung in place of "The Gloria in Excelsis."

GOSPEL: Luke 2:20-21 On the eighth day after Jesus' birth, Mary's baby boy was circumcised and given the name Jesus. (If in fact Jesus' birth was on December 25th, then by Jewish time reckoning the eighth day is January 1.)

OLD TESTAMENT: Psalm 90 A Psalm of Moses

The Lord's strength and the sinner's frailty

P: O Lord, You have been our dwelling place

C: In all generations.

P: Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever You had formed the earth and the world,

C: Even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God.

P: You turn man to destruction,

C: And say, "Return, O children of men."

P: For a thousand years in Your sight are like yesterday when it is past,

C: And like a watch in the night.

P: You carry them away like a flood;

C: They are like a sleep.

P: In the morning they are like grass which grows up, in the morning it flourishes and grows up;

C: In the evening it is cut down and withers.

P: For we have been consumed by Your anger,

C: And by Your wrath we are terrified.

P: You have set our iniquities before You,

C: Our secret sins in the light of Your countenance.

P: For all our days have passed away in Your wrath,

C: We finish our years like a sigh.

P: The days of our lives are seventy years [*“three score years and ten” –KJV*] ;

C: And if by reason of strength they are eighty years,

P: Yet their boast is only labor and sorrow;

C: For it is soon cut off, and we fly away.

P: Who knows the power of Your anger?

C: For as the fear of You, so is Your wrath.

P: So teach us to number our days,

C: That we may gain a heart of wisdom.

The Lord’s mercy and the sinner’s joy

P: Return, O Lord! How long?

C: And have compassion on Your servants.

P: Oh, satisfy us early with Your mercy,

C: That we may rejoice and be glad all our days!

P: Make us glad according to the days in which You have afflicted us,

C: The years in which we have seen evil.

P: Let Your work appear to Your servants,

C: And Your glory to their children.

P: And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands for us.

C: Yes, establish the work of our hands!

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Hymn 125 The Old Year Now Hath Passed Away

SERMON: II Peter 3:3-9

MARKING TIME THIS NEW YEAR

Scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, and saying, “Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation!”

For this they willfully forget: that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water—by which the world that then existed perished being flooded with water.

But the heavens and the earth which are now preserved by the same word, are reserved, for fire, until the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.

But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance!

OFFERING and OFFERING PRAYER:

PRAYERS

Hymn 118 Father, Let Me Dedicate All This Year to Thee

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VISITORS, please 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 each other. Differences of Bible teaching do separate. In keeping with the unity expressed in the Lord’s Supper, we follow a “close-knit” communion practice. We respectfully ask that only members of St. Luke’s and sister CLC congregations come forward. Be assured, we are not judging your heart or your faith in Jesus. God alone knows the heart. For further questions, please visit with the pastor. Thank you.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION:

Distribution Hymn 123 Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

Benediction

Hymn 309 O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee!

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IN OUR PRAYERS: The family of Joseph Gorack upon the death of Joseph’s grandmother and great-uncle. “*God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him shall not perish, but have everlasting life*” (John 3:16).

WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

01/08 **Epiphany Sunday & Children's Christmas Eve Service**

10:30 Worship 9:30 B.Class & S.Sch.

01/15 Sun. 10:30 Worship with COMMUNION 9:30 B.Class & S.Sch.

01/22 Sun. 10:30 Worship 9:30 B.Class & S.Sch.

01/29 Sun. 10:30 Worship 9:30 B.Class & S.Sch.

CHILDREN'S MAKE-UP CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE: The Children's Christmas Eve Service has been re-scheduled for next Sunday morning, 1/8/23.

CAROLING: Christmas caroling which was twice postponed could also be made up next Sunday. Any interested? See the Pastor Kanzenbach. Thank you.

VOTERS' ANNUAL MEETING; The quarterly voters meeting covering Oct.-Nov.-Dec. is scheduled for Sunday, January 22, at 1:00. (January 29 is also open.) The meeting is also the annual meeting covering the entire past year. Election for one councilman will be held. A potluck meal is scheduled for noon.

DECLARATION OF FELLOWSHIP: Upon the recommendation of Missionaries Todd Ohlmann and Peter Evensen, I am happy to declare fellowship with Pastor Jacques Pondi Lumiangu and the Eglise Confessionnelle Luthérienne Sainte Faïlle au Congo (E.C.L.S.A.FA.CO), located in Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo. ---CLC President, Pastor Michael Eichstadt

CHURCH CLEANING: January -- John and Myrna E. Our thanks!

CALL NEWS: *Pastor Andrew Schaller*, Marquette, MI, has received the call to Luther Memorial, Fond du Lac, WI.

