

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

4th Sunday in Advent

Ruth Wiechmann, organist

December 18, 2022

WELCOME !

*“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. . . . **And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the father, full of grace and truth.**”*
---- *John 1:1-4 & 14.*

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

In the Book of Revelation those who stand righteous before God are identified as those who lived through days of evil on this earth, yet who have their robes washed white in the blood of the Lamb. The blood of Jesus does not wash anyone's physical garments, but washes souls white, pure, spotless, sinless before the Father in heaven. In the Lord's Supper each is assured and comforted that this washing is his, that sins are forgiven. By His miracle, Jesus shares with each communicant His very (true) body and blood—in, with, and under the bread and the wine. Here there is personal comfort that by faith in the crucified Jesus, sins are forgiven and each is spotless before God!

ORDER OF SERVICE:

Supplement, page 12 with Holy Communion.

Hymn 90 vv.1-4 Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising!

EPISTLE: Philippians 4:4-7. As we await Christ's return at the end of time as well as the celebration of His birth at Bethlehem, Paul says, live joyfully in the forgiving Savior! Rejoice! There is no reason for rudeness and harshness; there is no reason to be anxious. Turn to the Lord in prayer. The peace of God, which passes all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus! ----- In Him you are safe regardless of all the events around you.

HYMN 85 vv. 1-3 (FOR PSALM) From Heaven Above to Earth I Come

GOSPEL: John 1:19-28. John the Baptist did not claim to be the Messiah or try to draw attention to himself. His role was to prepare hearts for the Lord who takes away sin. May we also, during Advent and Christmas, turn attention away from ourselves, to the Savior.

NICENE CREED: Supplement, page 5

Hymn 90 vv.5-8 Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising!

SERMON: HAGGAI 2 : 3 – 9

THE LORD SAYS IT WILL BE GLORIOUS !

Who is left among you who saw this temple in its former glory? And how do you see it now? In comparison with it, is this not in your eyes as nothing? Yet now be strong, Zerubbabel, says the LORD; and be strong, Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest; and be strong, all you people of the land, says the LORD, and work; for I am with you, says the LORD of hosts. According to the word that I covenanted with you when you came out of Egypt, so My Spirit remains among you. Do not fear!

For thus says the LORD of hosts: Once more (it is a little while) I will shake heaven and earth, the sea and dry land; and I will shake all nations. And they shall come to the Desire of All Nations, and I will fill this temple with glory, says the LORD of hosts. The silver is Mine, and the gold is Mine, says the LORD of hosts. The glory of this latter temple shall be greater than the former, says the LORD of hosts. And in this place I will give peace, says the LORD of hosts.

OFFERING and Offering Prayer

Prayers and Lord's Prayer

Hymn 705 Come, O Long-Expected Jesus!

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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 702 As Angels Joyed with One Accord!

Benediction

Hymn 94 v. 4 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing!~

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ALTAR POINSETTIAS: Thank you!

THE 4TH ADVENT CANDLE (VIOLET): The “Angel Candle” reminds us of the final advent of the Lord and Savior at the end of the age. He will come in glory with all His holy angels for Judgment—that is, condemnation for those who despise Him, and rescue for His people.

IN OUR PRAYERS: We thank the Lord for providing safety and security during the blizzard this past week. We ask His blessing for all who have suffered loss. We trust His love and His wisdom.

CANCELED: CAROLING AND CHURCH CHRISTMAS PARTY today. (Caroling may be rescheduled for January.)

CHILDREN’S REHEARSAL: After service today.

CHOIR REHEARSAL: Also after service today.

CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS BAGS: Thank you to those providing treats. Bags will be filled Wednesday after the Midweek Advent Service. Thank you.

DECEMBER CHURCH CLEANING—special Thanks!

Judy K. Erica W. Ruth W.

CALENDAR:

MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICE: Worship Wednesday, December 21

7:00 Worship--in basement 6:00 Soup and sandwich supper

CHRISTMAS EVE: Worship Saturday, December 24, **5:00 pm.**

CHRISTMAS DAY: Worship Sunday, December 25, **10:00 am.**

NEW YEAR’S DAY: Worship Sunday, January 1, 10:30

With COMMUNION 9:30 B.Class & S.Sch.

KINSHIP ASSISTANCE: With the passing of Pastor V.S. Benjamin, the president and founder of the CLC-India, the CLC-India would like to hold a special memorial service thanking the Lord for the work and ministry of Pastor Benjamin. The CLC-I has asked our Mission Board for financial assistance with this endeavor and for paying outstanding hospital and funeral expenses. President Eichstadt has approved sending funds from Kinship. If you wish to help re-supply the Kinship Fund, your offerings will be greatly appreciated.

---From President Michael Eichstadt

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