

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

70TH SUNDAY

(SEPTUAGESIMA -- "SEVENTY" -- DAYS BEFORE EASTER)

Ruth Wiechmann, organist

February 5, 2023

WELCOME !

By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. ---I John 3:16

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYER: O God, who desires not the death of a sinner, but rather that he turn from his evil way and live, I come to You, although I have sinned and deserve only Your wrath. I flee to Your mercy in Christ Jesus, my Lord, who gave His body and His blood for my redemption. Lord, grant that I may believe and never waver. Grant that in such faith I may worthily go to Your altar, to receive the very body and the true blood which Your Son has given for my salvation. May I praise and honor Your love and your mercy during all the days of my life. Hear me for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your Son, my Redeemer and Savior. Amen.

ORDER OF SERVICE: Hymnal, page 15

Hymn 743 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise!

On page 17: **The Kyrie** is read by the Pastor

Hymn 550 v. 9 is sung in place of "The Gloria in Excelsis."

EPISTLE: I Corinthians 9:24 – 10:6 Believers in Christ are safe from sin's condemnation, yet Satan is always seeking to attack faith through the sinful flesh. Paul says, "Bring your body into subjection, lest you be disqualified!" All the Old Testament Israelites, traveling from Egypt to Canaan, had the same opportunities to grow in Christ. Yet many of them fell away and died in the desert. Fight against Satan every step!

GOSPEL: Matthew 20:1-16. The Parable of the Laborers in the Vineyard-- God's supreme kindness to us is entirely a gift of His grace. The laborers who started last were blessed with the same pay as those who had started first. The master had said he would pay them what was right. Those who started first, however, had made a deal for their pay. They received what was due, , but were envious of the master's kindness to the latecomers. Do not begrudge God's grace to anyone!

Hymn 447 Fight the Good Fight with All Thy Might!

SERMON: MATTHEW 5:17-26

NO CONFIDENCE IN PERSONAL PERFORMANCE

Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle [one dot or stroke] will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled. Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I say to you, that unless your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.

You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder, and whoever murders will be in danger of the judgment.’ But I say to you that whoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment. And whoever says to his brother, ‘Raca!’ [term of contempt] shall be in danger of the council. But whoever says, ‘You fool’ shall be in danger of hell fire. Therefore if you bring your gift to the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.

OFFERING and OFFERING PRAYER:

PRAYERS

Hymn 416 Oh, that the Lord would Guide My Ways!

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

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 312 Lord Jesus Christ, Thou Living Bread!

Benediction

Hymn 314 vv. 4 and 5 Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray

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SEPTUAGESIMA, SEXAGESIMA, QUINQUAGESIMA SUNDAYS:

These unusual names are passed down to us from the church of the Middle Ages. They are Latin names for the Sundays that fall between Transfiguration Sunday (end of Epiphany season) and the beginning of Lent. The words mean 70th, 60th, and 50th, respectively. These Sundays fall approximately 70, 60, and 50 days before Easter. The names are similar to our English words septuplets, sextuplets, and quintuplets. This year we celebrate all three of the Gesima Sundays. Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, February 22.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

02/12	Sun. 10:30	Worship	9:30	B.Class & S.Sch.
02/19	Sun. 10:30	Worship with COMMUNION	9:30	B.Class & S.Sch.
02/22	ASH WEDNESDAY	6:00 Soup & Sandwich	7:00	Worship
02/26	Sun. 10:30	Worship	9:30	B.Class & S.Sch.

IN OUR PRAYERS: Please keep the Dwight and Debbie Wenner family in your prayers. Debbie's mother, Gloria Cornelius, was called from this life on Friday. May the family find comfort in Jesus.

2023 CLEANING SCHEDULE: Only November and December of 2023 remain open. Thank you volunteers!

SECRETARY'S MINUTES: St. Luke's "incorporation" status with the State of South Dakota lapsed during 2006-2022. The re-instatement process includes presenting minutes of annual voters meetings for those years. However, **minutes from 2009-2014** are not with the church records. Does anyone have any information as to their whereabouts? Please see John Erhardt or Pastor Kanzenbach. Thank you!

HAVE YOU CONSIDERED COLLEGE AT IMMANUEL?

Our Immanuel Lutheran College in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, offers an academically excellent, Christ-centered college education. There are four-year degree programs in Education (B.Science) and in Pre-Theology (B.Arts), as well as a two-year Associate of Arts program. ILC offers a range of student aid to help you finance your college education. If you are considering enrollment this fall, apply by the May 1 deadline to receive priority student-aid consideration. If you are a high school junior or senior (or older) thinking about college, check out our academic and registration information at ILC.edu, or contact Academic Dean, paul.naumann@ilc.edu, or phone (715) 836-6636.

---Prof. Paul Naumann

100TH AT ZION IPSWICH, SD: Zion Lutheran CLC, Ipswich, SD will celebrate its 100th anniversary on Sunday, July 16th, 4:00 pm, at the Leonard Gramm funeral home (old sanctuary). A potluck meal at the Ipswich 4H Building will follow. Zion plans to put together both a picture scrapbook and a memory journal to view and reflect upon Zion's history. If anyone has any written memories or photo memories which they are willing to share, please send them to: Mr. John Rohrbach, 603 Chestnut Ave, Ipswich, SD, 57451. Or email the information, or a photo of the information to: jcrohrbach@yahoo.com. The deadline is June 7th. It would be great to have a good collection of memories! Thank you. ---Pastor Zachary Sippert

CLC OFFICE OF VICE-PRESIDENT: Pastor Del Maas of Mapleton, ND, has been appointed to serve as the new synod vice-president. May the Lord bless his labors!

CLC CALL NEWS:

Pastor Wayne Eichstadt, Spokane, WI, has returned the call to Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI.

Pastor Michael Gurath, Phoenix, AZ, has returned the call to Ascension Lutheran Church, Tacoma, WA, and Redemption Lutheran Church and School, Lynwood, WA.

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