

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

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Ronda Tomac, Organist

March 26, 2023

WELCOME!

"For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil."

---I John 3:8

ORDER OF SERVICE: Hymnal, page 5

Hymn 380 Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ

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

In place of the **Gloria in Excelsis**—**Hymn 375 v. 5**

"If Thy Beloved Son, O God"

EPISTLE: Hebrews 9:11-15 Sins against the Ten Commandments were (are) sins against God's covenant from Mt. Sinai. They anger God. Atonement is needed. Animal sacrifices were offered, but animal blood does not atone for man's sin. Such sacrifices were pictures of the real sacrifice to come. God's own Son would come in the flesh to **give** His holy life and holy blood on the altar of the cross to atone for all man's sin. Jesus was the priest offered Himself. Thereby He established God's new covenant: "*The blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanses us from all sin*" (I John 1:7).

SUNDAY SCHOOL HYMN: Chief of Sinners Though I Be TLH # 342

GOSPEL: John 8:44-59 The opponents of Jesus objected when He said He would free all who put their trust in Him [*He was talking about freedom from sins*]. They charged Jesus with demon-possession. Then Jesus said that those who held to Him would never see death. The enemies again objected--even Abraham and the prophets died! Jesus replied, "Before Abraham was, I AM." Jesus is God! The opponents tried to stone Him.

THE APOSTLES' CREED: Hymnal, page 12.

PASSION HISTORY PART 10 On the Cross

Hymn 157 (melody 2) There Is a Fountain with Blood

SERMON: PSALM 110 : 4

LIKE MELCHIZEDEK !

*The LORD has sworn and will not relent,
“You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.”*

Offering and Offering Prayer
Prayers and Lord’s Prayer

Hymn 376 Rock of Ages

Benediction

Hymn 390 Drawn to the Cross

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THANK YOU: Pastor Neal Radichel extends his thanks for the well wishes and payers. He continues to improve.

THANK YOU: Pastor John Hein has received a good report, better than first expected. He extends his thanks for the well wishes and prayers.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

03/29 Wed. 7:00 Worship Midweek LENT 6 6:00 Soup & Sandwich

04/02 Sun. 10:30 **PALM SUNDAY**
Worship with COMMUNION 9:30 B.Class & S.Sch

04/06 Thu. 7:00 **MAUNDY THURSDAY**
Worship with COMMUNION

04/07 Fri. 12:10 **GOOD FRIDAY** Worship

04/09 Sun. 8:00 **EASTER – Early Worship**
9:00 **Breakfast**
10:30 **EASTER – Festival Worship**

EASTER BREALFAST: The group that met last Sunday after church agreed to try a “potluck breakfast” this year. Bring any breakfast items you wish, such as boiled eggs, egg bake, sausages, rolls, donuts, cereal and milk, juice, etc. Thank you.

CHURCH CLEANING:

April--Connie H. Laurie H. Lou Ann B. We appreciate your labors!

CALL NEWS: *Calvary Lutheran*, Marquette, MI, has requested the assignment of a pastor graduate from Immanuel Lutheran Seminary.

“HOLY” WEEK---PALM SUNDAY THROUGH EASTER SUNDAY:

Normally we think of the word "holy" as meaning "sinless and pure." The root of the Hebrew word means "set apart or separate." God is holy--He is separate, set apart from this world, without sin. The world was created holy--set apart, separate for God, sinless. The Bible is holy--a book different from all others, set apart, separate, for God, true and without error.

The week before Easter is likewise “holy,” a week set apart for God. We ponder our Savior's great love for us. He paid the highest possible price for the forgiveness of our sins and un-holiness. His great resurrection from the grave proclaims His and our victory over sin and death. A very special week!

“PALM” SUNDAY: The name “Palm Sunday” is easy to understand. Jesus entered Jerusalem riding on a humble donkey, and the crowds honored Him, scattering palm branches and coats on the road. They also shouted “Hosanna! to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!” They recognized that Jesus was the One God had promised to send and thus was coming in the Father’s Name. The prophets said He would be a descendant of King David, an heir to the throne of Israel. “Hosanna!”—“Come Save Us Now!”] We also, adults and children, welcome Jesus into our hearts on Palm Sunday. In some Lutheran congregations, there has been a long standing custom that youth confirmation takes place on Palm Sunday.

“MAUNDY” THURSDAY: The name “Maundy Thursday” is a most unusual name. The name is sometimes thought to be Monday Thursday or Maun-day Thursday. Neither is correct. The word is “maundy.” It comes from Latin “mandatum,” meaning “command.” Related English words are “mandatory, mandate, command.” It may have first been applied to the Thursday of Holy Week because of Jesus’ words to His disciples, “A new commandment I give you, that you love one another.” Or perhaps it was because of Jesus’ words of institution of the Lord’s Supper, “Take eat. Take drink. Do this in remembrance of Me.” In either case, a very special day.

“GOOD” FRIDAY : Is “Bad” Friday perhaps a better name for the day Jesus died? Not at all! The day of Jesus’ death was the day full payment for our sins was made. The day is our great day of salvation--truly a “Good” Friday. Good Friday is sometimes confused with “Black Friday.” Black Friday is the shopping day after Thanksgiving on which massive amounts of merchandise are sold to put businesses into good financial position for the year—in the “black”—instead of being financially short, in the “red.” The name “Good” Friday far surpasses “Bad” Friday and “Black” Friday.

“EASTER” SUNDAY: There are those who maintain that the name “Easter” comes from the name of a Germanic goddess *Oster*, the goddess of the Dawn or East (“Ost” in German is “East”). Oster’s festival was observed every spring. The conjecture is that early German Christians, when celebrating the resurrection of Jesus in spring, kept the name of the pagan festival and applied it to the Christian holiday. Thus some consider the name “Easter” a degrading name for Christ’s Resurrection. On the other hand, if God has bent the name of a false deity and made it into the label for the celebration of the Resurrection of the Savior—then it stands for the very defeat of Satan’s kingdom—how amazing!

There is a second possible explanation for the origin of the name “Easter.” Martin Luther, in his German New Testament, translated the word “Passover” as “*Oster*”—equivalent of our English *Easter*. We do not know his reasoning for calling Passover “Oster.” Perhaps it was that on the night of the first Passover, the Israelites received their freedom from slavery in Egypt, left the land, and entered the “dawn, the “east,” of a new day. They were headed to the Promised Land! Thus perhaps Luther was calling Passover Festival---“*Dawn*,” “*New Day*” “*Of the East*,” Festival. We don’t know. However, “Dawn” is exactly what Jesus’ Resurrection is for us! He rose from the grave of sin and death and entered into the “dawn” of a new day of glory. His rising means the same for us. Through Him we rise to new spiritual life now, and on the last day new physical life in the Promised Land of Heaven! Indeed a New Day, a Dawn Day, an East-er!

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