

ST. LUKE'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

200 11th Street East, Lemmon, SD 57638

Church of the Lutheran Confession (CLC)

Richard Kanzenbach, Pastor

20TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

October 22, 2023

Ericka Wiechmann

10:30 am

Organist

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN 41 Wondrous King, All Glorious!

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Amen!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SINS:

I John 1:7---2:2 (KJV)

P: The blood of Jesus Christ His Son

C: Cleanses us from all sin.

P: If we say that we have no sin,

C: We deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

P: If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins,

C: And to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: If we say that we have not sinned,

C: We make Him a liar, and His Word is not in us.

P: My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate [spokesman] with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous,

C: And He is the propitiation [payment] for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

HYMN 324 vv. 7-8 Jesus Sinners Doth Receive.

EPISTLE: Ephesians 5:15-21 The Lord has raised us to new life in Christ. He has rescued us from the darkness and punishment of sin. *Therefore, live a life devoted to Him!* Put away drunkenness and the corruption that goes with it. Be gentle. Be filled with the Holy Spirit. Make music in your heart to the Lord!

GOSPEL Matthew 22:1-14 In the parable of the Wedding Banquet, Jesus points out that oftentimes people who know better squander their opportunities to be part of His feast of forgiveness and eternal life. They are busy with other things. They carelessly disdain the banquet, Christ and forgiveness are not significant for them. The displeasure of the Lord awaits. Then, there are those who think they are able to enter His banquet, on their own terms, without the special garment of forgiveness that He provides. They think they are quite acceptable the way they are. They too are shown the door, and more.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

HYMN 243 Oh That I Had a Thousand Voices!

SERMON: Matthew 21:28-32

GOD AND THE YES-MAN

[Jesus speaking] *But what do you think? A man had two sons, and he came to the first and said, Son, go, work today in my vineyard. He answered and said, I will not. But afterward he regretted it and went. Then he came to the second and said likewise. And he answered and said, I go, sir! But he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father? They said to Him, The first. Jesus said to them, Assuredly, I say to you that tax collectors and harlots enter the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him; but tax collectors and harlots believed him. And when you saw it, you did not afterward relent and believe him.*

HYMN 283 (No Create in Me) God's Word Is Our Great Heritage!

Offering and Offering Prayer

PRAYER and LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN 381 Blessed Are the Sons of God!

Closing Prayer

BENEDICTION

HYMN 655 I Pray Thee, Dear Lord Jesus, My Heart to Keep and Train!

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

- Today 10:30 Worship
 9:30 Sunday School and Bible Class
12:00 Meal
1:00 Quarterly Voters Meeting
- 10/29 REFORMATION SUNDAY
10:30 Worship
 9:30 Sunday School and Bible Class
6:00 (*Central Time*) Joint Area Reformation Service, Jamestown, ND,
Meal to follow.
- 10/30 9:00 Pastors Study Group, Jamestown
- 11/5 **10:30 MISSION FESTIVAL** Worship
 9:30 Sunday School and Bible Class
12:00 Potluck Meal
1:00 Live Video Presentation with Missionary Bruce Naumann,
serving in Tanzania, Africa.

IN OUR PRAYERS:

- Edward Larson—His maladies continue.
--Tina Eichstadt, wife of Pastor Wayne Eichstadt, Spokane Valley, WA—
Has returned home! Thank you, Lord!

YOUR OPINION ON NEXT SUMMER'S WORSHIP TIME:

Please share/express your opinion, thoughts, suggestions regarding switching service time next summer from 9:30 to 10:30. You need not sign. Deposit the slip in the box in the entry area. The box will be out for several weeks. Thank you!

CALL NEWS:

- Pastor Terrel Kesterson**, Batavia, IL, has returned the call to Calvary Lutheran of Marquette, MI, and St. Peter's Lutheran of Iron River, MI.
Pastor Luke Bernthal, Mt. View, CA, has received the call to Immanuel Lutheran of Mankato, MN.
Pastor David Reim, Vernon, British Columbia, has received the call to Calvary Lutheran of Marquette, MI, and St. Peter's Lutheran of Iron River, MI.

NOVEMBER CHURCH CLEANING:

- Kerry C. 5th and 12th Autumn W. 19th and 26th.
Your labors are much appreciated!

ST. LUKE'S ON THE WEB:

For live videos of our service (streamed) on Facebook. Go to:

<https://www.facebook.com/lemmonlutheran>

For St. Luke's webpage, go to <https://lemmon.clclutheran.org/>. Bulletins, sermons, and videos of services are available there.. Also available are St. Luke's contact info., location, schedule, beliefs, etc.

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