

ST. LUKE'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

200 11th Street East, Lemmon, SD 57638

Church of the Lutheran Confession (CLC)

Richard Kanzenbach, Pastor

23RD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

November 12, 2023

Ericka Wiechmann

10:30 am

Organist

HYMN 743 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SINS:

Luke 18:9-14

P: Also He spoke this parable to some who trusted in themselves

C: That they were righteous, and despised others:

P: Two men went up to the temple to pray,

C: One a Pharisee and the other a tax collector.

P: The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself:

C: "God, I thank You that I am not like other men—

P: Extortioners, unjust,

C: Adulterers, or even as this tax collector.

P: I fast twice a week;

C: I give tithes of all that I possess."

P: And the tax collector, standing afar off,

C: Would not so much as raise *his* eyes to heaven,

P: But beat his breast, saying,

C: "God, be merciful to me a sinner!"

P: I tell you, this man went down to his house justified

C: Rather than the other;

P: For everyone who exalts himself

C: Will be humbled,

P: And he who humbles himself

C: Will be exalted.

HYMN 324 vv. 1, 7 Jesus Sinners Doth Receive

1. Jesus sinners doth receive:
Oh, may all this saying ponder
Who in sin's delusions live
And from God and heaven wander!
Here is hope for all who grieve—
Jesus sinners doth receive!

7. Now my conscience is at peace,
From the Law I stand acquitted;
Christ hath purchased my release
And my every sin remitted!
Naught remains my soul to grieve—
Jesus sinners doth receive! Amen

EPISTLE: Philippians 1:3-11. Paul was in prison for preaching Christ. There he found great joy in considering how the believers at Philippi were his partners in preaching the Gospel! He prayed that their love for Christ would grow, and that they would be found “blameless” when Christ returns. Such is every pastor’s prayer!

Psalm 66, p.37 “Make a Joyful Shout to God!”

GOSPEL: Matthew 18:21-35

How can it be that we, who have been forgiven so much by our God, are not always ready to forgive those who sin against us? In Jesus’ parable of The Unforgiving Servant, the debts of two debtors are compared. The first owed 10,000 talents of silver (the talent was a measure of silver by weight.) One talent was enough to make about 6,000 denarius coins. The second man owed one hundred denarius coins (one denarius was worth a day’s wage). To compare the two amounts is striking. Assume a stack of one hundred denarius coins stands **ten inches** high. If so, then 10,000 of denarius coins—get this—would stand **ninety-four miles** high! Dumbfounding!

The big stack is the debt of sin we owe to God. God forgives for Jesus’ sake. The little stack is the debt of sin another owes to us, which we struggle to forgive. Get the point? In our hearts, the sinful, proud, arrogant Old Adam, the inborn sinful nature in us, fights against forgiving others. The New Man of faith in Christ our Savior willingly forgives those who sin against us.

THE APOSTLES’ CREED

HYMN 798 God, We Praise You!

SERMON: ACTS 20:28-32

THE FLOCK PURCHASED WITH HIS BLOOD

Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood. For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves. Therefore watch, and remember that for three years I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears. So now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

Offering and Offering Prayer

PRAYER and LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN 780 Dear Lord, to Your True Servants Give!

Closing Prayer

BENEDICTION

HYMN 577 God, Bless Our Native land!

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

11/19 Sun. 10:30 Worship with COMMUNION 9:30 Sun.Sch. & B.Class
11:45 SPECIAL VOTERS MEETING -- AED device
11/23 Thu. **10:00 THANKSGIVING WORSHIP**
10/26 Sun. 10:30 Worship 9:30 Sun.Sch. & B.Class

IN OUR PRAYERS—Edward Larson

Edward has been temporarily discharged from Mayo because there have been no seizures the past three days. Phil, Erica, and Edward are staying in Rochester in order to re-admit Edward quickly when the next “cluster” of seizures begin.

AED PRESENTATIOJN TODAY: All are invited and encouraged to stay after service a few minutes for Lou Ann to demonstrate the operation of an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED device. St. Luke's has an opportunity to purchase a unit. The cost is about \$1800.00.

SPECIAL VOTERS MEETING: Next Sunday (11/19/23) after worship a special Voters Meeting will be held to decide whether to purchase an AED device. The cost is approximately \$1800.00.

CHURCH CLEANING: *Thank you, Ladies!*

November 5 and 12---Kerry C. 19 and 26---Autumn W.

December- 3 and 10---Katie W. 17---Jodi L. 24---open

VETERANS DAY, NOVEMBER 11: We honor those who have served in our armed forces, defending our nation and allies, protecting us from those seeking to bring us harm. For this we thank our Lord! We likewise thank the Lord for our very land and nation. May our leaders provide the peace and security that allow the Gospel of forgiveness in Christ to be proclaimed. May our citizens honor and respect those whom God has placed in positions of authority over us.

AN OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE: The Human Services Center at Yankton,(operated by the South Dakota Department of Social Services), is seeking donors to help provide gifts and treats at Christmas for patients at the Human Services Center. *“Many of our clients will be missing time with family members and in an unfamiliar hospital setting, so we try very hard to make them feel as comfortable as possible during the Holiday Season. Be assured 100% of all donations will be given to our patient population.”* A list of acceptable items is posted in the entrance. Or monetary gifts may be sent, payable to “HSC Patient Benefit Fund,” memo line “Christmas Donation.” If possible, mail by December 6: . Thank you.

Mail to: Christa Castle, Support Services Coordinator
Human Services Center
3515 Broadway Avenue
PO Box 7600
Yankton, SD 57078-7600

NOVEMBER 10, LUTHER’S BIRTH and A WORLD OF CHANGE:

On November 10, 1483, Martin Luther was born to Hans and Margareta Luther in Eisleben, Saxony, Germany. He was baptized on November 11 at St. Peter and Paul Church. He was named “Martin” in honor of St. Martin’s Day, November 11.

Looking at the world view: In about 1450 Johannes Gutenberg developed movable type for printing presses, which meant easy and quick printing. Christopher Columbus was already alive. He would “discover America” in 1492. Ferdinand Magellan was born about the same time as Luther. He would lead a sailing expedition around the world, taking three years from 1519 to 1522. (Of his five ships, only one returned. Magellan himself was killed in the Philippines.)

Martin Luther lived and labored during a time of great change in the world! The Lord used Martin Luther to bring an even greater and more precious change—a return in the church to the preaching of forgiveness of sins and eternal life through faith in Christ alone, our crucified and risen Savior, Son of God and Son of Man.

Indeed, we thank the Lord for His direction of all human events for the sake of the preaching of the Gospel to souls everywhere. We are confident He continues to hold world events in His hand today.