

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

TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

Last Sunday after Epiphany

Ruth Wiechmann, organist

January 21, 2024

WELCOME!

“As the heavens are high above the earth, so great is His mercy toward those who fear Him. As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us.”

---Psalm 103:11-12

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Kneeling or standing? It is customary for communicants to kneel at the altar rail when receiving Communion. This is not a command from the Lord. It is a heartfelt display of humility before the Lord--sinners seeking forgiveness from the Lord who gave His life for them. Those individuals who are physically unable to kneel need not feel like misfits. It is not a command from the Lord. In some congregations there is no means provided for anyone to kneel, and all stand. One situation in which not kneeling is a problem is this: when the individual in pride and defiance will not humble his heart before the Lord. maybe even while kneeling his posture. The Lord sees such rebellion.

ORDER OF SERVICE:

Supplement, page 12 with Holy Communion.

Hymn 764 God of Grace, and God of Glory!

EPISTLE: II Peter 1:16-21 Peter spoke of the majesty of Jesus, which he himself witnessed on the mountain of Transfiguration. Peter saw Jesus' glory; he heard the Father speak. Indeed, Jesus was the Son of God! The prophets of the Old Testament had also born witness that the Promised One, the Savior, would be true and glorious God. Heed these witnesses!

PSALM 84, page 38 How Lovely Is Your Tabernacle!

GOSPEL: John 2:1-11 Jesus, true man, was also true God. His divine nature shined through every miracle. His first miracle was changing water into wine for a wedding couple. Thus He manifested/displayed His glory!

NICENE CREED: Supplement, page 5

Hymn 244 Glory Be to God the Father, Glory Be to God the Son!

SERMON: LUKE 9:28-36

JESUS' GLORY AND YOURS

Now it came to pass, about eight days after these sayings, that He took Peter, John, and James and went up on the mountain to pray. As He prayed, the appearance of His face was altered, and His robe became white and glistening. And behold, two men talked with Him, who were Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of His decease which He was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.

But Peter and those with him were heavy with sleep; and when they were fully awake, they saw His glory and the two men who stood with Him. Then it happened, as they were parting from Him, that Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; and let us make three^l tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said.

While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were fearful as they entered the cloud. And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My beloved Son. Hear Him!" When the voice had ceased, Jesus was found alone. But they kept quiet, and told no one in those days any of the things they had seen.

OFFERING

PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER

Hymn 135 'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here!

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

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 305 Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness!

Verse of Thanksgiving, page 21: Please sing Hymn 315:11 in place of 315:15.

BENEDICTION

Hymn 359 Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies!

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SCHEDULE, God Willing:

- 1/28 10:30 Worship 9:30 Sunday School and Bible Class
12:00 Potluck Meal. All invited!
1:00 ANNUAL VOTERS MEETING
- 2/4 10:30 Worship with COMMUNION 9:30 S. Sch. and Bible Class
- 2/11 10:30 Worship 9:30 Sunday School and Bible Class
- 2/14 ASH WEDNESDAY—LENT BEGINS
6:00 Soup and Sandwich Supper
7:00 Worship in church basement

VOTERS MEETING: NEXT SUNDAY, 1/28/24:

4th Quarter Meeting (Oct-Nov-Dec reports), and Annual Meeting (2023 reports))
Meeting begins at 1:00. Potluck meal will be served at noon. You are invited.

BELC CYCLONE AID: In early December, Cyclone Michaung struck the eastern coast of India and damaged and flooded churches of the BELC as well as the Martin Luther Bible School (MLBS), the pastor training center. Eleven of the fourteen districts of the BELC were affected. A total of 55 churches, as well as the MLBS, were damaged by the cyclone and are in need of repair. The Board of Missions has approved \$12,000 of disaster relief to be sent from Kinship to assist with building repair and reconstruction. Please remember our brethren of the BELC in your prayers, and consider supporting this effort through offerings to Kinship.

ILC TOUR CHOIR: For many years the ILC Tour Choir has been granted a special rate for using a charter bus during their yearly tour in holding concerts at various CLC congregations. This year that rate is being discontinued. After comparing the cost of using various bus companies, the common rate would be approximately \$11,000 higher than expected for budgetary reasons. Normally an offering is collected during the tour which will still happen. But this year CLC President Michael Wilke is authorizing this synod-wide announcement to allow others to share in their support of the Tour Choir. This offering would help offset the extra expense needed for the bus. Therefore, if members of CLC congregations wish to support this, please designate your offering to "ILC Tour Choir."

CLC MISSION NEWS AND PRAYER LIST: Please see today's insert.

CALL NEWS:

Mr. Dan Roehl has been called to replace retiring Professor Mark Kranz, at ILC, Eau Claire, WI.

Pastor Aaron Ude, Rapid City, SD has returned the call from Immanuel Lutheran in Mankato, MN.

Teacher Ann Sprengeler, Markesan, WI, will retire at the end of the current school year.

OLD SPIRAL BOUND SUPPLEMENTS: Several old Supplement copies are still available for your taking. See the box in the main entry or the countertop in the basement. Thank you.

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, confession of faith, etc.

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