

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

Autumn Wiechmann, organist

March 17, 2024

WELCOME!

If any man sin, we have an Advocate [spokesman] with the Father, Jesus Christ the Righteous. And He is the Propitiation [peace offering] for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. ---I John 2:1-2

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT

I thank and praise You, almighty, everlasting Father, for Your divine tenderness and love, for You have again given me grace to receive the holy body and the precious blood of Your only Son, Jesus Christ, my Lord. I humbly ask that You fill me with the power of Your Holy Spirit so that through this sacrament which I have received with the mouth of my body, I may by faith ever retain the treasure of Your grace imparted to me in this sacrament—the forgiveness of sins, oneness with Christ, and eternal life. Grant that Your grace enables me to walk steadfastly in the footsteps of my Lord Jesus Christ never doubting that at the last You will give to me and to all that bear the cross for His sake the crown of everlasting life. Hear me, Heavenly Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ, my Lord and Savior. Amen!

ORDER OF SERVICE:

Supplement, page 12 with Holy Communion.

Hymn 149 Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain!

EPISTLE: Hebrews 9:11-15 Sins against the Ten Commandments 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 but 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 sins of man. Jesus was the priest who 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).

PSALM 51, page 28: Have Mercy upon Me, O God!

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. The opponents missed the point. They charged Jesus with demon-possession. Then Jesus said that *those who held to Him would never see death*. The enemies again objected, for even great Abraham and the prophets had died! Jesus replied, “*Before Abraham was, I AM.*” implying He was God! The opponents were beside themselves. They attempted to stone Him.

NICENE CREED: Supplement, page 5

PASSION HISTORY READING: Part 10 of 12.
Jesus Suffers on the Cross

Hymn 153 Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted

SERMON: Exodus 20:16 (8th COMMANDMENT)
DON'T “SMEAR” NAMES
You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

*V. 2 I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt,
out of the house of bondage*

V. 3 You shall have no other gods before Me.

V. 7 You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.

V. 8 Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.

V. 12 Honor your father and your mother.

V. 13 You shall not murder.

V. 14 You shall not commit adultery.

V. 15 You shall not steal.

V. 16 You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

V/ 17 You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

*You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, workers, or
animals, or anything that is your neighbor's.*

OFFERING

PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER

Hymn 490 from the Christian Worship hymnal (see insert please)
“Love in Christ Is Strong and Living”

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 163 The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord

BENEDICTION

Hymn 151 v. 5 Christ, the Life of All the Living!

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SCHEDULE, GOD WILLING:

SPECIAL LENT AND EASTER SERVICES:

Wednesday Lent 6	3/20	5:30 Worship	6:30 Soup/Sandwich Supper
Palm Sunday	3/24	10:30 Worship	9:30 Sun. Sch. and Bible Class
Maundy Thursday	3/28	7:00 Worship with Holy Communion	
Good Friday	3/29	12:10 Worship	
Easter Sunday	3/31	8:00 Worship	
		9:00 Breakfast	
		10:30 Worship	

EASTER BREAKFAST: The “potluck breakfast” worked well last year. We will follow that plan again this year. Bring any breakfast items you wish, such as boiled eggs, egg bake, sausages, rolls, donuts, cereal and milk, juice, etc. as you please. Thank you.

“PALM” SUNDAY: The name “Palm Sunday” is easy to understand. Jesus entered Jerusalem riding on a humble donkey. The crowds honored Him, scattering palm branches and their cloaks on the road. They shouted, “Hosanna! to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!” They realized Jesus was the One God had promised to send, now coming in the Father’s Name. The prophets had also said He would be a descendant of King David, an heir to the throne of Israel. “Hosanna!”—“Come Save Us, Now!” We too welcome Jesus to our hearts on Palm Sunday!

“HOLY” WEEK----PALM SUNDAY TO 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." Thus, God is holy--He is separate, set apart from this world, without sin. This world was created holy--set apart, separate for God, sinless. The Bible is holy--a book different from all others, set apart, separated for God's message, true and without error.

The week before Easter is likewise called "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 un-holiness and sins. His great resurrection from the grave proclaims His and our victory over sin and death. A very special week!

NEW DOOR: The new exterior side door (office door) for the church was installed this past week. The framing of the old door was rotting; nor did it seal well. The new has a window. This door has come from the Robert Reiger memorial gifts. We thank the Rieger family.

CLC CALL NEWS: March 10—16, 2024

Pastor Chad Seybt, Fairchild, Onalaska, Millston, and Melrose, WI (quad parish) has received and has returned the calls to St. Peter's, Iron River and Calvary, Marquette, MI.

Teacher Levi Schaller, Fridley, MN, has accepted the call to Messiah Lutheran School, Hales Corners, WI.

Teacher Matthew Kranz, Mankato, MN, has returned the call to Messiah, Eau Claire, WI, to teach 5th- 6th grade and serve as assistant principal.

Mr. Caleb Noeldner, Washington, has been called by Messiah, Eau Claire, to teach 5th-6th and serve as assistant principal.

Teacher Neil Bernthal, Winter Haven, FL, has returned the call from Luther Memorial School, Fond du Lac, WI.

IN OUR PRAYERS: Retired pastor and professor David Lau has been diagnosed with cancer. Pastor Lau has been very active in his retirement, producing materials for the CLC in general and the various seminaries in our overseas missions. We pray that the Lord grant physical strength and healing according to His will in Christ and that He grant strength of faith in our crucified and risen Jesus, Savior from sin and death eternal.

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