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

3RD SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

Ruth Wiechmann, organist

April 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

What if . . . ? What if a wafter or part of a wafer, drops to the floor? What if the wine spills or drips to the floor? Has the body and blood of the Lord been despised? This we know--when the communicant receives the bread and the wine his mouth, the body and blood of the Lord are also present. The words of Communion say so. The Bible says nothing more. Regarding any that falls to the floor, we have no support that it is more than bread and wine. Even if some should be accidentally expelled from out of the mouth, we cannot say whether the body and the blood are also expelled. Therefore it is wise not to burden the heart with matters beyond our understanding. HOWEVER, if such action is done intentionally—with malice and spite—that is another matter. Such action despises and desecrates the body and blood of the Lord, regardless of whether any reaches the floor.

ORDER OF SERVICE:

Supplement, page 12 with Holy Communion.

Hymn 733 This Joyful Eastertide!

EPISTLE: I Peter 2:9-20 Believers in Christ are God's special people. They are strangers and pilgrims on earth, traveling through this world on their way to heaven. Even in "evil" circumstances, give praise to the Lord. 1) Submit to those who rule over you. 2) Do not misuse your freedom in Christ. 3) Do not use your freedom as a cover-up for sin. 4) Be careful not to give the unbelievers an opportunity to mock the Lord—because of you.

PSALM 8, page 27 O Lord, Our Lord!

GOSPEL: John 21:1-14 After Jesus rose from the dead, He appeared to His disciples at various times and places. In one instance, the disciples had returned to fishing on the Sea of Galilee. They fished all night without success. In the morning, Jesus was on the shore, but they did not recognize Him. He told them to cast their net on the other side of the boat. They were immediately granted an enormous catch of fish! Then they recognized Him, came to shore, and ate breakfast with Him. --- Through Jesus' blessing, the disciples had been given success. Through Jesus' blessing granted in the future, their preaching of the Word would also succeed. Both are true for us as well.

NICENE CREED: Supplement, page 5

Hymn 735 Long before the World Is Waking!

SERMON: MARK 2: 18-22

LIFE IN CHRIST DOES NOT FIT WITH LIFE APART FROM CHRIST

The disciples of John and of the Pharisees were fasting. Then they came and said to Him, "Why do the disciples of John and of the Pharisees fast, but Your disciples do not fast?"

And Jesus said to them, "Can the friends of the bridegroom fast while the bridegroom is with them? As long as they have the bridegroom with them they cannot fast. But the days will come when the bridegroom will be taken away from them, and then they will fast in those days.

No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old garment; or else the new piece pulls away from the old, and the tear is made worse.

And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; or else the new wine bursts the wineskins, the wine is spilled, and the wineskins are ruined. But new wine must be put into new wineskins."

OFFERING

PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER

Hymn 613 Jerusalem, the Golden!

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 207 Like the Golden Sun Ascending!

BENEDICTION

Hymn 309 O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee!

SCHEDULE, GOD WILLING:

4/28 10:30 Worship 9:30 Sunday School and Bible Class.

12:00 Potluck Meal

1:00 **Quarterly** Voters Meeting (covering January 1 – March 31)

5/05 10:30 Worship with COMMUNION 9:30 Sun. Sch. & Bible Class

REMINDER FOR SUMMER: The summer worship time remains at 10:30.

INFO. FOR FALL: The 2024 CLC Women's Retreat West, under the theme "Be Encouraged," will be held Friday, September 13 -- Sunday, September 15, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Bismarck. More information plus registration details will be forthcoming. You may also go to womensretreat.clclutheran.net for updates. Thank you.

CHUCH DRAIN LINE: This past week a new drain line was installed from the church to the "main" under 11th Street. All went well.

CALL NEWS

Seminary Graduate Paul Agenten has accepted the calls from St. Peter's, Iron River, MI, and Calvary, Marquette, MI.

Pastor David Ude, Appleton, WI, has been called to Grace Lutheran, Sleepy Eye, and Faith Lutheran, New Ulm, MN.

Ann Sprengeler has accepted the call from Grace Lutheran, Valentine, NE, to teach lower grades from August through December 2024.

Teacher Katie Naumann, Winter Haven, FL, has returned the call to Luther Memorial, Fond du Lac, WI.

Teacher Mathew Kranz, Mankato, MN, has been called to Berea Lutheran School, Inver Grove Heights. MN.

Teacher Neil Bernthal, Winter Haven FL, has been called to Messiah Lutheran School, Eau Claire, WI.

Blair Sydow, member of Holy Trinity, has received a one-year call to teach the upper grades at Holy Trinity, West Columbia, SC.

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.