

# ST. LUKE'S EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH

10:30 a.m.

200 11<sup>th</sup> Street E.

Lemmon, SD 57638

*We are affiliated with the Church of the Lutheran Confession (CLC)*

*Richard Kanzenbach*

*Pastor*

## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Easter

Autumn Wiechmann, organist

May 5, 2024

### **WELCOME!**

*He who hears My Word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life* —John 5:24

### **THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

The word *communion* is related to the word *community*—that is, “many together as one.” This building is in the *community* of Lemmon. The word “communion” is also used in the Apostles’ Creed to refer to the one group of all who trust in Christ for forgiveness and heaven—that is, the Holy Christian Church, or the *Communion* of Saints (believers). Also the Sacrament of the Altar is called *Communion* because it brings sinners together into a precious oneness with Christ the Savior. By a miracle beyond our understanding, He grants to each partaker the very purchase price of their rescue/redemption—His true body and His true blood. We are safe! To be in one with Jesus, the Lamb or God offered for our sins, is a most blessed *Communion*.

### **ORDER OF SERVICE:** Hymnal, page 15

**Hymn 726** Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain of Triumphant Gladness!

On page 17: **The Kyrie** is read by the pastor.

**Hymn 189** in place of the **Gloria in Excelsis**.

“He Is Arisen! Glorious Word!”

**EPISTLE: James 1:22-27.** The Word of God is like a mirror. It does not lie. It reflects the truth—that is, we are unacceptable sinners. Another truth—we sinners are forgiven in Christ! Free! We are now **at liberty** to serve God willingly, without compulsion. Willingly bridle your tongue, care for orphans, care for widows, and avoid the moral pollutions of this world !

**GOSPEL: John 16:5-14** The disciples were sad to hear that Jesus was departing. They did not grasp that He was departing *to heaven*, as the victorious Savior! In victory He would send the Holy Spirit, the Counselor, to uplift them. The Holy Spirit would help them bear witness to the Truth. The Holy Spirit convicts the world—pronounces the world guilty—of sin. He also proclaims the world righteous in Christ. He passes judgment against Satan. The same Holy Spirit guides and blesses the church today!

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**Hymn 205** The Day of Resurrection! Earth, Tell It Out Abroad!

**SERMON: Luke 18:1-8**

### **PRAY TO YOUR FATHER IN EVERY NEED!**

*Then He spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart, saying: "There was in a certain city a judge who did not fear God nor regard man. Now there was a widow in that city; and she came to him, saying, Get justice for me from my adversary. And he would not for a while; but afterward he said within himself, Though I do not fear God nor regard man, yet because this widow troubles me I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me."*

*Then the Lord said, Hear what the unjust judge said. And shall God not avenge His own elect who cry out day and night to Him, though He bears long with them? I tell you that He will avenge them speedily.*

OFFERING and OFFERING PRAYER:

### **PRAYERS**

**Hymn 456** Approach My Soul the Mercy Seat!

### **THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**VISITORS**, *please note that our congregation does not practice "open" communion. Communion is an expression of oneness with the Lord and also oneness in faith and teaching with each other. Differences in Bible doctrine do separate. Therefore, we have a "close-knit" communion practice. Respectfully we ask that only members of St. Luke's and sister CLC congregations come forward. Be assured, we are not judging your heart or your faith in Jesus. God knows the heart. For questions, please visit with the pastor. Thank you.*

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION:

**Distribution Hymn 206** Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense!

Benediction

**Hymn 315 v. 11** I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table!

**IN OUR PRAYERS:** Luther Schoon, who has returned home from Hettinger Hospital.

**SCHEDULE, God Willing:**

5/09 (Thursday) ASCENSION DAY -- no worship

5/12 ASCENSION SUNDAY + Mothers Day

10:30 Worship 9:30 Sunday School and Bible Class.

5/19 PENTECOST

10:30 Worship with COMMUNION 9:30 S.Sch. and Bible Class.

5/26 TRINITY SUNDAY

10:30 Worship 9:30 Sunday School and Bible Class.

**SUMMER WORSHIP:** This summer worship time remains at **10:30.**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Ends for the season on May 26.

**SUMMER BIBLE CLASS:** If any wishes to continue the 9:30 Sunday Bible Class into the summer, please let the pastor know. You need not be a current attender. Come for the summer!

**REPORT FROM VOTERS MEETING, 4-28-24:**

6 voters present, 1 pastor, 1 guest

Pastor's Report: Baptism: Raven Ariellas Fischer, private 3-9-24

Birth: Ella Larson, baptism pending

Sunday School: Ends 5-26-24

Quarterly Finances and Funds: Reports available in the church entry.

Auditor's Report: Financial books in order. Thank you Anthony L.

Church Mailboxes: Being re-labeled soon.

Church Lawn: Work needed around belltower and over new drain line.

Calendar for May-June-July Approved: Copies on bulletin table.

Preliminary thoughts on: Communion with common cup

Doors at basement entry

**VOTERS' ITEMS AVAILABLE ON BULLETIN TABLE:**

---Voters Agenda, and Pastor's Quarterly Report

---Treasurer's Reports

---May-June-July Calendar

**OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE AS LAY-DELEGATE:** St. Luke's may send two lay-delegates to each. See Pastor Kanzenbach. Thank you.

Pastors+Delegates Conference, 5/21-23, Valentine, NE  
Synod Convention, 6/20-23, ILC campus, Eau Claire, WI

**CLC CALL NEWS:**

*Mrs. Laura Wales* has accepted the call to be part-time Kindergarten teacher at Grace Lutheran in Fridley, MN, her current congregation.

*Teacher Dan Barthels*, Gethsemane, Saginaw, MI, has announced his retirement at the end of this school year.

**TEACHER CALLS:** Three of the teacher vacancies in CLC classrooms for this fall have been filled. We thank the Lord and pray for His love, and guidance in filling the remainder.

**RETIREMENT RECOGNITION:** Professor Mark Kranz' faithful years of serve service to our church body and to Immanuel Lutheran College will be acknowledged during the ILC Class Day/Graduation festivities on May 17-18. Our custom is to present a monetary gift as a token of our appreciation. CLC members are invited to contribute to this gift which will be presented to him at Graduation (May 18). Please make your checks payable to Immanuel Lutheran College and indicate: "Prof. Kranz Retirement." Send your gift to: Immanuel Lutheran College, 501 Grover Road, Eau Claire, WI 54701. Thank you.

--Pastor John Hein, Board President

**JEDAIAH GANTT GRADUATION:** St. Luke's has received Jedaiah's graduation photo and information. Photo and address are posted on the entry bulletin board. (6170 Central Hill Church Road, Loganville, GA 309052). We wish him the Savior's blessings!

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