

ST. LUKE'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

200 11th Street East, Lemmon, SD 57638

Church of the Lutheran Confession (CLC)

Richard Kanzenbach, Pastor

4TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

June 23, 2024

Autumn Wiechmann

10:30 am

Organist

LAY – READER SERVICE

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN 545 The Morning Sun Is Brightly Beaming!

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Amen!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SINS:

I John 1:7---2:2 (KJV)

P: The blood of Jesus Christ His Son

C: Cleanses us from all sin.

P: If we say that we have no sin,

C: We deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

P: If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins,

C: And to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: If we say that we have not sinned,

C: We make Him a liar, and His Word is not in us.

P: My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate [spokesman] with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous,

C: And He is the propitiation [payment] for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

HYMN 279 Today Thy Mercy Calls Us

EPISTLE: ROMANS 8:18-23 SUMMARY -- The sufferings of this present life are not worth comparing with the bliss of heaven. The created world itself suffers from the effects of sin and awaits the glorious day of man's final rescue.

GOSPEL: Luke 6:36-42 SUMMARY -- Jesus teaches that “judging,” *self-righteous judging*, is always wrong. It puts others down to lift “self” up. --- But godly judging is different. The Bible teaches Christians to make godly judgments every day—to recognize sin as “sin” and to call sin “sin,” to stay away from “sin” and to instruct others to depart from “sin.” Such action does not put others down, but in love leads them to repentance, forgiveness in Jesus, and new life before God.

THE APOSTLES’ CREED

HYMN 427 vv. 1-4 How Firm a Foundation, Ye Saints of the Lord!

SERMON: GENESIS 15:1-15

WHEN THINGS WEIGH HEAVY ON YOUR HEART

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying, “Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your exceedingly great reward.”

But Abram said, “Lord God, what will You give me, seeing I go childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” Then Abram said, “Look, You have given me no offspring; indeed one born in my house is my heir!”

And behold, the word of the LORD came to him, saying, “This one shall not be your heir, but one who will come from your own body shall be your heir.” Then He brought him outside and said, “Look now toward heaven, and count the stars if you are able to number them.” And He said to him, “So shall your descendants be.”

And he believed in the LORD, and He accounted it to him for righteousness.

Then He said to him, “I am the LORD, who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to inherit it.”

And he said, “Lord God, how shall I know that I will inherit it?”

So He said to him, “Bring Me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old female goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.” Then he brought all these to Him and cut them in two, down the middle, and placed each piece opposite the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when the vultures came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

Now when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and behold, horror and great darkness fell upon him. Then He said to Abram: “Know certainly that your descendants will be strangers in a land that is not theirs, and will serve them, and they will afflict them four hundred years. And also the nation whom they serve I will judge; afterward they shall come out with great possessions. Now as for you, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you shall be buried at a good old age.

HYMN 427 vv. 5-7 How Firm a Foundation, Ye Saints of the Lord!

Offering and Offering Prayer

PRAYER and LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN 437 Who Trusts in God, a Strong Abode!

Closing Prayer

BENEDICTION

HYMN 46 On What Has Now Been Sown!

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LAY READER: We thank Jonathan Wiechmann for leading the service today!

CONTACTING THE PASTOR: Pastor Kanzenbach is at the CLC convention in Eau Claire, WI. Judy is visiting her sister in Milbank. The Kanzenbachs plan to return tomorrow or Tuesday. If need arises, please feel free to contact the pastor by cell phone 605 413 2292. Thank you!

SCHEDULE:

6/20-6/23 (Thu.-Sun.) CLC Synod Convention, Eau Claire, WI
6/23 10:30 Worship (lay reader) 9:30 NO Bible Class
6/30 10:30 Worship 9:30 Bible Class, if desired.
7/07 10:30 Worship with COMMUNION 9:30 Bible Class, if desired.

SUMMER WORSHIP: Worship remains at **10:30** for the summer.

CHURCH CLEANING: Thank you!

JUNE—Ericka W. and Autumn W. JULY—Diana H. and Donell P.

TO GIVE AWAY: Two basement storerooms have been cleaned out. Items that are no longer needed are on the stairway end of the basement. Please help yourself to whatever you deem useful! Thank you.

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