

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)

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Pastor

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Autumn Wiechmann, organist

December 1, 2024

ADVENT WELCOME!

“When the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth His Son, made of a woman, made under the Law, to redeem them that were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption of sons!” --- Galatians 4:4-5 (KJV)

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

In the Book of Revelation those who stand righteous before God are identified as those who lived through days of evil on this earth, but having their robes washed white in the blood of the Lamb. The blood of Jesus does not wash anyone's physical garments, but washes souls white, pure, spotless, and sinless before the Father in heaven. In the Lord's Supper each is assured and comforted that this washing is his, that his sins are forgiven. By Jesus' miracle, He shares with each communicant His very (His true) body and blood—in, with, and under the bread and the wine. There is personal comfort that by faith in the crucified Jesus, sins are forgiven and each is spotless before God!

ORDER OF SERVICE: Hymnal, page 15

Hymn 570 vv. 1-7 Praise, Oh, Praise, Our God and King!

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

Hymn 570 v. 8 Praise, Oh, Praise, Our God and King!
in place of the **Gloria**

EPISTLE: Romans 13:11-14 Beware! The return of the Savior is fast approaching! Do not let Him find you serving sin in “darkness.” Serve the Light; serve Jesus! This Advent season as you prepare to celebrate the Savior's first arrival on earth, do not build your Advent and Christmas on desires of the flesh—drunkenness, strife, immorality, jealousy, etc. Put off the sins of darkness. Put on the armor of light!

GOSPEL: Matthew 21:1-9 Palm Sunday and Christmas: 1.) Jesus entered Jerusalem prior to His death, in all humility, riding a donkey, a beast of burden. The crowds proclaimed, “Hosanna! to the Son of David (*Come! Save us, now! O descendant and heir of King David*).” 2.) Jesus had entered life on this earth in all humility as well, merely a little baby lying in a cattle manger. The angels proclaimed to the shepherds, “Unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior who is Christ the Lord! Glory to God in the highest!” 3.) Jesus enters our hearts humbly and quietly, without fanfare, through His Word. Hear His simple Word, and welcome Him with “Hosannas,” of faith and joy, and with “Gloria” of joy and praise! --- The Savior has come!

NICENE CREED, p. 22

Hymn 55 Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come!

SERMON: ISAIAH 62:10-12

THE ADVENT (ARRIVAL) AT THE CITY OF GOD! The Newcomer, The Savior, and The Future

*Go through, go through the gates! Prepare the way for the people!
Build up, build up the highway! Take out the stones! Lift up a banner for the peoples!*

Indeed the LORD has proclaimed to the end of the world, “Say to the daughter of Zion, Surely your salvation is coming! Behold, His reward is with Him, and His work before Him.”

And they shall call them “The Holy People, the Redeemed of the LORD!” And you shall be called “Sought Out”—A City Not Forsaken.

OFFERING and OFFERING PRAYER:

PRAYERS

Hymn 66 Hark the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes!

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 58 O Lord, How Shall I Meet Thee?

Benediction

Hymn 309 O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee!

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

12/04 Wed. **FIRST MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICE**

5:30 Worship (downstairs) 6:30 Soup and sandwich

12/08 Sun. 10:30 Worship 9:30 Sun.Sch. & B.Class

12/11 Wed. **SECOND MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICE**

5:30 Worship (downstairs) 6:30 Soup and sandwich

12/15 Sun. 10:30 Worship with COMMUNION. 9:30 S.Sch. and B.Class

IN OUR PRAYERS: We pray for people of southern India who have been hit with heavy rain and flooding. We pray especially for those in our CLCI and BELC fellowship.

THE ADVENT WREATH: The Advent wreath is a Christian custom used in preparation for Christmas. Its origins appear to be from Lutheran circles in Germany during the 1800's. Originally a candle was lit each day in Advent to point children ahead to the great day of Christmas. Modifications have been made. We now have one candle each week and a fifth candle at Christmas. Various meanings and points of devotion are ascribed to each of the candles.

THE 1ST ADVENT CANDLE (VIOLET—the color of repentance): The “Prophecy Candle” begins the period of waiting. It reminds us of the Old Testament promises/prophesies of the coming of the Savior from sin. With their humble hearts of repentance awaiting the Savior, we think back to the many believers before us who also waited patiently, longing for the promise of the Savior to be fulfilled.

MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICES: As an aid to preparing hearts for Christmas, special Advent services will be held the next three Wednesdays at 5:30 pm.—December 4, 11, and 18 A soup and sandwich supper at 6:30 will follow the service. Services will be in the basement.

THANK YOU: To Luther and Luana Schoon for another home-grown Christmas tree! Thank you to John and Myrna Erhardt for decorating!

for LADVENT SEASON: The four Sundays before Christmas are the Sundays of Advent. The word “advent” means “arrival” or “He is arriving.” During Advent we prepare **our hearts** for celebrating Christ’s birth—that is, His first arrival on earth. a babe. He, the eternal Son of God, took human flesh and blood to serve as our substitute in life, and in death on the cross in order to triumph for us at the empty tomb! He meets our every need. During Advent we also look ahead to Christ’s second coming, His arrival in glory at the end of time, to take us to the bliss of heaven! His second Advent means eternal life is at hand! Whether it is Christ’s first or second Advent, let us prepare spiritually, lest the glory of the day be lost to us, and we be lost to it. How to prepare? Realize what you have done. Realize what Jesus has done for you. In humble repentance for sin, cling to Jesus by faith for full forgiveness and life. Serve Him from your heart each day! Such makes Christmas special, “The Savior comes!”

CAROLING AND CHURCH CHRISTMAS PARTY: We need to pick a Sunday for caroling and for the Christmas meal at church. Which do you prefer December 15 or December 22?

SIGN-UP LIST FOR CHILDREN’S BAGS: If you wish to help supply items for the children’s bags, please use the sign-up sheet in the entry. Thank you!

DECEMBER CHURCH CLEANING: Thank you!
8 and 15 Katie Wiechmann 22 and 29 Kanzenbachs

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