

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 OF ADVENT

Katie Wiechmann, organist

December 15, 2024

WELCOME!

"Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord!" --Matthew 21:9

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The word "sacrament" is not found in the Bible. We use the word to designate a special act"--

- 1) That was instituted (commanded, begun) by Christ
- 2) That has earthly element(s) (physical material)
- 3) That uses God's Word in connection with earthly element(s)
- 4) That offers, gives, and seals to the believer forgiveness of sins.

We confess two sacraments: Baptism and the Lord's Supper (Communion).

ORDER OF SERVICE:

Supplement, page 12 with Holy Communion.

Hymn 701 Prepare the Royal Highway!

EPISTLE: I Corinthians 4:1-5 To judge another person's heart and motives is not wise. Each one is answerable only to God. Each one is God's servant / steward. Christ will expose each man's heart at the Last Day and judge accordingly.

PSALM 96, p. 26 "Sing to the Lord!"

GOSPEL: Matthew 11:2-11 John the Baptist spent the last days of his life unjustly imprisoned. John sent messengers to Jesus, "Are You the One?" Jesus responded, "Look at what I am doing." --- The same question is still around today. "Is Jesus of Nazareth the One?" He did not come to establish an earthly kingdom. He came to establish a spiritual Kingdom. He brings mercy, forgiveness, healing of heart and peace to repentant sinners through His own blood. By faith in Christ, even the simple believer is greater than John the Baptist!

NICENE CREED: Supplement, page 5

Hymn 90 vv. 1-4 Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising!

SERMON: ISAIAH 40:6-11

GRASS / FLESH / SHEEP --- AND THE SHEPHERD

The voice said, Cry out! And he said, What shall I cry?

“All flesh is grass, and all its loveliness is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, because the breath of the LORD blows upon it. Surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades, But the word of our God stands forever.”

O Zion, You who bring good tidings, Get up into the high mountain! O Jerusalem, You who bring good tidings, Lift up your voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid. Say to the cities of Judah, “Behold your God!”

Behold, the Lord GOD shall come with a strong hand, and His arm shall rule for Him. Behold, His reward is with Him, and His work before Him. He will feed His flock like a shepherd. He will gather the lambs with His arm and, carry them in His bosom, and gently lead those who are with young.

OFFERING

PRAYER and THE LORD’S PRAYER

Hymn 90 vv. 5-8 Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising!

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 85 From Heaven Above to Earth I Come

Note: Verses 1-5 are words of the angel who appeared to the shepherds

Verses 6-15 are words of the shepherds, and all believers

BENEDICTION

Hymn 310 vv. 5-6 The Table I Approach !

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CALENDAR:

TODAY: 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

10:30 Worship with COMMUNION 9:30 Bible Cl. & S.Sch.

11:45 Choir Practice

12:15 Children's Rehearsal

2:00-4:30 CAROLING

5:00 Christmas Meal at church. All invited.

12/18 FINAL WEDNESDAY ADVENT SERVICE

5:30 Worship--in basement 6:30 Soup and sandwich supper

12/22 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

11:45 Choir Practice

12:15 Children's Final Rehearsal

12/24 CHRISTMAS EVE

5:00 CHILDREN'S SERVICE

12/25 CHRISTMAS DAY

10:00 Festival Worship

THE 3RD ADVENT CANDLE (PINK): The "Shepherd Candle" reminds us that Jesus comes to the heart. He came into the hearts and lives of the shepherds on the night of His birth. He entered their hearts through the Gospel message of the angels. They saw Him in the manger. He enters our hearts through the message of His Word. We see Him with eyes of faith. The third candle (pink) is a candle of JOY!

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CLC CALL NEWS

Pastor Drew Naumann, Spokane, WA has returned the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO.

Pastor Del Maas, Mapleton, ND and Ponsford, MN has received the call to St. Stephen Lutheran Church and School, Mountain View, CA.

Pastor George Dummann, Eagle Lake, MN has received the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO.

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.

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