

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 EPIPHANY

Autumn Wiechmann, organist

January 19, 2025

WELCOME!

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word; for mine eyes have seen thy salvation, Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel. ----Luke 2:30-32

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Ponder for a few moments where you would be without the comfort of Jesus' atonement for your sin and His assurance of your acquittal. On the edge of despair! You could deceive yourself into thinking that God's standards are as low as your standards and you have sufficiently pleased Him. You could deceive yourself into thinking that hell can't be that bad. You could deceive yourself into thinking that God doesn't exist; therefore, when you are dead you are done—no problem. But what about haunting thoughts and fears of God's retribution? Want to face God? Christ is your comfort! He comes to you personally in this Supper. "Receive this which I gave for you. Peace is now yours."

ORDER OF SERVICE:

Supplement, page 12 with Holy Communion.

Hymn 126 Arise and Shine in Splendor!

EPISTLE: Romans 12:10-21 Love and unity among Christians is pleasing to God, for Christians know that God's Son gave His life for all. Conceit and arrogance destroy such harmony and brotherly love.

Psalm 118, p. 29 "I Will Praise You!"

GOSPEL Matthew 3:11-17 John the Baptist preached a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. John urged those who came to him for cleansing, to lead lives pleasing to God. If not, God would chop them down! Jesus was baptized by John, not for Himself, but because He was our substitute and Savior. When He came up from the water of the Jordan, the Holy Spirit descended on Him in the form of a dove, and God the Father spoke words of approval from heaven. Jesus was indeed the Promised Son of God! In baptism Jesus assures us our sins are washed away. Treasure your baptismal washing!

NICENE CREED: Supplement, page 5

Hymn 301 He That Believes and Is Baptized

SERMON: GENESIS 45:1-5

RE-UNITED!

Then Joseph could not restrain himself. . . . He wept aloud. . . . Then Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph; does my father still live?" But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed [troubled] in his presence. And Joseph said to his brothers, "Please come near to me" So they came near. Then he said: "I am Joseph your brother, whom you sold into Egypt. But now, do not therefore be grieved or angry with yourselves because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life.

**OFFERING & OFFERING PRAYER
PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Hymn 464 Blest Be the Tie That Binds!

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 163 The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord

BENEDICTION

Hymn 325 vv. 1,2, 6 O Thou That Hear'st When Sinners Cry

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SCHEDULE:

1/26 10:30 Worship 9:30 Bible Class and Sunday School

12:00 Potluck Fellowship Meal—All invited.

1:00 VOTERS ANNUAL MEETING

2/2 10:30 Worship with HOLY COMMUNION 9:30 Bible Cl. and S.Sch.

IN OUR PRAYERS: Luther's surgery was successful. He was discharged Friday afternoon. He is doing quite well. Luther and Luana are staying with Lavon (daughter) and Jerrel until Tuesday. Thank you to all for the prayers!

SERMON CORRECTION: In the sermon on 1-5-25, I stated that Samson's death took place when he brought down the two supporting pillars in the temple of Baal, causing the death of thousands of Philistines. It was not the temple of Baal. It was the temple of **Dagon**. My apologies. --Pastor Kanzenbach

FEBRUARY CHURCH CLEANING: Katie, Kelly, Krista Thank you!

CLC CALL NEWS:

Pastor Paul Krause, Watertown, SD, and Hidewood Township, SD, has **received** the call to St. Stephen Lutheran Church and School, Mountain View, CA.

Pastor Sam Naumann, returning to the ministry, has received the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO.

Teacher Claire Abbas, Inver Grove Heights, MN has received the call to Trinity Lutheran School, Watertown, SD.

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