

ST. LUKE'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

200 11th Street East, Lemmon, SD 57638

Church of the Lutheran Confession (CLC)

Richard Kanzenbach, Pastor

December 22, 2024

4TH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

10:30 am

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Organist

HYMN 106 The People, That in Darkness Sat, a Glorious Light Have Seen!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SINS

Psalm 32

Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven,

Whose sin is covered.

Blessed is the man to whom the LORD does not impute iniquity,

And in whose spirit there is no deceit.

When I kept silent, my bones grew old

Through my groaning all the day long.

For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me;

My vitality was turned into the drought of summer. *Selah [interlude]*

I acknowledged my sin to You,

And my iniquity I have not hidden.

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"

And You forgave the iniquity of my sin. *Selah [interlude]*

For this cause everyone who is godly shall pray to You

In a time when You may be found;

Surely in a flood of great waters

They shall not come near him.

You are my hiding place; You shall preserve me from trouble;

You shall surround me with songs of deliverance. *Selah [interlude]*

I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;

I will guide you with My eye.

Do not be like the horse or like the mule,

Which have no understanding,

Which must be harnessed with bit and bridle,

Else they will not come near you.

Many sorrows shall be to the wicked;

But he who trusts in the LORD, mercy shall surround him.

Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, you righteous;

And shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

HYMN 705 Come, O Long Expected Jesus!

READINGS:

Deuteronomy 18:9-15 The Lord had Moses warn the Children of Israel not to follow the satanic worship of the Canaanite people, involving even abominable child sacrifice. They were not to listen to Canaanite witchcraft practitioners, mediums, spiritists, soothsayers, etc. Instead they were to listen to The Prophet whom God would raise up from their own people. That Prophet was Jesus!

John 1:19-28. John the Baptist did not claim to be the Messiah or try to draw attention to himself. His role was to prepare hearts for the Lord who He takes away sin. May we during this Advent and Christmas, turn attention away from ourselves, to the Savior.

HYMN 63 On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry Announces that the Lord Is Nigh !

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord;
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
Born of the Virgin Mary;
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, dead, and buried;
He descended into hell;
The third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven
And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead

I believe in the Holy Ghost;
The Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints;
The forgiveness of sins;
The Resurrection of the body;
And the life everlasting. Amen!

HYMN (*bulletin insert*) Christians, Sing Out with Exaltation!

SERMON: PHILIPPIANS 4:4-7

REJOICE! CAREFREE! PEACE!

Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, Rejoice! Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand. Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

HYMN 62 O, Come, O, Come, Emmanuel!!

Offering and Offering Prayer
PRAYER and LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN 710 vv.1-3 Once in Royal David's City
Closing Prayer

BENEDICTION

HYMN 710 v.4 Once in Royal David's City

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SCHEDULE:

Today 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
10:30 Worship 9:30 Bible Class and S.Sch.
11:45 Choir Practice
12:15 Children's Rehearsal

12/24 CHRISTMAS EVE
5:00 CHILDREN'S SERVICE

12/25 CHRISTMAS DAY
10:00 Festival Worship

THE 4TH ADVENT CANDLE (VIOLET): The "Angel Candle" reminds us of the final advent (arrival) of our Lord and Savior at the end of the time. He will come in glory with all His holy angels for the Great Resurrection and the Final Judgment. The day will bring salvation for His people and condemnation for those who despise Him.

CHRISTMAS CARD: Our annual Christmas card is on the bulletin table in the entry area. Please take one or more as you wish (we will print more). A truly blessed Christmas to you in Jesus, true God and true man, our Savior!

---Pastor and Judy K.

WARMEST THANK YOU: To the carolers who sang last Sunday at the nursing home, personally extended from the activities director and various residents. Also a special Thank You from the Schoons for the unexpected trip to their house!

CHURCH CLEANING THANK YOU! We thank all who assisted with church cleaning in 2024! Your labors are much appreciated. Thank You to all who have signed up for 2025. A few open weeks remain on the sheet.

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