

**ST. LUKE'S EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH** 10:30 a.m.

200 11<sup>th</sup> Street E.

Lemmon, SD 57638

*We are affiliated with the Church of the Lutheran Confession (CLC).*

*Richard Kanzenbach*

*Pastor*

**“SEPTUAGESIMA” or “70<sup>TH</sup>” SUNDAY**

*Approximately Seventy Days before Easter*

Autumn Wiechmann, Organist

February 16, 2025

***WELCOME!***

*Who can understand his errors? Cleanse Thou me from secret faults!*

*---Psalm 19:12*

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**HYMN: 786** Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated, Lord, to Thee!

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SINS:** Responsively, p. 22

**EPISTLE: I Corinthians 9:24 – 10:6** Believers in Christ are safe from sin’s condemnation. Yet Satan is always seeking to attack the faith through their sinful flesh. Paul says, “Bring your body into subjection, lest you be disqualified!” All the Old Testament Israelites, traveling from Egypt to Canaan, had the same opportunities to grow in Christ. Yet many of them fell away and died in the desert. Fight against Satan every step!

**GOSPEL: Matthew 20:1-16.** In the Parable of the Laborers in the Vineyard. Jesus makes it clear that His “rewards” at the end of the day are not won by merit, but are gifts of His grace. Those who started last were blessed with the same pay as those who had started first. The master was just as kind to the latecomers, as he was to the early birds. All could have been without work! Do not begrudge God’s grace to those who have served differently from you.

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**HYMN 798** God, We Praise You! God, We Bless You!

**SERMON: MATTHEW 5:17-26**

**NO CONFIDENCE IN PERSONAL PERFORMANCE**

*“Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled. Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I say to you, that unless your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.*

*“You have heard that it was said to those <sup>19</sup>of old, ‘You shall not murder, and whoever murders will be in danger of the judgment.’” But I say to you that whoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment. And whoever says to his brother, ‘Raca!’ shall be in danger of the council. But whoever says, ‘You fool!’ shall be in danger of hell fire. Therefore if you bring your gift to the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.*

**Offering and Offering Prayer**

**Prayers and Lord’s Prayer**

Hymn 779 Redeemed! Restored! Forgiven!

**Benediction**

Hymn 800 Go My Children with My Blessing

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**NOTE:** Due to the pastor’s health this past week and in keeping with good sanitation, the Lord’s Supper will not be celebrated today. Thank you.

## **SCHEDULE:**

2/23 10:30 Worship 9:30 Bible Cl. and S.Sch.  
3/02 10:30 Worship with HOLY COMMUNION 9:30 Bible Cl. and S.Sch.  
Wed. 3/05 5:30 P.M. Ash Wednesday Service, in church basement.

Soup and sandwich supper follows. All invited.

**MAILBOXES:** The mailboxes in the church entry are being re-labeled. If you would like a mailbox with your name, please sign the sheet. There are 126 slots, enough for every man, woman, and child in the congregation, and more!

## **THANK YOU CHURCH CLEANERS!**

February 16 & 23 Katie, Kelly, Krista

## **CLC CALL NEWS:**

*Pastor Paul Nolting*, Valentine, NE, Mission, SD, and White River, SD has announced his retirement effective Summer 2025.

*Pastor Cory Drehle*, Sioux Falls, SD has received the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO.

*Pastor George Dummann*, Eagle Lake, MN has received the call to Faith Lutheran, New Ulm, MN, to serve Eagle Lake and New Ulm as a dual parish.

*Pastor Sam Naumann*, re-entering the ministry, Eau Claire, WI, has been called by Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Loveland, CO.

*Pastor David Pfeiffer* West Columbia, SC, has received the call to St. Stephen Lutheran Church and School, Mountain View, CA.

*Teacher Cathy Augustin*, Inver Grove Heights, MN, has announced her retirement at the end of the current school year.

*Teacher Mikkela Schmitt*, Mountain View, CA, has accepted the call to Trinity Lutheran School, Watertown, SD.

## **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, Bible confession, etc.

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