

ST. LUKE'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Church of the Lutheran Confession (CLC)

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4TH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

LAY – READER SERVICE

MR. CHUCK CHRISTMAN

May 18, 2025

10:30 a.m.

Autumn Wiechmann

Organist

WELCOME!

I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the House of the Lord!

---Psalm 122:1

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN 209 Who Is This That Comes from Edom?

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SINS: *I John 1:7---2:2*

P: The blood of Jesus Christ His Son

C: Cleanses us from all sin.

P: If we say that we have no sin,

C: We deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

P: If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins,

C: And to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: If we say that we have not sinned,

C: We make Him a liar, and His Word is not in us.

P: My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate [spokesman] with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous,

C: And He is the propitiation [payment] for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

HYMN 279 Today Thy Mercy Calls Us

EPISTLE: James 1:16-21 *The Father in heaven is kind and steadfast, always giving every good gift. He gives our spirits new life in Jesus. In keeping with this greatest gift, we offer ourselves to Him as firstfruits. (The Old Testament believers brought the firstfruits of their harvests to the Lord.) In bringing the firstfruits of our hearts to God, let us cast anger and moral filth aside.*

GOSPEL: John 21:15-19 *The risen Jesus appeared to His disciples at the Sea of Galilee. They had returned to fishing, but no success. In the morning, Jesus filled their net with fish! He had breakfast waiting for them on shore. He specifically asked Peter three times whether Peter loved Him (three times Peter had denied that he even knew Jesus). Peter penitently responded, "Lord, You know that I love you." Jesus "Feed My sheep," assured Peter that he was forgiven. --- With the same tenderness, Jesus forgives your sins too.*

The 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 210 The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done!

SERMON: ISAIAH 49:9-26 (*selected verses*)

FREED !! WHY SO DEJECTED ??

Say to the prisoners, "Go forth," [and say] to those who are in darkness, "Show yourselves!" They shall feed along the roads, and their pastures shall be on all desolate heights. They shall neither hunger nor thirst; neither heat nor sun shall strike them. For He who has mercy on them will lead them, even by the springs of water He will guide them.

Sing, O heavens! Be joyful, O earth! And break out in singing, O mountains! For the Lord has comforted His people, and will have mercy on His afflicted.

But Zion said, "The Lord has forsaken me, and my Lord has forgotten me."

Can a woman forget her nursing child and not have compassion on the son of her womb? Surely they may forget, yet I will not forget you. See, I have inscribed you on the palms of My hands. Your walls are continually before Me.

Thus says the Lord God, "Behold, I will lift My hand in an oath to the nations, and set up My standard for the peoples. They shall bring your sons in their arms and your daughters shall be carried on their shoulders. All flesh shall know that I, the LORD, am your Savior, and your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob!"

HYMN 285 (*in place of the Create in Me*) How Precious Is the Book Divine!

Offering and Offering Prayer

PRAYER and LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN 202 Welcome, Happy Morning!

BENEDICTION:

HYMN 189 He Is Arisen! Glorious Word!

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THANK YOU: To Chuck Christman for conducting our service today!

CONTACTING THE PASTOR: “We are in Sioux Falls today for granddaughter Lily’s confirmation. On Tuesday-Thursday I will be at the Delegate Conference in Jamestown. Next Saturday morning, granddaughter Cassie graduates in Watertown. We plan to return on Saturday. If any need arises, please feel free to contact me at my **cell phone 605 413 2292**. Thank you!

SCHEDULE:

5/25 10:30 Worship 9:30 Bible Class and Sunday School (FINAL)
6/01 **10:30** Worship with COMMUNION
6/08 **10:30** Worship

HOSPITALIZED: Bill Erhart, Hettinger. No visitors, please. Thank you. Bill will move perhaps be moved to the Lemmon nursing home this week.

GRADUATES: CONGRATULATIONS AND THE SAVIOR’S BLESSINGS!

Landon Pederson, Lemmon High School, ceremony yesterday.

Open House Reception: Today, in the church basement after service.
Lunch provided. **You are invited!**

Blake Larson, Hettinger High School, reception yesterday.

Ceremony: Today, 2:00 pm. at the Robers-Reinke Auditorium.
You are invited!

SUMMER WORSHIP 10:30: At last Sunday’s special voters’ meeting, voters decided to have summer worship at **10:30**. Vote: 3-for, 2-against.

THANK YOU CHURCH CLEANERS!

June

Donell P. and Diana H.

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CLC CALL NEWS:

Pastor Aaron Ude, Rapid City, SD, has returned the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO.

Pastor Frank Gantt, Loganville, GA, has received the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO.

ST. LUKE'S ON THE WEB:

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<https://www.facebook.com/lemmonlutheran>

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