

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

2ND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Autumn Wiechmann, Organist

January 18, 2026

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 2:29-32

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Ponder for a few moments: Where would you be without the comfort of Jesus' atonement (making peace) for your sin? Where would you be without His assurance of your acquittal? On the edge of despair. Sure you could deceive yourself into thinking that God's standards are as low as yours; that you have sufficiently pleased Him. You could deceive yourself into thinking that hell can't be all 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 those haunting thoughts and fears of God's retribution? Want to face God in peace? Christ is your comfort. He comes to you personally in this Supper. "Receive this, the real sacrifice, which I gave for you. Peace be with you!"

ORDER OF SERVICE:

Supplement, page 12, with Holy Communion.

HYMN 793 Sing to the Lord of Harvest!

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

Psalm 100, p. 35 "Make a Joyful Shout to the Lord!"

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. God chops down the rebellious. ----- 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, “This is My Son, with whom I am well pleased!” Jesus was the Promised One! In your baptism Jesus assures you that your sins are washed away. Treasure your baptismal washing!

NICENE CREED: Supplement, page 5

Hymn 778 Grace Has a Thrilling Sound!

SERMON: Genesis 46 : 27b – 34

BRINGING THE FAMILY TOGETHER

All the persons of the house of Jacob who went to Egypt were seventy.

Then he sent Judah before him to Joseph, to point out before him the way to Goshen. And they came to the land of Goshen. So Joseph made ready his chariot and went up to Goshen to meet his father Israel; and he presented himself to him, and fell on his neck and wept on his neck a good while. And Israel said to Joseph, “Now let me die, since I have seen your face, because you are still alive.”

Then Joseph said to his brothers and to his father’s household, I will go up and tell Pharaoh, and say to him, “My brothers and those of my father’s house, who were in the land of Canaan, have come to me. And the men are shepherds, for their occupation has been to feed livestock; and they have brought their flocks, their herds, and all that they have.” So it shall be, when Pharaoh calls you and says, “What is your occupation?” that you shall say, “Your servants’ occupation has been with livestock from our youth even till now, both we and also our fathers, that you may dwell in the land of Goshen.” For every shepherd is an abomination to the Egyptians.”

Offering

Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer

Hymn 784 Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me!

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: 305 Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness!

BENEDICTION

Hymn 660 I’m But a Stranger Here, Heaven Is My Home!

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SCHEDULE:

1/25 10:30 Worship 9:30 Bible Class and Sunday School
12:00 Potluck Fellowship Meal—All invited.

1:00 VOTERS ANNUAL MEETING

2/1 10:30 Worship with HOLY COMMUNION 9:30 B.Class + S.Sc.

IN OUR PRAYERS: Pastor John Hein is now on home-hospice-care. We extend our prayers, above all, for his strength of faith and for all his family.

HOSPITALIZED second time, and DISCHARGED: Dorothy Bartholomew. We thank the Lord!

JANUARY CHURCH CLEANING: Thank you, John and Myrna!

2026 CHURCH CLEANING: Thank you to those who have now signed up twice. There are still about fifteen Sundays open.

CALL NEWS 1/18/26

Pastor Jonah Albrecht, Lynnwood, WA, and Tacoma, WA, has received the call to Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI.

Pastor Johnathan Schnose, Morris, MN, has received the call to Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Spokane, WA.

Pastor Michael Wilke, Saginaw, MI, has returned the part-time call to Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church, Red Wing, MN.

Pastor Joe Naumann, Mankato, MN, has returned the call to Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church, Phoenix, AZ.

Retired Pastor John Schierenbeck, Eau Claire, WI, has returned the vacancy call to Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Spokane, WA.

Mr. Peter Reim (formerly pastor), Menomonie, WI, has returned the vacancy call to Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church, Red Wing, MN.

Pastor John Hein, Fridley, MN, has announced his retirement as of January 31, 2026. Pastor Hein has also resigned from the ILC Board of Regents.

Teacher Claire Abbas, Inver Grove Heights, MN, has received the call to Redeemer Lutheran School, Cheyenne, WY.

ST. LUKE'S ON THE WEB:

For live videos of our service (streamed) on Facebook. Go to:

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

For St. Luke's webpage, go to <https://lemonnlutheran.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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