

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 IN ADVENT

Autumn Wiechmann, Organist

December 14, 2025

WELCOME!

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! --Matthew 21:9

ORDER OF SERVICE:

Supplement, page 12, without Holy Communion.

HYMNS 95 Savior of the Nations, Come!

EPISTLE: I Corinthians 4:1-5 The Lord will judge on the Last Day. In life, one person cannot really judge another person's heart or motives. The Lord is the Judge. Everyone is answerable only to God. Each one is God's servant / steward. Christ will expose each man's heart--a heart that holds to Jesus in faith or not—and at the Last Day will judge accordingly. Paul himself is not concerned about those on this earth who seek to judge his heart.

PSALM 96, p. 26 "Sing to the Lord!"

GOSPEL: Matthew 11:2-11 John the Baptist spent the last days of his life unjustly imprisoned. John sent messengers to Jesus, "Are You the One?" Jesus responded, "Look at what I am doing." --- That same question is still around today. "Is Jesus of Nazareth the One?" He did not come to establish an earthly kingdom. He came to establish a spiritual Kingdom. He brings mercy, forgiveness, healing of heart, and peace to repentant sinners through His own blood. By faith in Christ, the simple believer is greater than John the Baptist!

APOSTLES' CREED

Hymn 63 On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry Announces That the Lord Is Nigh!

**SERMON: MARK 1:1-8
FOR ADVENT FEARS, GOD IS GRACIOUS!**

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God:

As it is written in the Prophets— [Malachi 3:1] Behold, I send My messenger before Your face, who will prepare Your way before You.

[Isaiah 40:3]. The voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the LORD, make His paths straight’

John came baptizing in the wilderness and preaching a baptism of repentance for the remission of sins. Then all the land of Judea, and those from Jerusalem, went out to him and were all baptized by him in the Jordan River, confessing their sins.

Now John was clothed with camel’s hair and with a leather belt around his waist; and he ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, “There comes One after me who is mightier than I, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to stoop down and loose. I indeed baptized you with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

Offering

Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

Hymn 272 When All the World Was Cursed . . . St. John the Baptist Came!

Benediction

Hymn 709 God Loves Me Dearly!

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THE 3RD ADVENT CANDLE (PINK): The following thoughts are suggested: Name--The Shepherd Candle. Color—PINK, the color of joy. Thoughts—Jesus the Son of God brings joy to the heart. He came into the lives of the shepherds on the night of His birth. He entered their hearts through the Gospel message of the angels. With joy they hurried to the manger. --- Jesus enters our hearts through the message of His Word. We see Him with eyes of faith and respond with joy!

CALENDAR:

TODAY: 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

10:30	Worship.	9:30	Bible Cl. & S.Sch.
11:45	Choir Practice		
12:30	Children's Rehearsal		
2:30-4:30	CAROLING		
5:00	Christmas Meal at church. All invited.		

12/17 FINAL WEDNESDAY / MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICE

5:30	Worship--in basement	6:30	Soup and sandwich supper
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12/21 4TH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

10:30	Worship	9:30	Bible Class and S.Sch.
11:45	Choir Practice		
12:30	Children's Final Rehearsal		

12/24 CHRISTMAS EVE

5:00 CHILDREN'S SERVICE

12/25 CHRISTMAS DAY

10:00 Festival Worship

HOSPITALIZED: Dorothy Bartholomew at Sanford in Bismarck.

Progressing well.

SIGN-UP LIST FOR CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS BAGS: If you wish to supply items for the children, please use the sign-up sheet in the entry area. Thank you.

SIGN-UP SHEET FOR 2026 CHURCH CLEANING: Please sign at your convenience. Thank you!

DECEMBER CHURCH CLEANING: 21, 28 Lou Ann and Jill. Thank You!

CALL NEWS 12-14-25

Retired Pastor David Schierenbeck, St. Paul Park, MN, has accepted the call as assistant to the Pastor, Berea Ev. Lutheran Church, Inver Grove Heights, MN.

Pastor Cory Drehle, Sioux Falls, SD, has received the call to Living Hope Lutheran Church, Appleton, WI.

Pastor Ben Libby, Cheyenne, WY, has returned the call to Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church, Phoenix, AZ.

Pastor Dave Naumann, Clarkston, WA, and Orofino, ID, has returned the call to Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Spokane, WA.

Pastor Terrel Kesterson, Batavia, IL, has returned the part-time call to Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church, Red Wing, MN.

ILC NOMINATIONS:

1) PROFESSOR: The Board of Regents announces the following nominations for the professorship vacated by the resignation of Professor David Schaller prior to the 2025-26 academic year:

Pastor Paul Krause Pastor David Reim Mr. David Schaller,
Mr. Dan Sullivan Pastor David Ude

2) PRESIDENT: Nominees from members of the faculty, school years 26-28
Nominated: Prof. Daniel Schierenbeck..

3) COMMENTS INVITED: Members of CLC congregations are invited to present their comments regarding these candidates. Correspondence may be sent by email or letter no later than midnight January 17, 2026, (letters postmarked by January 7). Thank you.

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