

# 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*

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent

Autumn Wiechmann, organist

December 7, 2025

### ***WELCOME!***

*"For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich."*

*--- 12 Corinthians 8:9*

### **THE SACRAMENT OF "THE LORD'S SUPPER"**

O God, who desires not the death of a sinner, but rather that he turn from his evil way and live, I come to You, although I have sinned and deserve only Your wrath. I flee to Your mercy in Christ Jesus, my Lord, who gave His body and His blood for my redemption. Lord, grant that I may believe and never waver. Grant that in such faith I may worthily go to Your altar, receiving, together with the bread and the wine, the very body and the true blood which Your Son has given for my salvation. May I praise and honor Your love and your mercy during all the days of my life. Hear me for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your Son, my Redeemer and Savior. Amen.

### **ORDER OF SERVICE: Hymnal, page 15**

**Hymn 55 vv. 1-3** Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come!

On page 17: **The Kyrie** is read by the pastor.

**Hymn 55 v. 4** in place of the **Gloria in Excelsis**.

"Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come!"

**EPISTLE: Romans 15:4-13.** Christ came for Jew and Gentile alike, outwardly two very different groups, yet both included in God's kingdom of salvation! Paul encourages us to carry-on patiently in this life, maintaining oneness in Christ with those outwardly far different from self. Let us receive one another in Jesus, standing rooted in the Word of Salvation and Truth.

**GOSPEL: Luke 21:25-31** As we prepare our hearts for Christmas, we rightly also prepare for Christ's return at the End. The alarming events of this unraveling world do not paralyze us with fear. Thoughts of standing before the holy Lord do not fill us with dread. Our Savior is coming to take us home! All is well! Do NOT focus on earthly things. Put away the distractions of the flesh and this world. Await Him, both at Christmas and the End. Lift up your heads in joy! Christ, the Rescuer comes!

**NICENE CREED:** Hymnal, page 22.

**Hymn 705** Come, O Long-Expected Jesus!

**SERMON: Zephaniah 1:17 to 2:3**  
**IN CHIRST, GOD HIDES HIS ANGER !**

“I will bring distress upon men, and they shall walk like blind men, because they have sinned against the LORD. Their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like refuse. Neither their silver nor their gold shall be able to deliver them in the day of the LORD’s wrath; But the whole land shall be devoured by the fire of His jealousy, for He will make speedy riddance of all those who dwell in the land.”

“Gather yourselves together, yes, gather together, O undesirable nation, before the decree is issued, or the day passes like chaff, before the LORD’s fierce anger comes upon you, before the day of the LORD’s anger comes upon you! Seek the LORD, all you meek of the earth, who have upheld His justice; seek righteousness, seek humility. It may be that you will be **hidden** in the day of the LORD’s anger.”

OFFERING and OFFERING PRAYER:

**PRAYERS**

**Hymn 66** Hark! the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes!

## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

**VISITORS**, please note that our congregation does not practice “open” communion. Communion is an expression of oneness with the Lord and also oneness in faith and teaching with each other. Differences in Bible doctrine do separate. Therefore, we have a “close-knit” communion practice. Respectfully we ask that only members of St. Luke’s and sister CLC congregations come forward. Be assured, we are not judging your heart or your faith in Jesus. God knows the heart. For questions, please visit with the pastor. Thank you.

### DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION:

**Hymn: 58, melody 1** O Lord, How Shall I Meet Thee?

### BENEDICTION:

**Hymn 309** O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee!

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**THE ADVENT WREATH:** The Advent Wreath is often used in preparation for Christmas. It is a Christian custom (not Biblical) whose origins appear to be in Lutheran circles in Germany during the 1800’s. One candle was lit each day to point children ahead to the great day of Christmas. Many modifications have been made over the years. Currently we light one candle each week during Advent. We also light a Christmas candle. Various meanings and points of devotion are suggested for the candles.

**THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE:** The following points have been suggested: Name--The Bethlehem Candle. Color--VIOLET, the color of repentance. Thoughts—The eternal Son of God humbly came to this earth to be born of a woman at Bethlehem. He came, both true God and true man, our Savior!

**CHOIR:** A choir for Christmas Eve is being gathered. You are invited! Please gather after worship today and the next two Sundays for rehearsals. Thank you!

**MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICES:** As an aid in preparing hearts for Christmas, special Advent services are held Wednesday evenings at 5:30. A soup and sandwich supper follows. Worship is in the church basement.

### WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Today      **SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

10:30 Worship with COMMUNION. 9:30 S.Sch. and B.Class  
11:45 Choir Rehearsal after service. 11:45 Lunch for Children  
12:15 Children’s Rehearsal.

12/10 Wed. **SECOND MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICE**

5:30 PM Worship in the church basement  
6:30 PM Soup and Sandwich potluck meal

12/14 Sun. THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

10:30 Worship                    9:30 Sunday School and Bible Class  
11:45 Choir Rehearsal after service. 11:45 Lunch for Children  
12:15 Children's Rehearsal.

12/17 Wed. THIRD MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICE

5:30 PM Worship in the church basement  
6:30 PM Soup and Sandwich potluck meal

### **CAROLING AND CHURCH CHRISTMAS PARTY:**

Either Sunday, December 14 OR Sunday, December 21. Let's decide today.

**SIGN-UP LIST FOR CHILDREN'S BAGS:** If you wish to help supply items for the children's bags, please use the sign-up sheet at the guest book. Thank you!

**CHURCH CLEANING:** Thank you for your service to the Lord!

December: 7, 14 Thaddeus and Katya      21, 28 Lou Ann and Jill.

### **2026 CHURCH CLEANING:**

The sign-up sheet for 2026 Church Cleaning is at the guestbook. Please sign at your convenience. Thank You to all who assist in keeping our house of worship clean.

### **CALL NEWS 12 7-25**

***Pastor Johnathan Schnose***, Morris, MN, has returned the call to Living Hope Lutheran Church, Appleton, WI.

***Pastor Emeritus Michael Eichstadt***, Phoenix, AZ, has accepted the vacancy call to Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church, Phoenix, AZ.

**IN OUR PRAYERS: Pastor John Hein, wife Janelle, their family, and Grace congregation in Fridley, MN:** Pastor Hein continues to have better days and worse days with his cancer progression. Pray that the Lord would sustain each of them through this ongoing trial, and give wisdom, skill, and compassion to the medical teams as they give advice and care to aid in management of the disease. A CaringBridge page, updated by Janelle: <https://www.caringbridge.org/site/feb6056d-f8f3-349b-b1cb-78c1978b02f8>