

Welcome to
WEST CLERMONT LUTHERAN CHURCH
Member of the Evangelical Lutheran
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Worship 9:30am
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5th Sunday of Epiphany

February 4, 2024

INTRODUCTION

In Isaiah the one God who sits above the earth and numbers the stars also strengthens the powerless. So in Jesus' healing work we see the hand of the creator God, lifting up the sick woman to health and service (diakonia). Like Simon's mother-in-law, we are lifted up and healed to serve. Following Jesus, we strengthen the powerless; like Jesus, we seek to renew our own strength in quiet times of prayer.

GATHERING

PRELUDE: *Blessed Assurance* by Cain and David Leonard CCLI Song #7213322 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z0qDMKKKKT4>

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

WCLC MISSION STATEMENT: *As children of God, called to love God and one another, we proclaim the Word of God through study, prayer, worship, and discipleship. We serve those in need within our congregation, our community, and our world as an expression of God's love for us. LOVE, PROCLAIM, SERVE!*

GATHERING MUSIC: *Gather Us In* ELW 532 No Lyrics- Piano Accompaniment CCLI Song #2893846 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K2JzoslkTm8>

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, creator of darkness and light, word of truth, wind sweeping over the waters.

C: Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God, our rock and refuge,

C: we pour out our hearts before you. We have known you but have not always loved you. We have wounded one another and sinned against you. We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit dwelling in each of us. Remember your covenant. Renew your creation. Restore us, that we might proclaim your good news to all. Amen.

P: The voice of the Lord is upon the waters. God has spoken: The time of grace is now. In Jesus, the reign of God has come near. By the authority of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are God's beloved.

C: Amen.

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ELW pg. 120

CANTICLE OF PRAISE *This is the feast...*

ELW pg. 122

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Everlasting God, you give strength to the weak and power to the faint. Make us agents of your healing and wholeness, that your good news may be made known to the ends of your creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

NOISY CAN OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC: *Don't Stop Praying* by Matthew West
CCLI Song# 7230630 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bpbZqMJ-B44>

MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy.....

ELW pg. 130

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

***LORD'S PRAYER**

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: At Jesus' table, heaven and earth are joined as one.

Come and see.

COMMUNION: *Communion* by Brooke Ligertwood CCLI

Song# 7117525 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WWIopTjcYbc>

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION: **Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever. Amen.**

WORD

First Reading: **Isaiah 40:21-31**

²¹Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? ²²It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; ²³who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

²⁴Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

²⁵To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. ²⁶Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing.

²⁷Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"?

²⁸Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. ²⁹He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. ³⁰Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; ³¹but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall

mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint.

R: *The Word of the Lord.*

C: **Thanks be to God!**

Psalm: 147:1-11, 20c (Responsively)

¹Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God!

How pleasant it is to honor God with praise!

²**The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem, and gathers the exiles of Israel.**

³The LORD heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

⁴**The LORD counts the number of the stars and
calls them all by their names.**

⁵Great is our LORD and mighty in power;
there is no limit to God's wisdom.

⁶**The LORD lifts up the lowly,
but casts the wicked to the ground.**

⁷Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving;
make music upon the harp to our God,

⁸**who covers the heavens with clouds and prepares rain for the
earth, making grass to grow upon the mountains.**

⁹God provides food for the cattle and for the young ravens
when they cry.

¹⁰**God is not impressed by the might of a horse,
and has no pleasure in the speed of a runner,**

¹¹but finds pleasure in those who fear the LORD,
in those who await God's steadfast love. ^{20c} Hallelujah!

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-23

¹⁶If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! ¹⁷For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. ¹⁸What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

¹⁹For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. ²⁰To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. ²¹To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. ²²To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. ²³I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

R: *The Word of the Lord.*

C: **Thanks be to God!**

Gospel Acclamation

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Gospel: Mark 1: 29-39

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark. C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²⁹As soon as [Jesus and the disciples] left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. ³¹He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

³²That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. ³³And the whole city was gathered around the door. ³⁴And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

³⁵In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. ³⁶And Simon and his companions hunted for him. ³⁷When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." ³⁸He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." ³⁹And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

P: *The gospel of the Lord.*

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

****YOUTH & TEACHERS ARE DISMISSED TO SUNDAY
SCHOOL****

SERMON

Pastor Mike Erickson

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* ELW
773 No Lyrics-Piano Accompaniment Only CCLI Song# 7205306
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2b58YpN40aU>

NICENE CREED:

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin
Mary and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius
Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;**

**he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living
and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and
glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of
sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

INTERCESSIONS

P: God of grace, **C:** receive our prayer.

WE SHARE GOD'S PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us offer each other a sign of peace.

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Blessed are you, Holy One, for all good things come from you.
In bread and cup you open heaven to us. Meet us at this table, that
we receive what we seek and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose
name we pray.

C: Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

P: God bless you and keep you, ✠ Jesus grant you grace and truth,
and the Spirit send peace upon your hearts, now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING MUSIC: *Rise, Shine, You People!* **ELW 665**

No Lyrics-Piano Accompaniment Only

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sra6BC46pew>

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Love. Proclaim. Serve.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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Prayer List

Requested: Jeanette (Davisson) Cain, Don Erickson, Ken Erickson, Jake Noggle, Karen Guyer, Lynzee Henrikson-Makowski, Karen Kohls, Ardell Fortune, Inez Oakland, Julie Albertson, Danice Cummings, Larry Kohls, Gary Kittleson, Jennifer Ruckdashel, Karen Kerner.

Assisted Living, Nursing Homes & Shut-Ins: Millard Nelson, Betty Erickson, Gail Herman, Marilyn Knutsen, Bud Siebrecht, Karen Follett, Judy Nelson.

In the Military: Jeff Kleppe, Nathan Guyer, Major Stephanie Wilkins, Kennedy White.



Tues. 2/6	9am	Quilting
Wed. 2/7	2:30pm	Confirmation
	5:30pm	Council Mtg.
Sun. 2/11	9:30am	Worship Service
		<i>Youth Souper Bowl Collection</i>
		Sunday School
	10:30am	Fellowship
	4:00pm	Sunday Mtg.

Sunday, January 28, 2024

Loose: \$1.00

Noisy Can: \$37.44


Total General Fund: \$588.19

Attendance: 40

Regular: \$545.00

Copies: \$4.75



 **Noisy Can Offering** for 1st Quarter (Jan.-March) will go to Karen Guyer for extra expenses incurred for medical visits.



2024 WELCA Directories are now available.



THANK YOU to our outgoing council members, Jed Dean, Brant Schrader, Jesse Bassett & Sarah Dean.



"Souper Bowl" Food Pantry Offering. Youth will have a Souper Bowl Collection on Sunday, Feb. 11th. The funds will be donated to Open Hands Food Pantry.



Senior Game Day is cancelled for February and March. It will resume in April.

Congratulations Pastor Mike!



Ash Wednesday Meal will be served @ 5:30pm. Serving: Scalloped potatoes & ham, salads, bars and beverage. Freewill Donation. **Worship** begins @ 6:30pm



16th Annual Souper Bowl @ St. Paul's Methodist in Elgin is Sunday, February 11th from 11am-1pm. Serving: Homemade soups, maidrites, bars & beverage. Freewill Donation.



Clermont Fire & Rescue Fish Fry Fundraiser is Friday, Feb. 16th from 4:30-8pm @ the fire station. Serving: fish, fries, coleslaw, baked beans, bun, & beverage (eat in). \$15 per meal. Dine-in or Carry-out. Proceeds go toward turnout gear.



Luther College Benefactor's Organ Recital featuring Nicole Keller is Sunday, February 18th @ 4pm at the Center for Faith & Life at Luther College. Free and open to the public.



Winter Bingo is Sun., Feb. 25th @ the Opera House. 11am- Food for purchase; baked potato bar, dessert & beverages. Bingo begins @ 1pm. Sponsored by Clermont Community Club.



WELCA's Homemade Soup Sale

Sunday, February 25 after worship

Quart and pint size available.

A wide variety to choose from.



Bonus Information:

Luther League will **deliver** to members of our congregation. You can make arrangements for delivery prior to the event or call the church during the event @ 423-7170.



Guided to the Cross Lenten Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Theme</u>	<u>Church</u>
Ash Wednesday Feb 14	Guided to Forgiveness	<i>Each church does their own service</i>
Week 1, Feb 21	Guided to Hope	<i>Illyria, Service at 7pm, snacks to follow</i>
Week 2, Feb 28	Guided to Love	<i>West Clermont, Service at 6:30pm, Meal at 5:30</i>
Week 3, March 6	Guided to Peace	<i>Elgin Lutheran, Service at 6:30, Meal TBD</i>
Week 4, March 13	Guided to Trust	<i>St Paul's Methodist, Elgin, Services at 7pm, Meal TBD</i>
Week 5, March 20	Guided to Perseverance	<i>West Clermont, Service at 6:30pm, Meal at 5:30pm</i>
Good Friday, March 29	Guided to Sacrifice	<i>East Clermont, Service at 6pm</i>