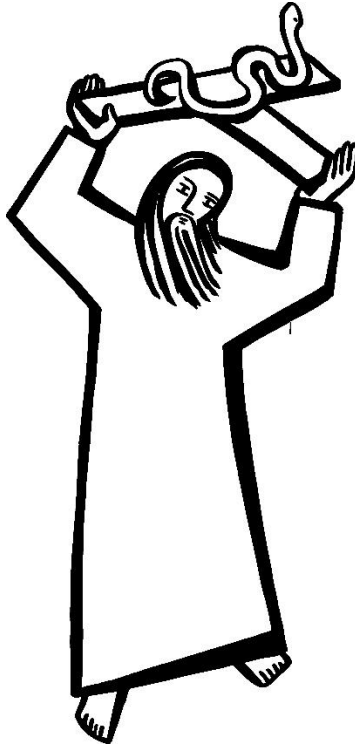


Welcome to
WEST CLERMONT LUTHERAN CHURCH
Member of the Evangelical Lutheran
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March 10, 2024



Worship 9:30am
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Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 10, 2024

INTRODUCTION

The fourth of the Old Testament promises providing a baptismal lens this Lent is the promise God makes to Moses: those who look on the bronze serpent will live. In today's gospel Jesus says he will be lifted up on the cross like the serpent, so that those who look to him in faith will live. When we receive the sign of the cross in baptism, that cross becomes the sign we can look to in faith for healing, for restored relationship to God, for hope when we are dying.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

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: "Give To Our God Immortal Praise" ELW 848

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who writes the law on our hearts, who draws all people together through Jesus.

C: **Amen.**

P: Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy God,

C: **we confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot break free. We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold. We speak in ways that silence others. We are silent when we should speak up. We keep score in our hearts. We let**

hurts grow into hatred. For all these things and for sins only you know, forgive us, Lord. Amen.

P: Here is a flood of grace: Out of love for the whole world, God draws near to us, breaks every snare of sin, washes away our wrongs, and restores the promise of life through † Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

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CANTICLE OF PRAISE “*Glory to God...*”

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PRAYER OF THE DAY: O God, rich in mercy, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world and rescued us from the hopelessness of death. Lead us into your light, that all our deeds may reflect your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

NOISY CAN OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC: “*God So Loved*” CCLI 7169675

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iq5URsXbKXs>

WORD

First Reading: Numbers 21:4-9

⁴From Mount Hor [the Israelites] set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. ⁵The people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.” ⁶Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. ⁷The people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.” ⁹So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

R: *The Word of the Lord.*

C: Thanks be to God!

Psalm: 107:1-3, 17-22 (Responsively)

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good, for God’s mercy endures forever.

²Let the redeemed of the LORD proclaim

that God redeemed them from the hand of the foe,

³gathering them in from the lands; from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

¹⁷Some were fools and took rebellious paths; through their sins they were afflicted.

¹⁸They loathed all manner of food and drew near to death's door.

¹⁹Then in their trouble they cried to the LORD

and you delivered them from their distress.

²⁰You sent forth your word and healed them and rescued them from the grave.

²¹Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your steadfast love and your wonderful works for all people.

²²Let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving and tell of your deeds with shouts of joy.

Second Reading: Ephesians 2:1-10

¹You were dead through the trespasses and sins ²in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. ³All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. ⁴But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us ⁵even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—⁹not the result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

R: *The Word of the Lord.*

C: Thanks be to God!

Gospel Acclamation: *“Let your steadfast...”*

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Gospel: John 3:14-21

P: The Holy Gospel according to John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹⁴“Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who

believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. ²¹But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

P: *The gospel of the Lord.*

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

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Pastor Mike Erickson

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

SERMON

Pastor Mike Erickson

HYMN OF THE DAY: *"What Wondrous Love Is This"*

ELW 666

APOSTLES’ CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ,
God’s only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

INTERCESSIONS

P: Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

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: Jesus, you are the bread of life. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name.

C: Amen.

***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.**

SENDING

BLESSING

P: Beloved, we are God's own people, holy, washed, renewed. God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage, and ☩ give you peace.

C: Amen.

SENDING MUSIC: *"Amazing Grace, How Sweet The Sound"* **ELW 779**

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, Terry Cummings, Betty Helgersen.

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.



Mon. 3/11	6:30pm	Women’s Auxiliary
Tues. 3/12	9am	Quilting
Wed. 3/13	10:30am	Copper Creek Service
	2:30pm	Confirmation
	7pm	Lenten Worship @ St. Paul Methodist Elgin.
		Dessert to follow.
Sun. 3/17	9:30am	Worship Service
	10:30am	Sunday School
	4pm	Fellowship
		Sunday Mtg.

Sunday, February 25, 2024

Loose: \$21.00
Regular: \$495.00

General Fund Total: \$602.06
Building / roof: \$90.00

Attendance: 55

Noisy Can: \$67.31
Flow Thru: \$18.75

Wednesday, February 28, 2024

Loose: \$99.00
General Fund Total: \$164.00

Attendance: 41

Lenten: \$65.00

Sunday, March 3, 2024

Loose: \$6.00

Regular: \$1,540.00

General Fund Total: \$1,611.53

Roof: \$90.00


Attendance: 49

Copies: \$3.75

Lenten: \$20.00

Noisy Can: \$41.78



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



Direct Deposit Offering is available for your weekly/monthly offering. Simply contact the office for account and routing information. It's fast and easy!



4-H Omelet Brunch is **TODAY** from 9am-1pm @ the Dance Pavilion @ the fairgrounds in West Union. Serving: made-to-order omelets, all you can eat pancakes, applesauce, and beverage. \$10 per person. Age 5 & younger-free. Silent auction also taking place.



Clermont EMT Pancake Breakfast is Sunday, March 17th @ the Clermont Fire Station from 8am-Noon. Serving: pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, applesauce, and beverage. Free Will Donation. All proceeded will be used to purchase pagers compatible with the new county wide paging system.



Guided to the Cross Lenten Schedule Sheet

<u>Date</u>	<u>Theme</u>	<u>Church</u>
Week 4, March 13	Guided to Trust	St Paul's Methodist, Elgin, Service at 7pm, dessert after the service.
Week 5, March 20	Guided to Perseverance	West Clermont, Service at 6:30pm, Meal: 5:30pm

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday, March 24	<i>Holy Communion</i>	WCLC @ 9:30am
Maundy Thursday, March 28	<i>Holy Communion</i>	WCLC @ 6:30pm
Good Friday, March 29	Guided to Sacrifice	East Clermont, Service at 6pm
Easter Sunday, March 31	<i>Holy Communion</i>	WCLC @ 9:30am