

Welcome to  
**WEST CLERMONT LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
Member of the Evangelical Lutheran  
Church in America  
*March 17, 2024*



**Worship 9:30am**  
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# Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 17, 2024

## INTRODUCTION

*God promises Jeremiah that a "new covenant" will be made in the future: a covenant that will allow all the people to know God by heart. The church sees this promise fulfilled in Christ, who draws all people to himself when he is lifted up on the cross. Our baptismal covenant draws us to God's heart through Christ and draws God's love and truth into our hearts. We join together in worship, sharing in word, song, and meal, and leave strengthened to share God's love with all the world.*

## GATHERING

**PRELUDE:** "Lord I Need You" Matt Maher CCLI 5925687  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=skAdCyew2B8>

## 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:** "Lift High The Cross" ELW 660  
CCLI 5169 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xvP3DRTEtuo>

## 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.**

**KYRIE** (Spoken)

V: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

V: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

V: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

V: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

V: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C: Amen, amen.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY: O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers.**

**Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in your Son, 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: "Man On The Middle Cross" CCLI 7223925**  
(requested by Vernon Oakland)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ce5vYpRpK9U>

**Verse 1**

*I heard the preacher talking  
About three wooden crosses  
Upon a hill for everyone to see  
Two sinners on the outside  
Couldn't save themselves if they tried  
All I could think is man that sounds like me*

**Chorus 1**

*I've been the one on the left, Full of guilt and regret  
Long-gone on the wrong side of living  
I've been the one on the right  
Always looking for a fight  
Thinking I could never be forgiven  
I'm standing here today overwhelmed by grace  
'Cause I know who paid my cost  
Thank God for the Man on the middle cross*

**Verse 2**

*He didn't have to do it  
But for me He went through it  
A love like that I'll never understand  
Lord knows I don't deserve it  
And I know I couldn't earn it  
Let mercy rain down on this desperate Man*

**Chorus 2**

*I've been the one on the left  
Full of guilt and regret  
Long-gone on the wrong side of living  
I've been the one on the right  
Always looking for a fight  
Thinking I could never be forgiven  
I'm standing here today overwhelmed by grace  
'Cause I know who paid my cost  
Thank God for the Man on the middle cross*

### **Bridge**

*The cross is where He went  
Oh but that ain't where He stayed  
He brought me back to life  
When He rose up outta that grave  
Someday I'll stand before Him  
And I'll see Jesus face to face  
I'll worship and adore Him  
For a life forever changed*

### **Chorus 3**

*I've been the one on the left  
Full of guilt and regret  
Long-gone on the wrong side of living  
I've been the one on the right  
Always looking for a fight  
Thinking I could never be forgiven  
I'm standing here today overwhelmed by grace  
'Cause I know who paid my cost  
Thank God for the Man on the middle cross  
Thank God for the Man on the middle cross*

## **WORD**

### **First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34**

<sup>31</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

R: *The Word of the Lord.*

C: **Thanks be to God!**

**Psalm: 51:1-12 (Responsively)**

<sup>1</sup>Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;  
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

<sup>2</sup>**Wash me through and through from my wickedness,  
and cleanse me from my sin.**

<sup>3</sup>For I know my offenses, and my sin is ever before me.

<sup>4</sup>**Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your  
sight; so you are justified when you speak and right in  
your judgment.**

<sup>5</sup>Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness, a sinner from  
my mother's womb.

<sup>6</sup>**Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me,  
and would have me know wisdom deep within.**

<sup>7</sup>Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.

<sup>8</sup>**Let me hear joy and gladness; that the body you have  
broken may rejoice.**

<sup>9</sup>Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my wickedness.

<sup>10</sup>**Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.**

<sup>11</sup>Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy  
Spirit from me.

<sup>12</sup>**Restore to me the joy of your salvation  
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.**

**Second Reading: Hebrews 5:5-10**

<sup>5</sup>Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was  
appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son,  
today I have begotten you”;

<sup>6</sup>as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,  
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

<sup>7</sup>In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and

supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. <sup>8</sup>Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; <sup>9</sup>and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, <sup>10</sup>having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

R: *The Word of the Lord.*

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**Gospel Acclamation:** “*Let your steadfast...* ” **ELW pg. 125**

**Gospel: John 12:20-33**

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

<sup>20</sup>Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup>They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” <sup>22</sup>Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup>Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup>Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup>Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup>Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

<sup>27</sup>“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. <sup>28</sup>Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” <sup>29</sup>The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” <sup>30</sup>Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. <sup>31</sup>Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. <sup>32</sup>And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” <sup>33</sup>He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

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:** "Beneath The Cross of Jesus" ELW 338  
CCLI 27927 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hiUibICa3kE>

## **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:** "Lord Dismiss Us With Your Blessing"

**ELW 545 vs.1-2**

**CCLI 2216739** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ubDg4W1LZI>

### **DISMISSAL**

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

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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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. 3/18	6pm	Community Club Mtg.
Tues. 3/19	9am	Quilting
Wed. 3/20	9am	Sarah Circle
	1pm	Mary Circle
	2pm	Ruth Circle
	2:30pm	Confirmation
	5:30pm	Lenten Meal @ WCLC
	6:30pm	Lenten Worship @ WCLC
Sun. 3/24	9:30am	Palm Sunday Service
		Holy Communion
		Sunday School
	10:30am	Fellowship
	4pm	Sunday Mtg.



 **Noisy Can Offering** for 1<sup>st</sup> 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!



**Clermont EMT Pancake Breakfast** is **TODAY** @ 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.



**Lenten Meal @ WCLC** on Wed., Mar 20<sup>th</sup> is TJ's Pizza. Sponsored by WELCA. Freewill donation.



**Good Friday Service** is at East Clermont @ 6pm. The "**No Name Band**" will be singing before and during service. Cookies and bars will be served following the service.



**Pictorial Time!** Our last pictorial was five years ago and a lot has happened since then. As we start preparing for our next pictorial, we are asking you to share any photos of church events with the office. We would like to have a good representation of all the things we do as a congregation from worship to the Fall Dinner, quilting to Luther League.



## **Guided to the Cross Lenten Schedule Sheet**

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Theme</u></b>	<b><u>Church</u></b>
<b>Week 5, March 20</b>	<b>Guided to Perseverance</b>	West Clermont, Service at 6:30pm, Meal: 5:30pm
<b><u>HOLY WEEK</u></b>		
<b>Palm Sunday, March 24</b>	<b><i>Holy Communion</i></b>	WCLC @ 9:30am
<b>Maundy Thurs., Mar. 28</b>	<b><i>Holy Communion</i></b>	WCLC @ 6:30pm
<b>Good Friday, March 29</b>	<b>Guided to Sacrifice</b>	East Clermont, Service at 6pm
<b>Easter Sunday, March 31</b>	<b><i>Holy Communion</i></b>	WCLC @ 9:30am