

Welcome to
WEST CLERMONT LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Worship 9:30am
Sunday School Youth Service

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Second Sunday of Easter

April 16, 2023

INTRODUCTION

In today's gospel the risen Christ appears to the disciples and offers them the gift of peace. Even amid doubts and questions, we experience the resurrection in our Sunday gathering around word and meal, and in our everyday lives. Throughout the coming Sundays of Easter the first two readings will be from the Acts of the Apostles and the first letter of Peter. Even as the early Christians proclaimed the resurrection, we rejoice in the new birth and living hope we receive in baptism.

PRELUDE: "In Jesus Name" (God Of Possible)

CCLI #7186326 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ihrUIPfvTh8>

GREETING

L: 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: "Thine Is The Glory" ELW376

CCLI #7061388 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tjz4yXUJrgU>

THANKGIVING FOR BAPTISM

V: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, by whose hand we are given new birth, by whose speaking we are given new life.

C: Amen.

V: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and supported as citizens of the new creation. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. Holy God, holy and merciful,

holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring. In mercy and might you have freed us from death and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead. In baptismal waters our old life is washed away, and in them we are born anew.

Water may be poured into the font at this time.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for waters that wash us clean, quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures. Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism, the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

C: Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you. Empower our witness to your resurrection. Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.

V: Satisfy the world's need through this living water. Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment. Where despair prevails, grant hope. Where chaos reigns, bring peace. We ask this through Christ, who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.

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: Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

NOISY CAN OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC: "That's Enough" by Brandon Heath
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UgpFGuXnYPY>

Lyrics:

*Mind if I tell you a secret
A few simple truths about me
Might be hard to believe
Guess I'm just trying to come clean
Sometimes I don't know where I'm going
It's hard to admit where I've been
When I come to the end of myself
This is where I begin, again*

I am here, I am loved, God is good! And that's enough.

*I don't know your situation
What kind of story you're in
If you're high on that mountain
Or down in the valley again
You might be holding your baby
You might be holding a drink
You might be holding a secret
That's getting harder to keep*

But you are here, You are loved! God is good! And that's enough.

And I am here, I am loved, God is good! And that's enough.

*It's okay if I don't have the answers
It's okay to be right where you are
It was patience and kindness and love
That got us this far*

You are here, You are loved! God is good!

And I am here, I am loved. God is good! And that's enough.

He is here! He is love! God is love! And that's enough!

WORD

First Reading: Acts 2:14a, 22-32

^{14a}Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd], ²²“You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know—²³this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. ²⁴But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. ²⁵For David says concerning him,

‘I saw the Lord always before me,
for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;
²⁶therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
moreover my flesh will live in hope.

²⁷For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
or let your Holy One experience corruption.

²⁸You have made known to me the ways of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

²⁹“Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. ³¹Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

‘He was not abandoned to Hades,
nor did his flesh experience corruption.’

³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.”

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Psalm 16 (Responsively)

¹Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; I have said to the LORD, “You are my Lord, my good above all other.”

²**All my delight is in the godly that are in the land, upon those who are noble among the people.**

³But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied.

⁴**I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods, never take their names upon my lips.**

⁵O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot.

⁶**My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**

⁷I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me night after night.

⁸**I have set the LORD always before me; because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

⁹My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope.

¹⁰**For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the pit.**

¹¹You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and

honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

R: *The Word of the Lord.*

C: **Thanks be to God!**

***Gospel Acclamation:**

R: Alleluia.

C: **Alleluia.**

R: Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe. Alleluia. (*John 20:29*)

C: **Alleluia!**

GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

L: The Holy Gospel according to John.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see

my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.”²⁸ Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!”²⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

V: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S SERMON
SERMON

Stephanie Spain

HYMN OF THE DAY *"Jesus Loves Me"* **ELW 595**

CCLI #4771887 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LD1_CPqJusg

***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.**

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

V: Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

***WE SHARE GOD'S PEACE**

V: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

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

OFFERING

LORD'S PRAYER

L: 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

V: The God of all, who raised † Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation.

C: **Amen.**

SENDING MUSIC: *"Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises"*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QQnrPcPqsKI> **ELW 535**

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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Prayer List

Requested: Jeanette (Davisson) Cain, Bob Kress, Don Erickson, Ken Erickson, Jake Noggle, Karen Guyer, Lynzee Henrikson-Makowski, Karen Kohls, Ardell Fortune, Inez Oakland, Jerry Erickson, Julie Albertson, Danice Cummings, LaVerne & Grace Swenson, Karen Kerner.


Assisted Living, Nursing Homes & Shut-Ins: Millard Nelson, Betty Erickson, Gail Herman, John Yauslin, Marilyn Knutsen, Marilyn Shipton, Bud Siebrecht, Karen Follett, Rodney Guyer.


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






Mon.	4/17	6pm	Clermont Community Club Mtg.
Tues.	4/18	9am	Quilting
Wed.	4/19	9am	Sarah Circle
		1pm	Mary Circle
		2pm	Ruth Circle
Sat.	4/22	9am-Noon	<i>Shepherd of the Hill Women's In-Gathering @ Elgin Lutheran</i>
Sun.	4/23	9:30am	Worship Service
			CONFIRMATION
			<i>Holy Communion</i>
		10:30am	Fellowship
		6:00pm	Sunday Mtg.




 **Community Club Bingo** is **TODAY**. Lunch starts at noon. Bingo begins at 1pm. Funds go toward area NFV High School Students going on a German Exchange this summer.

 We are now taking orders for the **WCLC T-shirts**. Shirts are \$18 each. 2x are an additional \$2. 3x and larger are an additional \$3. We will take orders until the last Sunday in April (4/30). Only a few extra shirts will be ordered, so make sure you get your shirt (s) now. The order sheet is in the Fellowship area. T-shirts are Gildan brand 50/50, dry-blend

 **Scholarships GRADUATING SENIORS:** Applications for the WCLC Scholarship are now available. Completed applications are due back to the office by Sunday, April 30th.


  The **Northern Lights Women's Chorus** will present its spring concert at 3 p.m. **TODAY** at Decorah Lutheran Church. An intermission freewill offering will be taken, with a portion of the proceeds being donated to local nonprofit organizations.

 **Luther Lock-In** is for middle school students (5-8th grade) and will take place at the Center for Faith & Life Center on the Luther Campus, Sat., April 22nd -8pm until Sun., April 23rd-8am. Information on bulletin board or inquire in office.

 **WCLC Camperships** are available for those attending a faith-based summer camp in 2023. Stop in the office.

 Please join us next week for **Confirmation Sunday** on April 23rd.

SHEPHERD OF THE HILL NEWS

 We would like to introduce a **new fundraiser** that we are going to do this year. ***“Show you care with underwear”*** is designed to provide the families we serve with new socks and under ware for each child going to school in the fall. Starting now thru May, you can donate a pair of socks and /or underwear to Shepherd of the Hill. All of these will be going to the children when we do our backpack project that will be held on August 9, 2023. There is a drop off container outside of the office.



The **Shepherd of the Hill Women's Spring In-Gathering** is @ Elgin Lutheran on Saturday, April 22nd, beginning at 9am. The cost for lunch is \$5. Please RSVP to Cindy @ torkel15@alpinenet.com or call 563-880-2859 by 4/14.



Spring Festival @ St. Paul Lutheran in Postville is **TODAY** beginning @ 10:30am until sold out. Meal tickets are \$15 (4 & under-free). Serving: swiss steak and pit ham, real mashed potatoes w/gravy, freezer corn, bread, assorted salads, dessert. Raffle- 6 tickets for \$5; drawing @ 1pm. Dine in or carry out.