

Welcome to  
**WEST CLERMONT LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
Member of the Evangelical Lutheran  
Church in America  
*April 21, 2024*



**Worship 9:30am**  
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# 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024

## INTRODUCTION

*The image of the good shepherd shows us how the risen Christ brings us to life. It is the relationship between the shepherd and the sheep, one of mutual knowledge and love, that gives the shepherd authority. The shepherd's willingness to lay down his life for the sheep shows his love. First John illustrates what it means to lay down our lives for one another by the example of sharing our wealth with any sibling in need.*

## GATHERING

**PRELUDE:** *"Christ Is Risen"* by Matt Maher and Mia Fieldes  
CCLI# 5242683 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vBqPXvP6aso>

## GREETING

P: He is risen!

C: He is risen indeed!

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 HYMN:** *"For The Beauty of the Earth"* ELW 879  
CCLI# 43200 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ml7uVoFtz5w>

## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.

C: Amen.

P: Look, here is water!

**C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

P: Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life. Look, here is water!

**C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

P: At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: Look, here is water!

**C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

### **KYRIE** (Spoken)

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

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: 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.**

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

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C: Amen, amen.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:** O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**NOISY CAN OFFERING**

**SPECIAL MUSIC:** "Lead On Good Shepherd" by Patrick Mayberry  
CCLI# 7209206 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UAJ7rwJWHZE>

**WORD**

**First Reading:** Acts 4:5-12

<sup>5</sup>The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, <sup>6</sup>with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. <sup>7</sup>When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" <sup>8</sup>Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, <sup>9</sup>if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, <sup>10</sup>let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. <sup>11</sup>This Jesus is

‘the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;  
it has become the cornerstone.’

<sup>12</sup>There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.”

R: *The Word of the Lord.*

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**Psalm: 23 (Responsively)**

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

<sup>2</sup>**The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures  
and leads me beside still waters.**

<sup>3</sup>You restore my soul, O LORD,  
and guide me along right pathways for your name’s sake.

**<sup>4</sup>Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and  
your staff, they comfort me.**

<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

**<sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my  
life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

**Second Reading: 1 John 3:16-24**

<sup>16</sup>We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. <sup>17</sup>How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

<sup>18</sup>Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. <sup>19</sup>And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him <sup>20</sup>whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup>Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; <sup>22</sup>and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

<sup>23</sup>And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. <sup>24</sup>All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

R: *The Word of the Lord.*

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

P: Alleluia.

**C: Alleluia.**

P: Jesus says, I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me. Alleluia. (*John 10:14*)

**C: Alleluia.**

**Gospel: John 10:11-18**

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

[Jesus said:] <sup>11</sup>“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup>The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

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: "Have No Fear Little Flock" (no lyrics)**

**ELW 764**

**CCLI# 2514211 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gaSyX4XW-h4>**

## **APOSTLES’ CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**



**SENDING MUSIC:** *"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing"*

**ELW 385**

**CCLI#2613129** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IIdJ6dB3qa4>

**SERVICE OF ROGATION**    *Parking lot (weather permitting)*

P: We gather today to ask God's blessing on the seeds to be planted, the soil that will be their mother, on the water that nourishes them as well as on those who will labor to make the fields ready. We gather asking God's blessing on garden and field so that all will have enough to eat and that farmers will have a just return for their labor. We acknowledge God as the giver of all life and the one who provides the needs of all earth's peoples and creatures.

**The 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 God thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and all places give thanks to you, God the Creator, who has invited us to work with you in loving stewardship of the earth. You promise us a fruitful growing season and hold all living things in your hands. And so with farmers and gardeners everywhere and the whole company of heaven, we praise your name and join in their unending hymn of praise:

**C: Holy Lord, holy God, holy are you. You are God of heaven and earth. Your glory is proclaimed in the growing things of nature. Hosanna in the highest heaven and here on earth. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the Highest!**

**Prayer for Seeds**

**Men:** Blessed are you O Lord our God, King of the Universe, you have given seed to the sower and bread to all people. Nourish,



protect, and bless the seeds which your people sow in hope. By your loving and bountiful giving, may they bring forth their fruit in due season. Lord in your mercy,  
**C: Hear our prayer.**

### Prayer for Soil & Machinery

**Women:** Blessed are you O Lord our God, King of the Universe, we give you thanks that in the richness of the soil, nature awakens to your call of spring. We praise you for the smell of freshly-tilled earth and the beauty of a well prepared field. We praise you, O Lord, for the good land with all its resources which you have entrusted to us. We also ask you to bless the machinery that helps us prepare the soil and plant the seeds. Lord in your mercy,  
**C: Hear our prayer.**

### Prayer for Water & Rain

**Men:** Blessed are you O Lord our God, King of the Universe, we receive the fruits of the earth from you. We give you thanks for the smell of the earth after rain, for its welcoming cooling, and its necessary hydration for the land. We ask that the rain come as often as it is needed so that the crops may flourish and the coming harvest be indeed bountiful. Lord in your mercy,  
**C: Hear our prayer.**

### Prayer for Sowers

**Women:** Blessed are you O Lord our God, King of the Universe, be with us now and bless those who labor in the fields and gardens. Grant us faith to see your will in all life and to be good stewards of your creation. Grant safety in our labor. Lord in your mercy,  
**C: Hear our prayer.**

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

**P:** We give you thanks, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, for springtime beauty, and peaceful surroundings, environments that lift us and give us life from your life. We thank you for Jesus our Savior who gives us eternal life in whom we live and move and have our being. Lord in your mercy,  
**C: Hear our prayer.**

## **The Benediction**

P: Now may the God of creation who established the seasons and provided for seedtime and harvest, bless you and provide you with every good gift to do God's will now and forever. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

**C: AMEN**

P: Go in peace. Plant with joy!

**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, Jennifer Ruckdashel, Karen Kerner, Terry Cummings, Sarah Updegraff-Murray.

**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.

**Sunday, April 14, 2024**

Regular: \$2,225.00

Loose: \$58.00

**Total General Fund: \$2,321.47**

Bldg Fund: Roof: \$90.00; Regular: \$50.00


**Attendance: 57**


Noisy Can: \$38.47


## What's Happening


Tues. 4/23	9am	Quilting
Wed. 4/24	2-4pm	Senior Fun Day
Sun. 4/28	<b>9:30am</b>	<b>Sunday Worship</b>
<b>Service</b>		<b>Holy Communion</b>
		Sunday School
	10:30am	Fellowship and coffee
	11:30am	<i>Baptism- Jakobi Richard</i>
<i>Stevenson</i>		
	4pm	Sunday Mtg.



 **Noisy Can Offering** for 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter (April - June) will go to Jo Kramer from Waucoma, for her ongoing health concerns and cancer treatments. Jo writes a blog about her experiences with her illness.

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

 **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.

 **Calmar Lutheran Church Luther League BINGO!** on April 28<sup>th</sup> @ the church in Calmar. Doors open at 2:30pm. Games start at 3pm. Concessions available. Door prizes and 50/50 raffle.

## CAMPERSHIPS

**WCLC Camperships** are available for those attending a faith-based summer camp in 2024. Stop in the office or email the church for the application. You are encouraged to submit the completed application before the May 1<sup>st</sup>, Council Meeting. This will allow for timely receipt of campership funds.



*May God Bless you all for your prayers, your generosity, and your thoughtfulness. I appreciate it all. Thank you again ~ Karen Guyer.*



**Highland Lutheran's Biscuits & Gravy Brunch** is Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> from 9am-12:30pm @ the Elgin Legion Hall. Serving: biscuits & gravy, eggs, sausage, applesauce, & drink. Gluten free available. Free will donation. Dine in or carry out.