

Welcome to  
**WEST CLERMONT LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
Member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
*April 23, 2023*



*Confirmation Sunday*

**Worship 9:30am**  
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# 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

## Confirmation

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### INTRODUCTION

*Today's gospel begins with two disciples walking to Emmaus, overcome with sadness, loss, and disappointment. They had hoped Jesus, who was crucified, would be the one to redeem Israel! Yet the risen Christ walks with them and then opens their eyes in the breaking of the bread. Each Sunday our hearts burn within us as the scriptures are proclaimed and Christ appears to us as bread is broken and wine is poured. The story of Emmaus becomes the pattern of our worship each Lord's day.*

### PRELUDE

### GREETING

L: He is risen!

C: **He is risen indeed!**

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:** "As We Gather At Your Table"

**ELW 522**

### 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**

**ELW pg. 120**

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

**ELW pg. 122**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY: O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**NOISY CAN OFFERING**

**SPECIAL MUSIC: WCLC Choir**

**WORD**

**First Reading: Acts 2:14a, 36-41**

<sup>14a</sup>Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd], <sup>36</sup>“Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

<sup>37</sup>Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” <sup>38</sup>Peter said to them, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup>For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” <sup>40</sup>And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” <sup>41</sup>So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

**R: *The Word of the Lord.***

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 (Responsively)**

<sup>1</sup>I love the LORD, who has heard my voice, and listened to my supplication,

<sup>2</sup>**for the LORD has given ear to me whenever I called.**

<sup>3</sup>The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came upon me;

I came to grief and sorrow.

<sup>4</sup>**Then I called upon the name of the LORD: “O LORD, I pray you, save my life.”**

<sup>12</sup>How shall I repay the LORD for all the good things God has done for me?

<sup>13</sup>**I will lift the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD.**

<sup>14</sup>I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all God’s people.

<sup>15</sup>**Precious in your sight, O LORD, is the death of your servants.**

<sup>16</sup>O LORD, truly I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your handmaid;

you have freed me from my bonds.

<sup>17</sup>**I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the name of the LORD.**

<sup>18</sup>I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all God’s people,

<sup>19</sup>**in the courts of the LORD’s house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!**

**Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-23**

<sup>17</sup>If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. <sup>18</sup>You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, <sup>19</sup>but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. <sup>20</sup>He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. <sup>21</sup>Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

<sup>22</sup>Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. <sup>23</sup>You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

R: *The Word of the Lord.*

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**GOSPEL: Luke 24:13-35**

L: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

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

<sup>13</sup>Now on that same day [when Jesus had appeared to Mary Magdalene,] two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup>and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup>While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, <sup>16</sup>but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup>And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup>Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” <sup>19</sup>He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup>and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. <sup>21</sup>But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. <sup>22</sup>Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, <sup>23</sup>and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup>Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.” <sup>25</sup>Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! <sup>26</sup>Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” <sup>27</sup>Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

<sup>28</sup>As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup>But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup>When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup>Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup>They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” <sup>33</sup>That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. <sup>34</sup>They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” <sup>35</sup>Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

V: *The gospel of the Lord.*

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

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**  
**SERMON**

**Faith Statements by Confirmand:**

**Vicar Mike Erickson**  
**Vicar Mike Erickson**  
*Cecelia Cummings*  
*Alaina Donnelly*  
*Teagan Schrader*

**HYMN OF THE DAY:**

*"Faith Of Our Fathers"*

**ELW 812**

**CONFIRMATION**

**PRESENTATION**

V: The following have been instructed in the Christian faith and desire to make public profession of their faith in Jesus Christ:

**Cecelia Lynn Cummings**

**Alaina Grace Donnelly**

**Teagan Summit Schrader**

*Confirmands come forward and stand at the communion rail.*

**AFFIRMATION BY THE ASSEMBLY**

V: Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism as we come before God to make public affirmation of baptism into Christ.

V: Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you that you have made us your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called us to yourself, enlightened us with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished us in the community of faith. Uphold us and all your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

**C: Amen.**

**PROFESSION OF FAITH**

*The presiding minister addresses those making public affirmation of baptism. The assembly may stand and join in the responses.*

V: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

**C: I renounce them.**

V: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

**C: I renounce them.**

V: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**C: I renounce them.**

V: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

V: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C: 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.**

V: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C: 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.**

### **AFFIRMATION BY THE CONFIRMAND**

#### ***Affirmation in the Presence of the Assembly***

V: You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,  
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,  
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,  
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,  
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

*Each confirmand responds:*

**Confirmand: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

*The minister addresses the assembly.*

V: People of God, do you promise to support *these sisters* and pray for *them* in their life in Christ?

**C: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

*Those making affirmation may kneel. The presiding minister prays for God's blessing.*

V: Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

*The minister will bless the confirmand by saying;*

V: Stir up in **Cecelia, Alaina, & Teagan** the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

*Confirmand making public affirmation stand and face the assembly.*

## **CONFIRMATION BLESSING**

V: Let us rejoice with these sisters in Christ.

**C: We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

## **READING & PRESENTATION OF CONFIRMATION BIBLE VERSES**

**Cecelia Cummings:** 1 Peter 5:6-7

*<sup>6</sup>Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. <sup>7</sup>Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you.*

**Alaina Donnelly:** John 13:7

*"You do not know now what I am doing but later you will understand".*

**Teagan Schrader:** Deuteronomy 31:6

*Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them. For the Lord your God goes with you: He will never leave you nor forsake you.*

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## **\*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**

#### **OFFERING PRAYER:**

V: Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

### **MEAL**

#### **\*GREAT THANKSGIVING**

V: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

V: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

#### **\*PREFACE**

V: 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, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy ...**

**ELW pg. 130**

#### **\*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

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**

V: 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**

V: Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you.

**COMMUNION**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION: Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name. 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:**

*"Abide With Us O' Dearest Jesus" ELW 539*

**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.





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Tues. 4/25	9am	Quilting
Sun. 4/30	9:30am	<b>Worship Service</b>
		<b>Rogation Sunday</b>
		Sunday School
	10:30am	Fellowship
	6:00pm	Sunday Mtg.

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 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 30<sup>th</sup>.

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



*Thank you to all who came to Betty's aid last week during service. Special thanks to **Diane Butikofer, Jerry Anderson & Brant Schrader**. ~ Milo & Betty*



**to our confirmand.**

Today, you confirmed the promises made when you were baptized. May your spiritual journey continue and may the Holy Spirit be with you always!

**Cece Cummings** baptized November 29, 2009

**Lainy Grace Donnelly** baptized

**Teagan Schrader** baptized June 14, 2009



The **In-Kind Offering** for the Synod Assembly is kits for Lutheran Services in Iowa for those in need. Enclosed in this bulletin is a list of each kit and the items needed. A container is set up to collect items and monetary donations can be dropped off in the church office. Items will be collected until the end of May.



**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.