

Welcome to  
**WEST CLERMONT LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
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**Worship 9:30am**  
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# 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

April 27, 2025

## INTRODUCTION

*In spite of all we have heard and all we have seen, it is often hard to believe. Because it is hard to believe, we will invest ourselves in the Easter mystery for fifty days (a week of weeks). Because it is hard to believe, John the evangelist will provide sign after sign celebrating Jesus' victory over death. Because it is hard to believe, the risen Jesus will return to us again and again in the mystery of holy communion, inviting us to touch and taste his presence, and offering us his peace.*

## GATHERING

### PRELUDE

### 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!*

**GATHER HYMN:** *"The Day of Resurrection!"* ELW 361

## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: In the name of † the One who was, who is, and who is to come. C: **Amen.**

P: Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life,  
let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.  
*Water may be poured before or during the thanksgiving.*

P: Holy God,  
we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name. Baptized into you, O Living One,  
**C: make us one as you are one.**

P: We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making. Baptized into you, O Living One,  
**C: make us one as you are one.**

P: We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power. Baptized into you, O Living One,  
**C: make us one as you are one.**

P: Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.  
**C: Amen.**

## **KYRIE**

ELW pg.120

**CANTICLE OF PRAISE:** *"This is the feast.."* ELW pg.122

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:** O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of 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**

## **QUILT AND LWR KIT BLESSING**

P: Let us pray. O Lord our God, maker of all things, you have blessed us with so many gifts—a good eye for color, the ability to make fine stitches, the skills to develop ever-new and exciting patterns. Now we offer the fruits of our labors, the quilts and kits we have made, to you.

**C: We dedicate these quilts and kits to your service, trusting that your love will go wherever each item is sent, making it more than just a piece of material, a collection of items—making each piece we have created an expression of love.**

P: There is no way for us to imagine the power and effect an act of love can have on a person's life—how you can use something as small as a quilt, a layette, a health kit to radiate your love from us to the world.

**C: May these be used in your service and become blessings for all those who receive them.**

P: Lord, we know that all we possess comes from your loving hand. Give us grace to honor you with all of our being: draw our hearts to you, guide our minds, fill our imaginations, control our wills, so that we may be wholly yours.

**C: Use us as you will, always to your glory and the welfare of your people. Amen.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC:** "That's Who I Praise" by Brandon Lake  
CCLI #7243068 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hefLdjeclSs>

### **Verse 1**

*I wanna dance like David*

*I want a faith like Paul*

*I wanna sing like Silas*

*Tearing down the prison walls*

*I wanna face that fire*

*It won't burn me though*

*God's got my back Shadrach Meshach Abednego*

## Verse 2

*I wanna walk like Moses  
Right through the waves  
One day I'll see that promise land no longer slaves  
Though the fear is talkin'  
No it can't take out my faith*

## Chorus 1

*I'm gonna praise I'm gonna praise  
I praise the mountain movin'  
Body raising breaker of chains  
Gonna praise I'm gonna praise  
I praise the heaven seated  
Undefeated highest of names  
That's who I praise hey  
That's who I praise that's who I praise*

## Verse 3

*I wanna gift like Mary  
I wanna break my vase  
I wanna sleep like Daniel even in a lion's cave  
I'm gonna get that promise  
Just like Jericho  
Yeah I know what'll make it fall*

## Chorus 2

*I'm gonna praise (I'm gonna praise)  
I praise the mountain movin'  
Body raising breaker of chains  
Gonna praise I'm gonna praise  
I praise the heaven seated  
Undefeated highest of names  
That's who I praise hey  
I praise the God who's proven  
He can do impossible things  
That's who I praise hey  
that's who I praise that's who I praise*

## **Bridge**

*He is the Lion of Judah*

*He is the Lamb that was slain*

*The only One who's worthy worthy*

*Worthy of all of His names that's who I praise*

*He is the risen Messiah*

*He is the Ancient of Days*

*The only one who's worthy worthy*

*Worthy of all of His names that's who I praise*

## **Verse 4**

*I wanna love like Jesus that kinda grace*

*I wanna live like*

*I've got no more precious time to waste*

*I'm gonna give him glory*

*With all my thanks*

*'Cause there's no greater stronger higher name*

*And that's who I praise*

## **MEAL**

### **GREAT 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 our thanks and praise.**

## **PREFACE**

P: 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**

P: 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**

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.**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P: Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

**COMMUNION**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION: Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world. Amen.**

## WORD

### First Reading: Acts 5:27-32

<sup>27</sup> When they had brought [the apostles,] they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, <sup>28</sup> saying, “We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man’s blood on us.” <sup>29</sup> But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than any human authority. <sup>30</sup> The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. <sup>31</sup> God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. <sup>32</sup> And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.”

R: *The Word of the Lord.*

C: **Thanks be to God!**

### Psalm: 118:14-29 (Responsively)

<sup>14</sup> The LORD is my strength and my song,  
and has become my salvation.

<sup>15</sup> **Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous: “The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!**

<sup>16</sup> The right hand of the LORD is exalted!  
The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!”

<sup>17</sup> **I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.**

<sup>18</sup> The LORD indeed punished me sorely,  
but did not hand me over to death.

<sup>19</sup> **Open for me the gates of righteousness;  
I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.**

<sup>20</sup> “This is the gate of the LORD; here the righteous may enter.”

<sup>21</sup> **I give thanks to you, for you have answered me  
and you have become my salvation.**

<sup>22</sup> The stone that the builders rejected has become the



chief cornerstone.

**23 By the LORD has this been done;  
it is marvelous in our eyes.**

**24** This is the day that the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**25 Hosanna! O LORD, save us!**

**We pray to you, LORD, prosper our days!**

**26** Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD;  
we bless you from the house of the LORD.

**27 The LORD is God and has given us light. Form a  
procession with branches up to the corners of the  
altar.**

**28** You are my God, and I will thank you;  
you are my God, and I will exalt you.

**29 Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good;  
God's mercy endures forever.**

### **Second Reading: Revelation 1:4-8**

**4** John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, **5** and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, **6** and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. **7** Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. **8** "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

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

**C:** **Thanks be to God!**

**Gospel Acclamation:** *"Alleluia..."*

**ELW pg. 124**

## **Gospel: John 20:19-31**

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

<sup>19</sup> When 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." <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup> When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

<sup>24</sup> But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So 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."

<sup>26</sup> A 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." <sup>27</sup> Then 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." <sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup> 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."

<sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup> 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.

P: *The gospel of the Lord.*

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

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**Pastor Mike Erickson**

**\*\*Sunday school youth and teachers are dismissed to class.\*\***

**HYMN OF THE DAY: *"That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright"***

**ELW 384**

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**We believe in one God,**

**the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,**

**the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from**

**heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the  
virgin Mary and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius  
Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living  
and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and  
glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of  
sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the  
life of the world to come. 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: Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, that we may live as your risen body in the world.                    **C: Amen.**

## **SERVICE OF ROGATION**

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: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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**

### **SENDING**

**SENDING MUSIC:** *"Savior, Again To Your Dear Name"*

**ELW 534**

### **DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Plant with joy!

**C: Thanks be to God!**

### **POSTLUDE**

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## Prayer List

**Requested:** Karen Kohls, Jeanette (Davisson) Cain, Don Erickson, Jake Noggle, Karen Guyer, Ardell Fortune, Julie Albertson, Larry Kohls, Sarah Updegraff-Murray, Eric Clubb, Bill and Cindy Thias, JoAnn Bishop, Ben Phillips, Meca Loftsgard, Randy Torson.

**Assisted Living, Nursing Homes & Shut-Ins:** Betty Erickson, Bud Siebrecht, Karen Follett, Judy Nelson, Madonna Stumme, Doris Guyer, Evelyn Tague.

**In the Military:** Jeff Kleppe, Nathan Guyer, Kennedy White.

### **Sunday, April 6, 2025**

Loose: \$23.00

Regular: \$1,225.00

**Total General Fund: \$1,288.43**

Roof: \$90.00

**Attendance: 63**

Noisy Can: \$40.43

### **Palm Sunday, April 13, 2025**

Loose: \$4.00

Regular: \$840.00

**Total General Fund: \$896.31**

**Attendance: 70**

Noisy Can: \$52.31

### **Maundy Thursday, April 17, 2025**

Loose: \$32.00

**Total General Fund: \$57.00**

**Attendance: 18**

Lenten: \$25.00

### **Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025**

Loose: \$275.10

Regular: \$2,125.00

**Total General Fund: \$4,127.64**

Memorial Fund: \$50.00 - IMO Lois Miller

Roof Fund: \$90.00


**Attendance: 108**

Noisy Can: \$52.54

Easter: \$1,675.00

Tues. 4/29	9am	Quilting
Sun. 5/4	9:30am	Sunday Service <b>Holy Communion</b> <i>Sunday School</i>
	10:30am	Fellowship



 **Noisy Can Offering** for 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter will be split and go to Shepherd of the Hill Building & Maintenance Fund and Heather Hageman (SOTH Coordinator-who has had recent expenses for an unexpected medical condition).



**To whom it may concern-** baby diapers and feminine hygiene products are available in the restrooms for those times of unexpected need.



**Synod Assembly 2025** is Sat., June 7<sup>th</sup> in Cedar Falls. We *need* 2 adult voting representatives and 1 youth representative from WCLC to join Pr. Mike for this event. Registration must be submitted by April 27<sup>th</sup>. If interested, please contact the office or Pr. Mike.



**Alzheimer's Awareness Program** sponsored by the Clermont Library is Wednesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm at the Opera House.



**First Aid for Seniors Program** sponsored by the Clermont Library is Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm at the Opera House.



**SOTH EVENT:** **St. Paul Lutheran Fundraiser in Volga** is **TODAY** from 11:30am-1:30pm @ their fellowship hall. Serving: their FAMOUS maidrites, baked beans, chips, pies, and beverage. Freewill Offering. Carry out available.