

Welcome to  
**WEST CLERMONT LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
Member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
*April 30, 2023*



*Rogation Sunday*

**Worship 9:30am**

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# Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 30, 2023

## INTRODUCTION

*Today is sometimes called "Good Shepherd Sunday." Jesus is called the "gate" of the sheep in today's gospel. The risen Christ opens the way to abundant life. He anoints our heads with oil and guides us beside the still waters of our baptism. Each Sunday he spreads a feast before us amid the world's violence and war. We go forth to be signs of the resurrection and extend God's tender care to all creation.*

## 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:** *"I Know My Redeemer Lives"*

**ELW 619**

## 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.

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**

ELW Pg. 121

**PRAYER OF THE DAY: O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through 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: "House of God Forever" CCLI # 5295702**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LUNIBuWhDUg>

## **Lyrics:**

*God is my shepherd I won't be wanting, I won't be wanting  
He makes me rest In fields of green, with quiet streams*

*Even though I walk, Through the valley, of death and dying  
I will not fear 'Cause You are with me, You are with me  
Your shepherd's staff comforts me,  
You are my feast in the presence of enemies  
Surely goodness will follow me, follow me  
In the house of God forever  
God is my shepherd I won't be wanting, I won't be wanting  
He makes me rest In fields of green, by quiet streams  
Even while I'm walking, Through the valley, of death and  
dying, I will not fear  
'Cause You are with me, You're always with me  
Your shepherd's staff comforts me  
You are my feast in the presence of enemies  
Surely goodness will follow me, follow me  
In the house of God forever, In the house of God forever, In  
the house of God forever*

### **WORD**

#### **First Reading: Acts 2:42-47**

<sup>42</sup>[The baptized] devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

<sup>43</sup>Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. <sup>44</sup>All who believed were together and had all things in common; <sup>45</sup>they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup>Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being 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 Peter 2:19-25**

<sup>19</sup>It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. <sup>20</sup>If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. <sup>21</sup>For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

<sup>22</sup>“He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

<sup>23</sup>When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. <sup>24</sup>He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. <sup>25</sup>For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

R: *The Word of the Lord.*

C: **Thanks be to God!**

**\*Gospel Acclamation**

ELW Pg. 124

**GOSPEL: John 10:1-10**

L: The Holy Gospel according to John.

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

[Jesus said:] <sup>1</sup>“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief

and a bandit. <sup>2</sup>The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” <sup>6</sup>Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

<sup>7</sup>So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup>I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup>The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

V: *The gospel of the Lord.*

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

**CHILDREN’S SERMON**

**Vicar Mike Erickson**

**SERMON**

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**HYMN OF THE DAY:** *"Savior Like A Shepherd Lead Us"*

**ELW 789**

**\*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**

**OFFERING PRAYER: Generous God, we give thanks for these gifts of the earth. Pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**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.**

**SERVICE OF ROGATION**

**V: Today, we gather, 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.

### **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.**



**For our Farmer Brothers and Sisters Around the World.**

V: Blessed are you O Lord our God, King of the Universe, be with the farmers in conflict zones as they fight to keep their land and their livelihood. Grant them courage as they fight for their very lives. Grant them patience as they clear their fields of unexploded bombs and the debris of war so that their fields will grow abundant grain again. Lord in your mercy,

**C: Hear our Prayer.**

**The Benediction**

V: 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**

**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: "Have No Fear Little Flock" ELW 764**

**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.



Tues. 5/2	9am	Quilting
Wed. 5/3	1pm	WELCA Mtg.
	<b>5:30pm</b>	<b>Council Mtg.</b>
Sun. 5/7	9:30am	<b>Worship Service</b>
		<i>Bible Presentation</i>
		<i>Holy Communion</i>
		Sunday School
	10:30am	Fellowship
	6:00pm	Sunday Mtg.

**Maundy Thursday, April 6, 2023**

Copies: \$6.00  
 Food Pantry: \$100.25  
 Regular: \$750.00  
**Total General Fund: \$1,030.25**  
 Building/Roof: \$90.00

**Attendance: 21**  
 Loose: \$124.00  
 Maundy Thursday: \$50.00

**Sunday, April 9, 2023 (Easter)**

Copies: \$0.75  
 Paint Project: \$10,280.00  
 Initial: \$10.00  
 Regular: \$1,470.00  
**Total General Fund: \$12,440.37**  
 Building/Roof: \$90.00

**Attendance: 75**  
 Loose: \$41.00  
 Easter: \$540.00  
 Maundy Thursday: \$5.00  
 Noisy Can: \$93.62

**Sunday, April 16, 2023**

Loose: \$17.00  
 Regular: \$550.00  
**Total General Fund: \$610.11**

**Attendance: 57**  
 Noisy Can: \$43.11

**Sunday, April 23, 2023 (Confirmation)**

Noisy Can: \$45.15

Regular: \$730.00

Insurance Return: \$1,599.00

**Total General Fund: \$4,468.15**


Building/Roof: \$90.00

**Attendance: 90**

Loose: \$94.00


Prop. Maint - \$2000.00



 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.



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.

 **Scholarships GRADUATING SENIORS:** Applications for the WCLC Scholarship are now available. Completed applications are due back to the office TODAY.



The **Decorah Chorale** will present a spring concert Sunday, May 7 at 3 p.m. in the Decorah High School Auditorium. The concert program, titled **“Love: A Wild Force,”** includes sacred music, thematic music that celebrates new love and setting love free after death, and honors those who have stood tall in the face of adversity. A free-will offering will be taken to support the mission of the Decorah Chorale. The Decorah Chorale is an adult mixed choral ensemble with members from Decorah and surrounding communities.



**Victor Mike to present Martin Luther to WELCA Circles:**  
Vicar Mike would like to share his writing of Martin Luther to circles for their Bible study in May. Circles will meet on May 17<sup>th</sup> @ 1pm.



## 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.