

Welcome to
WEST CLERMONT LUTHERAN CHURCH
Member of the Evangelical Lutheran
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Worship 9:30am
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5th Sunday in Lent

April 6, 2025

INTRODUCTION

Our God makes all things new. In the first reading God promises it. In the gospel Mary anticipates it, anointing Jesus' feet with costly perfume in preparation for the day of his burial. In the second reading Paul recalls his transformation from the persecutor Saul into an apostle. In baptism, God's new person (you!) rises daily from the deadly mire of trespasses and sins.

GATHERING

PRELUDE: "Blessed Assurance" by Cain and David Leonard
CCLI Song #7213322 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z0qDMKKKKT4>

GREETING

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 MUSIC: "As We Gather At Your Table" ELW 522
CCLI Song #5193725 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3WlgV63-ZxA>
(To the tune of Come Thou Font)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate One,

C: you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world. We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us. We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you grant to all people. We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again. We squander the abundant gifts of the earth. Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross. Amen.

P: Beloved in Christ, God's arms are always stretched open wide to welcome the wandering ones home. In † Christ your sins are forgiven. You have a place in God's house forever.

C: Amen.

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: Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your

love given to all through 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

SPECIAL MUSIC: *“Somebody Like Me”*

by Caleb & Jon featuring Cain **CCLI Song #7215272**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ddpQoFLiMtg>

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, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

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: All who are hungry, come! The feast of grace is spread.

COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION: Generous Host, you have shared your feast with us and made us new. Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities, that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21

¹⁶ Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, ¹⁷ who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: ¹⁸ Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. ¹⁹ I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. ²⁰ The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, ²¹ the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

R: *The Word of the Lord.*

C: Thanks be to God!

Psalm: 126(Responsively)

¹ When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,
then were we like those who dream.

² **Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue
with shouts of joy. Then they said among the nations,
“The LORD has done great things for them.”**

³ The LORD has done great things for us, and we are glad indeed.

⁴ **Restore our fortunes, O LORD,
like the watercourses of the Negeb.**

⁵ Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy.

⁶ **Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.**

Second Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14

[Paul writes:] ^{4b} If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of

the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷ Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸ More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹² Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³ Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

R: *The Word of the Lord.*

C: Thanks be to God!

Gospel: John 12:1-8

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

¹ Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ² There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³ Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴ But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵ "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" ⁶ (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) ⁷ Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she

might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸ You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.”

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.****

SERMON

Pastor Mike Erickson

HYMN OF THE DAY: *“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”*

CCLI Song #7210175

ELW 597

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KaphtdcEcPE>

NICENE CREED

**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: God, in your mercy,

C: Receive our prayer.

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: Gracious Provider, you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. Deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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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

P: God our tender parent, God the crucified one, God the reconciling Spirit, † bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING MUSIC: “Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus” **ELW 802**
CCLI Song #7211447 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IT7FVwcmVYE>

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Love! Proclaim! Serve!

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 Thorsen.

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, March 30, 2025

Loose: \$76.00

Noisy Can: \$141.45

Building / Roof: \$180.00


Attendance: 62

Regular: \$965.00

General Fund: \$1,182.45

Tues. 4/8	9am	Quilting
Wed. 4/9	10:30am	Copper Creek Service
	6pm	<i>Lenten Meal @ ECLC</i>
	7pm	<i>Lenten Service- East Clermont</i>
Sun. 4/13	9:30am	Palm Sunday Service
		Holy Communion
		<i>Sunday School</i>
	10:30am	Fellowship



 **Noisy Can Offering** for 2nd 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).



2025 Summer Camp Program Guides are now available in the entryway downstairs. Early bird registration deadline is February 28th. ***West Clermont Camperships are available.*** Please contact the church office for the form.



CCC Easter Egg Hunt is Sat., April 19th @ 9:30am in the City Park.



28th Annual Friends of the Elgin Public Library Book Sale. Books, puzzles, DVDs, and more! DOOR PRIZES! Dates: Thurs., April 10th:1-5:30pm. Fri., April 11th: 10-5:30pm. Sat., April 12th: 9am-Noon. **ON-LINE AUCTION** on Facebook (*elginpubliclibraryfriend*) begins on Mon., March 24th and ends on Sat., April 12th @ 11am.



Little Flock Women's Spring Gathering @ St. John's Arlington is on Saturday, April 26 beginning @ 9am. The theme is "Answering God's Calling". In Kind offering for St. John Little Food Pantry (nonperishable products). Offering will go to Fayette County Food Shelf. \$7 per person. Lunch will be served.



Synod Assembly 2025 is Sat., June 7th 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 27th. If interested, please contact the office or Pr. Mike.



Beulahland Christian Camp 2025 Summer Camp Dates:

- 3rd-5th Grade Camp: June 29-July 3
- 6th-8th Grade Camp: July 13-17
- 9th-12th Grade Camp: July 20-24
- 4th-7th Grade Camp: July 27-31

Registration for 2025 Summer Youth Camps is open now and closes on June 1, 2025. Secure your spot early to ensure your camper can join us at Beulahland! We look forward to welcoming you! For more information or to register for camp email:

www.beulahlandbiblecamp.org.



Lenten Meal on April 9th begins @ **6pm** at **East Clermont Lutheran Church**. Serving: open-faced sandwiches and bars. Service begins at 7pm.



Maundy Thursday Service is April 17th @ **West Clermont**, 7pm with Holy Communion.



Good Friday Service is April 18th @ **St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Elgin** @ 7pm.



Easter Sunrise Service is @ **First Baptist of Elgin** @ 7am. Breakfast to follow.



WELCA Rummage & Bake Sale is taking place this spring on Fri., April 25th from 2-6pm; Sat., April 26th from 9am-noon; Sun., April 27th after worship. The rummage sale is freewill donation. Bake sale items will be priced.



Rummage Sale Items can be dropped off beginning Monday, April 21, during office hours. Areas will be marked as to where to place your items. No clothing please.



Baked Goods can come in Thursday & Friday.