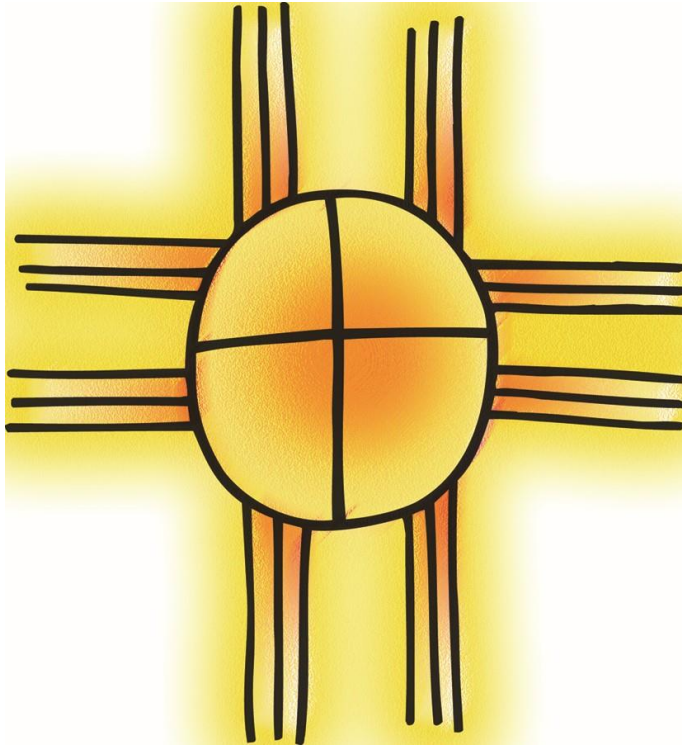


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**WEST CLERMONT LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
Member of the Evangelical Lutheran  
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*August 18, 2024*



**Worship 9:30am**  
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# 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

August 18, 2024

## INTRODUCTION

*Wisdom prepares a feast, sets her table, and invites all to come and eat her bread and drink her wine. The first chapter of John's gospel owes much to the biblical tradition that imagined Wisdom as existing before anything was created and having a role in the work of creation. Christ, the wisdom of God (1 Cor. 1:24), today invites us to eat his flesh and drink his blood. John's gospel includes no account of the institution of the Lord's supper, but here we can't help hearing Jesus' words as an invitation to the meal of bread and wine we share.*

## GATHERING

**PRELUDE: Praise The Lord** by Micah Tyler CCLI #7214878

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7DXGozXsllg>

## 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!*

**GATHER HYMN: Praise and Thanksgiving** CCLI #451751

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ef1as5GT15k>

## Verse 1

*Praise and thanksgiving*

*Father we offer*

*For all things living*

*You have made good*

*Harvest of sown fields*

*Fruits of the orchard*

*Hay from the mown fields*

*Blossom and wood*

### Verse 2

*Bless Lord the labour  
We bring to serve You  
That with our neighbour  
We may be fed  
Sowing or tilling  
We would work with You  
Harvesting, milling  
For daily bread*

### Verse 3

*Father providing  
Food for Your children  
Your wisdom guiding  
Teach us share  
One with another  
So that rejoicing  
Sister and brother  
May know Your care*

### Verse 4

*Then will Your blessing  
Reach every people  
Each one confessing  
Your gracious hand  
Where all obey you  
No one will hunger  
In your love sway you  
Nourish the land*

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the God of manna,  
the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

**C: Amen.**

P: Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.  
*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: God, our provider,

**C: help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways  
when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own**

**understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

P: Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, † the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

**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: Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC: Praise by Elevation Worship**

**CCLI #7213077** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=raFnjGVkHe8>

*Let's clap, one, two, hey*

*Oh, yeah*

*Let everything*

*That has breath*

*Praise the Lord (you got it)*

*Praise the Lord*

*Let everything (let everything)  
(Hey) that has breath  
(Hey) praise the Lord  
(Hey) praise the Lord  
I'll praise in the valley  
Praise on the mountain (yeah)  
I'll praise when I'm sure  
Praise when I'm doubting (yes, sir)  
I'll praise when outnumbered  
Praise when surrounded  
'Cause praise is the water  
My enemies drown in  
As long as I'm breathing  
I've got a reason to  
Praise the Lord  
Oh, my soul (c'mon)  
Praise the Lord  
Oh, my soul (hey)  
I'll praise when I feel it  
And I'll praise when I don't  
I'll praise 'cause I know  
You're still in control  
Because my praise is a weapon  
It's more than a sound (more than a sound)  
Oh, my praise is the shout  
That brings Jericho down (oh)  
As long as I'm breathing  
I've got a reason to  
Praise the Lord (c'mon)  
Oh, my soul  
(So I'm gonna) praise the Lord  
Oh, my soul  
I won't be quiet, my God is alive  
So how could I keep it inside?  
Praise the Lord  
Oh, my soul  
(Praise the Lord)  
Come on, let me see that dance  
Put a dance on it tonight*

*If you're grateful  
Come on, aye, aye  
I'll praise 'cause You're sovereign  
Praise 'cause You reign  
Praise 'cause You rose and defeated the grave  
I'll praise 'cause You're faithful  
Praise 'cause You're true  
Praise 'cause there's nobody greater than You, I'll pray  
I'll praise 'cause You're sovereign  
(You reign) praise 'cause You reign  
Praise 'cause You rose and defeated the grave  
I'll praise 'cause You're faithful  
Praise 'cause You're true  
Praise 'cause there's nobody greater than You  
Praise the Lord  
Oh, my soul (come on, come on, come on, come on)  
I gotta praise the Lord  
Oh, my soul, Praise the Lord  
Oh, my soul (yes, my Lord)  
Praise the Lord  
Oh, my soul  
I won't be quiet  
I won't be quiet, my God is alive  
How could I keep it inside?  
(Oh, I won't be quiet)  
I won't be quiet (my God)  
My God is alive (how could I?)  
How could I keep it inside?  
(Oh, I won't be quiet)  
I won't be quiet, my God is alive  
How could I keep it inside?  
I gotta praise the Lord  
Oh, my soul, Let everything  
That has breath  
Hey, hey (praise the Lord)  
Hey, hey (praise the Lord)  
Let everything (let everything)  
Come on, come on (that has breath)  
Come on, come on (praise the Lord)  
Come on, come on (praise the Lord)*

*Let everything (let everything)*  
*If you got breath in your body (that has breath)*  
*If you got breath in your body (praise the Lord)*  
*Praise the Lord, come on (praise the Lord)*  
*Let everything (let everything)*  
*That has breath (that has breath)*  
*Praise the Lord (praise the Lord)*  
*What? (Praise the Lord)*

## WORD

### First Reading: Proverbs 9:1-6

<sup>1</sup>Wisdom has built her house, she has hewn her seven pillars. <sup>2</sup>She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine, she has also set her table. <sup>3</sup>She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls from the highest places in the town,

<sup>4</sup>“You that are simple, turn in here!” To those without sense she says, <sup>5</sup>“Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed. <sup>6</sup>Lay aside immaturity, and live, and walk in the way of insight.”

R: *The Word of the Lord.*

**C: Thanks be to God!**

### Psalm: 34:9-14 (Responsively)

<sup>9</sup>Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD, for those who fear the LORD lack nothing.

<sup>10</sup>**The lions are in want and suffer hunger,**

**but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.**

<sup>11</sup>Come, children, and listen to me; I will teach you reverence for the LORD.

<sup>12</sup>**Who among you takes pleasure in life and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?**

<sup>13</sup>Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from lying words.

<sup>14</sup>**Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.**

### Second Reading: Ephesians 5:15-20

<sup>15</sup>Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, <sup>16</sup>making the most of the time, because the days are evil. <sup>17</sup>So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. <sup>18</sup>Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, <sup>19</sup>as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, <sup>20</sup>giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

R: *The Word of the Lord.*

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

P: Alleluia.

**C: Alleluia.**

P: Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I abide in them. Alleluia. (*John 6:56*)

**C: Alleluia.**

### **Gospel: John 6:51-58**

P: The Holy Gospel according to John.

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

[Jesus said,] <sup>51</sup>“I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

<sup>52</sup>The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” <sup>53</sup>So Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. <sup>54</sup>Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; <sup>55</sup>for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. <sup>56</sup>Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. <sup>57</sup>Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. <sup>58</sup>This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.”

P: *The gospel of the Lord.*

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

## **SERMON**

**Pastor Mike Erickson**

### **HYMN OF THE DAY: Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing**

**CCLI #6642055**     <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yLNnG5bxnsE>

*Come Thou fount of every blessing  
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing  
Call for songs of loudest praise  
Teach me some melodious sonnet  
Sung by flaming tongues above  
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it  
Mount of Thy redeeming love  
Hither to Thy love has blest me*



*Thou has drawn me to this place  
And I know thy hand will lead me  
Safely home by thy good grace  
Jesus sought me when a stranger  
Wandering from the fold of God  
He to rescue me from danger  
Interposed His precious blood*

*Oh, to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be  
Let thy goodness now, like a fetter  
Bind my wandering heart to Thee  
Prone to wander, Lord I feel it  
Prone to leave the God I love*

*Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it  
Seal it for Thy courts above*

*Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it  
Seal it for Thy courts above!*

### **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.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again 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**

P: Merciful God,                    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.

## **\*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.**

## **SENDING**

### **BLESSING**

P: The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, † be upon you now and forever.                    C: Amen.

**SENDING MUSIC: The Doxology(Amen) by Phil Wickham CCLI #7059306**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J228Tzls9Co>

### **Verse 1**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him all creatures here below  
Praise Him above you heav'nly host  
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost*

### **Chorus**

*Amen Amen Amen  
God we praise You  
God we praise You*

**\*Music interlude**

**Verse 2**

*Praise God for all that He has done  
Praise Him for He has overcome  
The grave is beaten love has won  
Praise God our Savior Christ the Son*

**Chorus (Twice)**

*Amen Amen Amen  
God we praise You  
God we praise You*

**Interlude**

*Oh we're singing*

**Ending (3 times)**

*Amen amen amen  
Amen Amen Amen  
We praise You we praise You*

**DISMISSAL**

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

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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**Prayer List**

**Requested:** Jeanette (Davisson) Cain, Don Erickson, Jake Noggle, Karen Guyer, Lynzee Henrikson-Makowski, Karen Kohls, Ardell Fortune, Julie Albertson, Danice Cummings, Larry Kohls, Karen Kerner, Terry Cummings, Sarah Updegraff-Murray, Ashlyn Busta.

**Assisted Living, Nursing Homes & Shut-Ins:** Millard Nelson, Betty Erickson, Gail Herman, Bud Siebrecht, Karen Follett, Judy Nelson.

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



Please keep the family & friends of Ruth Amundson in your thoughts and prayers. Ruth passed away on Wednesday, August 14<sup>th</sup>. Visitation for Ruth is today from 3-6pm here at church. Funeral services for Ruth are Monday, August 19<sup>th</sup> @ 11am (visitation @ 10am).


**Sunday, August 11, 2024**


**Attendance: 40**


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Wed. 8/21	9am, 1pm, 2pm	Sarah Circle, Mary Circle, Ruth Circle
Sun. 8/25	9:30am	Worship Service @ church
	4pm	<b>Holy Communion</b> Sunday Mtg.





 **Noisy Can Offering** for 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter (July-Sept.) will go to Sarah Updegraff-Murray, daughter of Sue Updegraff. Sarah fell this past winter and broke her neck. She has a made great progress, but the road to recovery is long.


 **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 Directory Registration is now open.** Our dates of photography are *Tues., Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> and Wed., Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>* from 2-8:30pm each day. Just for participating you will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait and a church directory. You will view your images right away and have the chance to purchase family portraits for your own memories and to give as gifts. You can make an appointment in person, after church, on communion Sundays in August, or by clicking the link at the end of this announcement. Link is open Monday-Friday. **Link:** [www.ucdir.com](http://www.ucdir.com). Click on "photography appointment scheduling login" on right. Church Code: **ia313** Password: **photos**

 **Montauk Organ Series @ the Union Sunday School** kicks off on Sunday, Aug. 25<sup>th</sup> @ 2pm. A theatrical performance by community members about the controversial presidential race between Hayes and Tilden in 1876. There will be comedy and music to enjoy! A light reception will follow the performance at the Opera House.

 **Compassionate Companions** is the devotional in the May/June edition of the ELCA Gather Magazine used for Circle Meeting. It is a beautiful article that focuses on how congregations can play a role in mental health for all. Several copies have been placed in the downstairs entry for anyone who would like to read the devotional.

 **NEIA Synod Global Church Together Festival** will be held on, Saturday, August 24, at Trinity Lutheran Church, Mason City. Click on this link to register: <https://neiasynod.org/2024/07/global-festival/>, or call Pr. Liz at (319) 352-1414.

 **Luther League Ice Cream Social @ St. Paul Lutheran in Monona** is Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-7pm. Dine in and carry out. Serving: sloppy joes, ham sandwiches, cheesy potatoes, baked beans, chips, assorted salads and dessert with ice cream. Free will donation!