

Welcome to
WEST CLERMONT LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Worship 9:30am
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11th Sunday after Pentecost

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INTRODUCTION

Apparently not satisfied by Jesus' feeding of thousands, some who were there press him for a sign of his power; perhaps it is daily manna they want. As always in John's gospel when people want a sign, Jesus offers himself. He is the bread come from heaven to give life to the world. He calls us to come to him and believe in him, and through that relationship to know the one who sent him.

GATHERING

PRELUDE: "As For Me" by Pat Barrett and Chris Tomlin CCLI Song # 7168696

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W7YwmQxrb4E>

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: "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus" ELW 392 vs 1-4

CCLI #5005992 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UJDWFYIkBns>

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: O God, eternal goodness, immeasurable love, you place your gifts before us; we eat and are satisfied. Fill us and this world in all its need with the life that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

NOISY CAN OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC: "All Because of Mercy" by Casting Crowns CCLI #20789371

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6t-JDBZvoyc>

Verse 1

*I could stand here
And try to tell you
I found my way here on my own
Brought to life this heart of stone
Made up my own mind
To change my own life
Working my own way to good
As if anybody could*

Pre-Chorus

*But the truth is I've been broken
Since my very first breath
And the truth is I've been wandering
Since my very first step*

Chorus

*I know the only reason
I can stand here unashamed
Is not because I'm worthy
It's all because of mercy
There's no way that I could earn it
Praise God my debt is paid
It's not because I'm worthy
It's all because of mercy*

Verse 2

*I still remember
The day He found me
Six feet under all my shame
I heard Him call me out by name - Hallelujah
The cross has spoken
Jesus my Savior bled and died
To bring this dead man back to life*

Interlude

Ohhh oooo, it's all because of mercy - Ohhh oooo

Bridge

*Just as desperate for you now
As I was back then*

*If I ever should forget
Remind me once again
I'm just as desperate for you now
As I was back then
If I ever should forget
Remind me once again*

Ending

*Ohhh oooo because of Your mercy
Ohhh oh Hallelujah - Ohhh oh Hallelujah
It's all because of mercy*

WORD

First Reading: Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

²The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. ³The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.”

⁴Then the LORD said to Moses, “I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not.”

⁹Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, ‘Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.’” ¹⁰And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. ¹¹The LORD spoke to Moses and said, ¹²“I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.’”

¹³In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.”

R: *The Word of the Lord.*

C: **Thanks be to God!**

Psalm: 78:23-29 (Responsively)

²³So God commanded the clouds above and opened the doors of heaven,

²⁴**raining down manna upon them to eat and giving them grain from heaven.**

²⁵So mortals ate the bread of angels; God provided for them food enough.

²⁶**The LORD caused the east wind to blow in the heavens
and powerfully led out the south wind,**

²⁷raining down flesh upon them like dust and flying birds like the sand of the seas,

²⁸**letting them fall in the midst of the camp and round about the dwellings.**

²⁹So the people ate and were well filled, for God gave them what they craved.

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:1-16

¹I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

⁷But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people."

⁹(When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) ¹¹The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, ¹²to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. ¹⁴We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. ¹⁵But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

R: *The Word of the Lord.*

C: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

P: Alleluia.

C: Alleluia.

P: One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God. Alleluia. (*Matt. 4:4*)

C: Alleluia.

Gospel: John 6:24-35

P: The Holy Gospel according to John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁴When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were [beside the sea,] they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

²⁵When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” ²⁶Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.” ²⁸Then they said to him, “What must we do to perform the works of God?” ²⁹Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” ³⁰So they said to him, “What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?” ³¹Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” ³²Then Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” ³⁴They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.”

³⁵Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

P: *The gospel of the Lord.*

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Mike Erickson

HYMN OF THE DAY: “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God vs. 1,2,4” ELW 504

CCLI Song #42964 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tAq4IMDUT78>

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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: In your mercy, **C:** hear 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: Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. **C: Amen.**

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; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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 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: Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

COMMUNION: “*Come To The Table*” by Sidewalk Prophets. CCLI Song # 7036352
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DXXxLwxfo0U>

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION: Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. 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: “*On Our Way Rejoicing*” ELW 537
CCLI # 7116820 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iGPzwaRduv4&t=6s>

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.



Wed. 8/7	1pm 5:30pm	WELCA Board Mtg. Council Mtg.
Sun. 8/11	9:30am 4pm	<i>Worship in the Park</i> Sunday Mtg.

Sunday, July 28, 2024

Loose: \$23.00

Regular: \$780.00

Total General Fund: \$840.42

Building Fund: \$230.00 (roof \$180.00, regular \$50)


Memorial Fund: \$100.00 IMO Inez Oakland

Attendance: 42

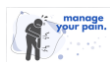
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Noisy Can: \$33.67




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

 **Illyria Community Church VBS-Seeking Our Savior**, is August 5th-8th from 5:30-7pm (meal provided). Call 563-245-3296 for more information and to register.



Gundersen Health System will be hosting a virtual ***Healthy Living with Chronic Pain*** workshop Wed., afternoons for 6 wks., starting August 7. This workshop focuses on strategies for understanding and managing pain and stress management for adults. For more information, please call Vicky at 608-775-6870 or email wellness@gundersenhealth.org.

 **Elgin/Clermont/Wadena Blood Drive** is Wed., Aug. 7th from 12:30-5:30pm at the Elgin Legion Hall. See bulletin board downstairs.



Pictorial Directory Registration is now open. Our dates of photography are *Tues., Oct. 1st and Wed., Oct. 2nd* 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. Click on “photography appointment scheduling login” on right. Church Code: **ia313** Password: **photos**



Direct Deposit Offering is available for your weekly/monthly offering. Simply contact the office for account and routing information. It’s fast and easy!



Montauk Organ Series @ the Union Sunday School kicks off on Sunday, Aug. 25th @ 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. The whole magazine is dedicated to mental health so, don’t stop at the devotional, read on. When you are done, bring it back to the downstairs entry so someone else may enjoy!



Clermont Summer Learning Program is Aug.5th-8th @ the city park, beginning @ 9am. There will be animals, fun, magic, and science. Call the library if you want to know what is going on each day @ 563-423-7286. K-6th Grade, but all are welcome!



August Worship Schedule

August 11- Worship in the Park

August 18- Final Worship in the Park

August 25- Church from this point on. (Holy Communion)