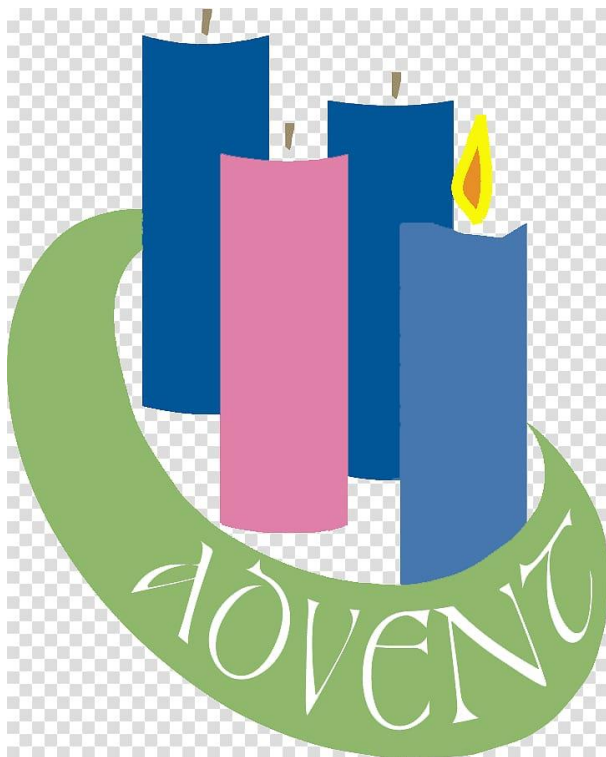


Welcome to  
**WEST CLERMONT LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
Member of the Evangelical Lutheran  
Church in America  
*December 1, 2024*



**Worship 9:30am**  
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# 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

December 1, 2024

## INTRODUCTION

*Advent is about the “coming days.” God’s people have always lived in great expectation, but that expectation finds specific, repeated enunciation in the texts appointed for these four weeks. The ancients anticipated a “righteous Branch to spring up for David.” The Thessalonians awaited “the coming of our Lord Jesus with all the saints.” Jesus’ contemporaries hoped for the time “to stand before the Son of Man.” With them we eagerly await the coming days: another Christmas celebration, a second coming, and the advent of Christ in word and supper.*

## GATHERING

### PRELUDE

### CALL TO WORSHIP BELL

### 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!*

### THE ADVENT WREATH:

**R:** One of the best-known customs for the season is the Advent wreath. The wreath and winter candle-lighting, in the midst of growing darkness, strengthens some of the Advent images found in the Bible. The unbroken circle of greens is clearly an image of everlasting life, a victory wreath, the crown of Christ, or the wheel of time itself. Christians use the wreath as a sign that Christ

reaches into our time to lead us to the light of everlasting life. The four candles mark the progress of the four weeks of Advent and the growth of light. Sometimes the wreath is embellished with natural dried flowers or fruit. Its evergreen branches lead the household and the congregation to the evergreen Christmas tree. In many homes, the family gathers for prayers around the wreath.

Blessed are you, God of Jacob, for you promise to transform weapons of war into implements of planting and harvest and to teach us your way of peace; you promise that our night of sin is far gone and that your day of salvation is dawning.

**HYMN:** *“Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah”* **ELW #240 v.1**

P: As we light the first candle on this wreath, wake us from our sleep, wrap us in your light, empower us to live honorably, and guide us along your path of peace. O house of Jacob, come,

**C: let us walk in the light of the Lord. Amen.**

**GATHER HYMN:** *“Awake! awake!”* **ELW 242**

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, alive in the world, reviving creation, arriving soon.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God of mercy,

**C: we confess that we have sinned. We trust earthly powers and human authority alone. We grow fearful. We cling to false comforts.**

P: God of might,

**C: we confess that we have sinned. We have turned away from our neighbors. We have trusted false promises.**

P: God in our midst,

**C: we confess that we have sinned. We plead: come to us. Bring your mercy to birth in us.**

P: A righteous branch springs forth: it is Christ the Lord, our Savior, in whom we have forgiveness, life, and mercy. By the power of the Holy Spirit, receive the grace and forgiveness of God through † Christ Jesus, whose day draws near.

**C: Amen.**

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**CANTICLE OF PRAISE**

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**PRAYER OF THE DAY: Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**NOISY CAN OFFERING**

**SPECIAL MUSIC: "Joy" by Rend Collective CCLI #7014646**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VDiETOLBvxA>

**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 comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness.

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: God feeds us with tender mercy. Come to the table.

**COMMUNION:** *“Now the Heavens Start to Whisper” ACS 901*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:** Generous God, we thank you for the gift of life, for the bread of salvation. We thank you

for coming among us, for leading us into peace. We thank you for showering us with mercy, for sending us into the world. Come, Lord Jesus, and go with us as we feed the hungry in your name. Amen.

**WORD**

**First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16**

<sup>14</sup> The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>15</sup> In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>16</sup> In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

R: *The Word of the Lord.*

C: **Thanks be to God!**

**Psalm: 25:1-10 (Responsively)**

<sup>1</sup> To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

<sup>2</sup> **My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

<sup>3</sup> Let none who look to you be put to shame; rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

<sup>4</sup> **Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths.**

<sup>5</sup> Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

<sup>6</sup> **Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.**

<sup>7</sup> Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

<sup>8</sup> **You are gracious and upright, O LORD; therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

<sup>9</sup> You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.

<sup>10</sup> **All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.**

## **Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13**

<sup>9</sup> How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? <sup>10</sup> Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

<sup>11</sup> Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. <sup>12</sup> And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. <sup>13</sup> And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

R: *The Word of the Lord.*

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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### **Gospel: Luke 21:25-36**

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

[Jesus said:] <sup>25</sup> “There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. <sup>26</sup> People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup> Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup> Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

<sup>29</sup> Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; <sup>30</sup> as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. <sup>31</sup> So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. <sup>32</sup> Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. <sup>33</sup> Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

<sup>34</sup> “Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, <sup>35</sup> like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup> Be alert at all

times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

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:** “*Christ Be Our Light*” ELW 715

**verses 1, 2, and 5**

**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:** Lord, 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:**      *“We are Waiting for Jesus”*    **ACS 905**

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

**P:** Creator God, you made the whole world, even the farthest stars, and you draw near to feed us. We praise you for these gifts of bread and wine. Strengthen us with this food that we may live in expectation for the advent of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C:** **Amen.**

### **SENDING**

### **BLESSING**

**P:** God of endings and beginnings, God in the darkness and the light, God, our hope for the journey, ✠ bless and keep you now and forever.

**C:** **Amen.**

**SENDING MUSIC:**      *“People Look East”*      **ELW 248**

### **DISMISSAL**

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

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

## Prayer List

**Requested:** Jeanette (Davisson) Cain, Don Erickson, Jake Noggle, Karen Guyer, Karen Kohls, Ardell Fortune, Julie Albertson, Danice Cummings, Larry Kohls, Terry Cummings, Sarah Updegraff-Murray, Eric Clubb, Bill and Cindy Thias.

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

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

### Sunday, November 24, 2024

Loose: \$33.00

Noisy Can: \$40.89

**Total General Fund: \$1,068.89**

**Attendance: 65**

Regular: \$955.00

Thanksgiving: \$40.00



Wed. 12/4

1pm

**5:30pm**

6:30pm

Sun. 12/8

9:30am

10:30am

4pm

WELCA Board Mtg.

**Council Mtg.**

Luther League Mtg.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**


Sunday School


Fellowship

Sunday Mtg.



 **Noisy Can Offering** for 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter will go to Cindy Thias who is battling cancer.

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

 **NO QUILTING.** Quilters will resume on Tuesday, January 7<sup>th</sup>. Happy Holidays!



**Country in the Hills, Christmas at the Barn.** Come rummage and gift shop @ the Heritage Farm Park in Clermont on Thurs., Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> from 4-6pm; Fri., Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> from 9am-5pm; & Sat., Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> from 9am-3pm. A **Santa Store** will be set up for the kids to shop for family. Elf helpers will be there to wrap your gift for free. Mom & Dad, Grandma & Grandpa, can join the fun rummaging through the many items for sale in the barn. Both new and used items.



**SOTH Toy Drive Drop Off** is Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> from 9am-4pm @ St. Olaf Auditorium. Currently collecting new toys, gifts, or gift cards thru Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>. Monetary donations may be made & SOTH staff will purchase gifts. If your family would like to receive gifts, a referral is needed. For questions, call the SOTH office @ 563-783-2409.



**SOTH Christmas for Kids** is Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> 1& 19<sup>th</sup> @ St. Olaf Auditorium. If your family would like to receive gifts, a referral is needed. For questions, call the SOTH office @ 563-783-2409. They are in need of volunteers for both events. Call same number to help.



**Handel's Messiah.** If you would like to participate in the 83<sup>rd</sup> performance of Handel's Messiah, the full practice schedule is on the bulletin board downstairs. Call Mallory Hanson for questions @ 563-379-2193. Performance on Dec.15<sup>th</sup>.



**Christmas Giving Tree** is up. We are sponsoring 2 families! Please take tags from the tree, purchase the item on the tag, wrap the item with the tag on it, and return it to the tree by Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>.



**Hat & Mitten Tree** is up. Collection of hats, gloves, mittens, scarfs and socks will go through the Christmas season to be donated to an area charity.



**Community Choir** is being formed for the **Annual Vesper Service** on Sun., Dec.8<sup>th</sup> @ 4:30pm at the Union Sunday School. They will be singing a couple of carols. If interested please contact June Swenson @ 563-419-7898.



## Christmas in Clermont



**Victorian Christmas at Montauk** is Sat., Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> from 11am-3pm.

Come visit Santa & see the decorated house. Craft a Christmas ornament and enjoy some Christmas goodies.

**Annual Vespers Service** is Sun., Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> @ 4:30pm at the Union Sunday School.

**Join the conversation!** Pr. Mike will be zooming in on this event and is inviting you to join. The connection will be on the big screen TV in the fellowship room. Information below.

Join ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton for a conversation about God's Love Made Real. This ELCA movement encourages us to create a world experiencing the difference God's grace and love in Christ make for all people and creation.

**Tuesday, Dec. 10, 12 p.m. Central time**

**Zoom (save this link)**

[Registration](#) is encouraged but not required.

**What can I expect?**

Bishop Eaton will share why God's Love Made Real is meaningful to her and the future of the church. The **Rev. Lorna Halaas**, bishop of the Western Iowa Synod, will host the conversation, and participants will have a chance to ask questions and share stories.

**Is this event for me?**

This webinar is especially for people who care about the ELCA and live in Region 5, which includes synods in Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin, and Michigan's Upper Peninsula. If you don't live in one of these synods, stay tuned for an upcoming event in your region.

**Can I watch the event later?**

A recording may be available at some point in the future, but we encourage you to stream the event live on Tuesday, Dec. 10, at 12 p.m. Central time.

**What else do I need to know?**

Learn more about God's Love Made Real at [lovemadereal.elca.org](http://lovemadereal.elca.org).

We look forward to sharing this time with you!