

Welcome to

# **WEST CLERMONT LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

*December 25, 2022*

*Christmas Day*



**Worship 9:30am**

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## **INTRODUCTION**

*As on the first day of creation, on this Christmas Day the Word illumines the world, shining forth to bring all things into being. Today we celebrate the incarnate Word, God becoming flesh to live among us in the person of Jesus Christ then and now. Emboldened by the good news of Christ's birth, along with the shepherds, Mary and Joseph, and all witnesses to the light of Christ, we declare to the world that we have indeed seen and been transformed by the arrival of "the salvation of our God." O come, let us adore!*

## **GATHERING**

### **PRELUDE**

### **GREETING**

**V:** 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:** *"O' Come All Ye Faithful"* ELW 283

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**V:** Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the Word made flesh, our life and our salvation.

**C:** Amen.

**V:** Trusting the goodness and lovingkindness of God our Savior, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God of life,

**C: you promise good news of great joy for all people, and call us to be messengers of your peace. We confess that too often we hoard our joy, our resources, and our security. We nurture conflict and build barriers. We neglect the needs of our neighbors and ignore the groaning of creation. Have mercy on us.**

**Where we are self-centered, open our hearts. Where we are reluctant, give us courage. Where we are cynical, restore our trust. Renew us with your grace and give us again the hope of eternal life in you.**

**Amen.**

V: Hear the good news: We are children of God and heirs of God's promises through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

In † Jesus we are forgiven and redeemed. Sing with joy, for all the ends of the earth shall know the salvation of God.

**C: Amen.**

## **KYRIE**

**ELW pg. 120**

**CANTICLE OF PRAISE:** *"This is the feast.."* **ELW pg. 122**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:** All-powerful and unseen God, the coming of your light into our world has brightened weary hearts with peace. Call us out of darkness, and empower us to proclaim the birth of 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:** *"Christmas Day"* by Chris Tomlin/ We The Kingdom CCLI #7139126

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=182xcb3GyOg>

***Christ is Born! Alleluia!***

## WORD

### First Reading: Isaiah 62:6-12

Upon your walls, O Jerusalem, I have posted sentinels; all day and all night they shall never be silent. You who remind the LORD, take no rest, <sup>7</sup>and give him no rest until he establishes Jerusalem and makes it renowned throughout the earth.

<sup>8</sup>The LORD has sworn by his right hand and by his mighty arm: I will not again give your grain to be food for your enemies, and foreigners shall not drink the wine for which you have labored; <sup>9</sup>but those who garner it shall eat it and praise the LORD, and those who gather it shall drink it in my holy courts.

<sup>10</sup>Go through, go through the gates, prepare the way for the people; build up, build up the highway, clear it of stones, lift up an ensign over the peoples. <sup>11</sup>The LORD has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to daughter Zion, “See, your salvation comes; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.”

<sup>12</sup>They shall be called, “The Holy People, The Redeemed of the LORD”; and you shall be called, “Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken.”

R: *The Word of the Lord.*

**C: Thanks be to God!**

### Psalm: 97 (Responsively)

<sup>1</sup>The LORD reigns; let the earth rejoice;  
let the multitude of the isles be glad.

<sup>2</sup>**Clouds and darkness surround the LORD, righteousness and justice are the foundations of God’s throne.**

<sup>3</sup>Fire goes before the LORD, burning up enemies on every side.

<sup>4</sup>**Lightnings light up the world; the earth sees and trembles.**

<sup>5</sup>The mountains melt like wax before the Lord of all the earth.

<sup>6</sup>**The heavens declare your righteousness, O LORD,  
and all the peoples see your glory.**

<sup>7</sup>Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in

false gods! Bow down before the LORD, all you gods.

**<sup>8</sup>Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice,  
because of your judgments, O LORD.**

<sup>9</sup>For you are the LORD, most high over all the earth;  
you are exalted far above all gods.

**<sup>10</sup>You who love the LORD, hate evil! God guards the lives of  
the saints and rescues them from the hand of the  
wicked.**

<sup>11</sup>Light dawns for the righteous, and joy for the honest of heart.

**<sup>12</sup>Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous,  
and give thanks to God's holy name.**

### **Second Reading: Titus 3:4-7**

<sup>4</sup>When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, <sup>5</sup>he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. <sup>6</sup>This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, <sup>7</sup>so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

R: *The Word of the Lord.*

**C: Thanks be to God!**

### **Gospel Acclamation**

**ELW Pg.124**

### **Gospel: Luke 2:1-20**

V: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

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

<sup>1</sup>In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup>This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup>All went to their own towns to be registered. <sup>4</sup>Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. <sup>5</sup>He went to be registered with Mary, to whom

he was engaged and who was expecting a child. <sup>6</sup>While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. <sup>7</sup>And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

<sup>8</sup>In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup>Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup>But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: <sup>11</sup>to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup>This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” <sup>13</sup>And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

<sup>14</sup>“Glory to God in the highest heaven,

and on earth peace among those whom he favors!

<sup>15</sup>When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” <sup>16</sup>So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. <sup>17</sup>When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; <sup>18</sup>and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup>But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. <sup>20</sup>The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

*V: The gospel of the Lord.*

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

**SERMON**

**Vicar Micheal Erickson**

**HYMN OF THE DAY: "Hark The Herald Angels Sing"**

**ELW 270**

**\*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**

**V: God of grace,**

**C: hear our prayer.**

**\*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:**

V: God of abundance, receive and bless these gifts we have offered. Join our hearts with the song of the angels, and gather us at your table of celebration. Strengthen us to share with all the world the abundance of your grace upon grace, poured out in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh.

**C: Amen.**

## **MEAL**

### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

V: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

V: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

V: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## **PREFACE**

V: 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. In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh you have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of your glory, that, beholding the God made visible, we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see. 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 ...**

**ELW pg. 130**

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

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**

V: 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**

V: Glory to God in the highest! Come to the table of peace.

### **COMMUNION**

**COMMUNION HYMN:            *"The First Noel"*            ELW 300**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION: God our redeemer, you have fed us at this table with gifts of grace, truth, and life. As you have gathered us in joy, send us forth as messengers of your peace. Make us shine with the good news of your glory, born to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## SENDING

### BLESSING

V: God bless you and keep you, † Jesus grant you grace and truth, and the Spirit send peace upon your hearts, now and forever.

C: Amen.

### SENDING HYMN:

"Joy To The World"

ELW 267

### DISMISSAL

L: Christ the Savior is born!

Go in peace. Proclaim this good news.

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, William Miller.

**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.

### **Sunday, December 18, 2022**

Caroling Pizza Money: \$55.00

Christmas: \$27.00

Painting Fund: \$1,850.00

**Total General Fund: \$3,529.24**

Building Fund / Roof: \$90.00

### **Attendance: 90**

Loose: \$165.00

Noisy Can: \$37.24

Regular :\$1,395.00

Mon. 12/26

Office Closed

Sun. 1/1

9:30am

Worship Service

**Holy Communion**

6:00pm

Sunday Mtg.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Annual Meeting** is Sun., Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> (snow date 1/22).



**Quilting** will resume on Tues., Jan. 10<sup>th</sup> @ 9am. Blessings to all and Merry Christmas!



**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.



**Nominations are now open** for council positions and various church committees for 2023. Please prayerfully consider how you can play a leadership role at West Clermont. If you are interested in any position, please contact a member of council or someone currently serving on the committee you are interested in.



**Paint Project Donations and Matching Gift.** Double your donation! Thanks to the kindness of an anonymous donor; beginning December 11<sup>th</sup>, all paint project donations will be matched (up to \$10,000 in new donations).



**Bread Providers Needed.** If you would like to provide bread for communion, please let the office know. We will be returning to traditional communion at the beginning of the year.



**Annual Reports** will be available at church beginning Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup>.



**2023 Offering Envelopes** are available for pickup in the back of church. If you do not see your name and would like envelopes, please contact the office.



***Our beautiful altar flowers are in loving memory of..***

- William & Khaki Nelson from their Family
- Harry & Helen Yauslin from their Family
- Leslie Guyer from Sally Guyer
- Dick, Dorothy & Devin Schrad from the Jacobsen Family
- Raymond & Lois Loftsgard from Dean, Linda, & Family
- Woodrow & Lillian Hyde from Dean, Linda, & Family
- Jim & Margaret Anderson from their Family
- Kenneth & Agnes Olson-Ellis, Alfred & Amelia Olson, and Milton & Mabel Helgersen from Milo & Betty Helgersen.