

Welcome to
WEST CLERMONT LUTHERAN CHURCH
Member of the Evangelical Lutheran
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Worship 9:30am
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6th Sunday after Epiphany

February 16, 2025

INTRODUCTION

Blessings and curses abound on the sixth Sunday after Epiphany. We would do well to listen closely to whom the “blessed are” and the “woe to” are directed and to find our place in the crowd among those who desire to touch Jesus. The risen Christ stands among us in the mystery of the holy supper with an invitation to live in him, and offers power to heal us all.

GATHERING

PRELUDE: “Blessings” by Laura Story CCLI #5897818

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nig7G5dD1pM>

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: “Arise, Your Light Has Come” ELW 314

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ujV39n9WIns>

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life.

C: **Amen.**

P: Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

C: you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.

P: God proclaims these words of assurance: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine." In † Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God.

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: Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

NOISY CAN OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC: “*If I Got Jesus*” by Ben Fuller
CCLI #7181294<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cna2RrsUi0A>

**THE BAPTISM OF
BECKETT LEE RUCKDASHEL**

Presentation

Candidate for baptism, sponsors, and parents gather with the minister at the font.

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word, God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God’s mission for the life of the world.

Sponsors for the candidate present the candidate:

Sponsors: We present ***Beckett Lee Ruckdashel*** for baptism.

The presiding minister addresses parents:

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have ***Beckett Lee Ruckdashel*** baptized into Christ?

Parents: **I do.**

As you bring ***Beckett*** to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God’s faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord’s Prayer, the Creed, & the Ten Commandments, place in his hands the holy scriptures,
and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that ***Beckett*** may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made,
and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help ***Beckett*** grow in the Christian faith and life?

Parents: **I do.**

The presiding minister addresses sponsors:

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture **Beckett** in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Sponsors: I do.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly:

People of God, do you promise to support **Beckett** and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

C: We do.

Profession of Faith

The presiding minister addresses the parent and sponsors. The assembly may join in the responses.

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God

C: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

C: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

C: I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C: 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.**

Thanksgiving at the Font

At the font, the presiding minister begins the thanksgiving:

The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Baptism

Water is poured on the candidate's head, as the presiding minister says:

Beckett Lee Ruckdashel, I baptize you in the name of the Father,

Water is poured on the candidate's head a second time:

and of the Son,

Water is poured on the candidate's head a third time:

and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

After the baptism, the assembly may respond with..

C: You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

Alleluia.

Clothed with Christ in baptism, the newly baptized receives a baptismal garment. The presiding minister continues:

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Laying both hands on the head of the newly baptized, the minister prays:

Sustain **Beckett** with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

C: Amen.

The presiding minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of the baptized. As the sign of the cross is made, the minister says:

Beckett Lee Ruckdashel, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

C: Amen.

Welcome

A lighted candle is given to a sponsor of the young child as these or similar words are spoken:

Jesus said, I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will have the light of life.

The minister and the baptismal group face the assembly.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

Presiding minister then wraps baby in the quilt saying..

I now present **Beckett Lee Ruckdashel**. *Assembly applauds.*

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WORD

First Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-10

⁵ Thus says the LORD: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the LORD.⁶ They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land.

⁷ Blessed are those who trust in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. ⁸ They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit.

⁹ The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse—who can understand it? ¹⁰ I the LORD test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

R: *The Word of the Lord.*

C: **Thanks be to God!**

Psalm: 1 (Responsively)

¹ Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

² **Their delight is in the law of the LORD,
and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.**

³ They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

⁴ **It is not so with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

⁵ Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council¹ of the righteous.

⁶ **For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

¹² Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³ If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; ¹⁴ and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. ¹⁵ We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶ For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. ¹⁷ If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸ Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. ¹⁹ If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

R: *The Word of the Lord.*

C: **Thanks be to God!**

Gospel Acclamation

P: Alleluia.

C: **Alleluia.**

P: Rejoice, and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven. Alleluia. (*Luke 6:23*)

C: **Alleluia.**

Gospel: Luke 6:17-26

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

¹⁷ [Jesus] came down with [the twelve] and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. ¹⁸ They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹ And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

²⁰ Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹ “Blessed are you who are hungry now,

for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

²² “Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³ Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

²⁴ “But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

²⁵ “Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶ “Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.”

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: “*Faith Of Our Fathers*” ELW 812

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7EVPVS9EGeQ>

INTERCESSIONS

P: God of grace,

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: God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

With different words to be sung to the tune of "Away in a Manger"

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

Our Father in heaven, all praise to your name.

Your kingdom in heaven, on earth be the same.

By mortals and angels, come, Lord reign alone;

Oh hear us and bless us, from heaven's high throne.

The bread that we yearn for provide us each day;

As we forgive others, our sins take away;

In times of temptation, to lead us be near;

From evil deliver your children most dear.

For yours is the kingdom, o'er all things you reign,

And yours is the power, all things you maintain.

To you be the glory, resounding again

From all of creation, forever. Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

P: The Spirit of the triune God ✠ bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love.

C: Amen.

SENDING MUSIC: "We Are Called" ELW 720

Repeat the refrain on the last verse

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rdj4N8FMYeY>

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.

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.



Funeral services for Lois Miller will be held at West Clermont on Saturday, February 22nd @ 11am with visitation from 9-11am, prior to service.

What's Happening

Mon. 2/17	6pm	Community Club Mtg.
Tues. 2/18	9am	Quilting
Wed. 2/19	9am	Sarah Circle
	1pm	Mary Circle
	2pm	Ruth Circle
	2:30pm	Confirmation
Sun. 2/23	9:30am	Worship Service
		Holy Communion
		Sunday School
	10:30am	Fellowship

WELCA SOUP TO GO SALE!

Sunday, February 9, 2025

Attendance: 52

Loose: \$1.00

LL Souper Bowl Collection for Open Hands Food Pantry: \$172.11

Regular: \$965.00


Total General Fund: \$1.138.11


Roof: \$180.00



*May God's blessing be upon **Beckett Lee Ruckdashel**, son of Isaiah & Lexi Ruckdashel who was baptized today. Sponsors for Beckett are Logan West, Lynzee West and Larissa Glenn.*



 **Noisy Can Offering** for 1st Quarter will go to JoAnn Bishop to help with expenses incurred during this time of illness.

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



Fun for Seniors Senior Game Day is Wednesday, February 26th from 2-4pm. Please come for fellowship, snacks, cards, games, and FUN! Bring a friend!



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.



Open Hands Food Pantry Needs Volunteers for the following areas; stocking, cleaning, and organizing shelves; assisting on Tuesdays for all or some of the day; pick up food rescue items; hang posters; organize donation drives. Must be able to lift up to 50 pounds on occasion. Contact Open Hands @ 563-422-2150 or @ www.openhandswu@gmail.com.

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JOIN US FOR A

**VALENTINE'S
DINNER**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH
WEST CLERMONT LUTHERAN CHURCH
221 LARRABEE ST**

5-7 PM

LUTHER LEAGUE FUNDRAISER

DINE IN OR CARRY OUT

**SPAGHETTI, GREEN BEANS,
BREADSTICKS, ICE CREAM**

FREEWILL DONATION



Church Pictorial Directories are here!! If you had your picture taken or submitted a picture, then there is a directory with your name on it. There are extras, so if you were unable to participate, you can still have one. Extras are on a first come, first serve basis.



4H Omelet Brunch & Silent Auction is Sun., March 9th from 9am-1pm @ the Fairgrounds Dance Pavilion. Tickets are \$10, 5 & under are free. Serving: pancakes, made-to-order omelets, applesauce, beverage.



Ash Wednesday Worship is March 5th @ 7pm. It will be held at Highland Lutheran Church as part of our ecumenical Lenten Worships. Free will offering Ham & Potato Meal from 5:30-6:45pm.



WELCA SOUP TO GO SALE

Next Sunday, February 23 after worship.

Quarts: \$9.00. Pints: \$6.00.

Fresh Baked Bread: \$5.00.

Soup Choices

Cheeseburger
Chicken Gumbo
Chicken Wild Rice
Chili
Ham -n- Bean
Potato
Split Pea -n- Ham
Taco

So good, you'll want to buy one of each!

CLOTHING
DRIVE Youth Clothing Drive

Luther League and Confirmation students are organizing a clothing drive to donate to Shepherd of the Hills in St. Olaf. They are currently accepting Spring, Summer Clothing, Newborn-Adult sizes for boys/girls/men/women; Shoes, including flip flops, sandals, sneakers and shoes with open toes. When donating, please make sure items are either new or used in good condition (clean; no holes/tears; zippers work; no missing buttons, etc.)

Sunday, February 23, 2025- “Step up and share the Love”
Donate shoes and sandals this Sunday!

Sunday, March 2, 2025- “Warm hearts start with warm feet”
Bring NEW socks and undergarments to give this Sunday!

Sunday, March 9, 2025- “Self-Care Sunday”
Help us spread hygiene and hope - donate hygiene items this Sunday!

Sunday, March 16, 2025- “Clothing Care Sunday”
Change a life with kindness - donate clothing this Sunday!

Luther League/Confirmation students will volunteer at Shepherd of the Hills the night of March 19 and deliver the items collected from this drive. All items donated are appreciated!

