

Welcome to

# **WEST CLERMONT LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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*Happy New Year*



**Worship 9:30am**

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# 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas

January 1, 2023

## INTRODUCTION

*As we celebrate the Twelve Days of Christmas, our gospel today confronts us with the death of innocent children at the hands of Herod. The birth of Christ does not remove the power of evil from our world, but its light gives us hope as we walk with all the “holy innocents” of past generations and today who have suffered unjustly. In our gathering around word and meal, God continues to redeem us, lift us up, and carry us as in days of old.*

## GATHERING

**PRELUDE:** *Wonderful* by Cain CCLI Song # 7185649

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=je7FuYcVY4I>

## 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:** *What Child Is This?* ELW 296

CCLI Song #7139423

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wO8qluGa-tM>

## 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.

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** (Spoken)

V: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

V: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

V: 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.**

V: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

V: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C: Amen, amen.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY: O Lord God, you know that we cannot place our trust in our own powers. As you protected the infant Jesus, so defend us and all the needy from harm and adversity, through 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:** *Behold* by Phil Wickham CCLI Song # 7204354

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6CP08HOcWGY>

"We pray that this song brings Worship into your season of  
Christmas, that it would point you to Jesus the King who set us  
free." - Phil Wickham

## **WORD**

### **First Reading: Isaiah 63:7-9**

<sup>7</sup>I will recount the gracious deeds of the LORD, the praiseworthy  
acts of the LORD, because of all that the LORD has done for us,  
and the great favor to the house of Israel that he has shown them  
according to his mercy, according to the abundance of his  
steadfast love. <sup>8</sup>For he said, "Surely they are my people, children  
who will not deal falsely"; and he became their savior <sup>9</sup>in all  
their distress.

It was no messenger or angel but his presence that saved them;  
in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; he lifted them up  
and carried them all the days of old.

R: *The Word of the Lord.*

C: **Thanks be to God!**

### **Psalm: 148 (Responsively)**

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens;  
praise God in the heights.

<sup>2</sup>**Praise the LORD, all you angels;  
sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.**

<sup>3</sup>Praise the LORD, sun and moon;  
sing praise, all you shining stars.

<sup>4</sup>**Praise the LORD, heaven of heavens,  
and you waters above the heavens.**

<sup>5</sup>Let them praise the name of the LORD,

who commanded, and they were created,  
**<sup>6</sup>who made them stand fast forever and ever,  
giving them a law that shall not pass away.**  
<sup>7</sup>Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps;  
**<sup>8</sup>fire and hail, snow and fog,  
tempestuous wind, doing God's will;**  
<sup>9</sup>mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;  
**<sup>10</sup>wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds;**  
<sup>11</sup>sovereigns of the earth and all peoples,  
princes and all rulers of the world;  
**<sup>12</sup>young men and maidens, old and young together.**  
<sup>13</sup>Let them praise the name of the LORD, whose name only is  
exalted, whose splendor is over earth and heaven.  
**<sup>14</sup>The LORD has raised up strength for the people and praise  
for all faithful servants, the children of Israel, a people  
who are near the LORD. Hallelujah!**

### **Second Reading: Hebrews 2:10-18**

<sup>10</sup>It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. <sup>11</sup>For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, <sup>12</sup>saying,

“I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters,  
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.”<sup>13</sup>And again, “I will put my trust in him.”

And again,

“Here am I and the children whom God has given me.”

<sup>14</sup>Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, <sup>15</sup>and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. <sup>16</sup>For it is clear that he did not come to help

angels, but the descendants of Abraham. <sup>17</sup>Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. <sup>18</sup>Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

R: *The Word of the Lord.*

**C: Thanks be to God!**

### **Gospel Acclamation**

V: Alleluia.

**C: Alleluia.**

V: Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, and let the word of Christ dwell in you richly. Alleluia. (*Col. 3:15, 16*)

**C: Alleluia.**

### **Gospel: Matthew 2:13-23**

V: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

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

<sup>13</sup>Now after [the wise men] had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.” <sup>14</sup>Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, <sup>15</sup>and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, “Out of Egypt I have called my son.”

<sup>16</sup>When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. <sup>17</sup>Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah:

<sup>18</sup>“A voice was heard in Ramah,  
wailing and loud lamentation,  
Rachel weeping for her children;  
she refused to be consoled, because they are no more.”

<sup>19</sup>When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared

in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, <sup>20</sup>“Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child’s life are dead.” <sup>21</sup>Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. <sup>22</sup>But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. <sup>23</sup>There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, “He will be called a Nazorean.”

V: *The gospel of the Lord.*

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

**SERMON**

**Vicar Micheal Erickson**

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** *It Came Upon A Midnight Clear*  
**ELW 282; CCLI Song #31078 (NO WORDS--JUST ORGAN)**  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DF9Anj93k\\_0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DF9Anj93k_0)

**\*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:

**C: 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**

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**

**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: *Go Tell It On The Mountain*      **ELW 290**  
**CCLI Song # 7163409****

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C2Sf-IuP4mY>

### **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, Danice Cummings.

**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.

### **Saturday, December 24, 2022**

Loose: \$143.00

Paint Project: \$520.00

Noisy Can: \$45.70

**Total General Fund: \$2,653.70**

Roof / Bldg Fund: \$90.00

**Attendance: 66**

Regular: \$1,800.00

Christmas: \$145.00

### **Sunday, December 25, 2022**

Noisy Can: \$1.00

Regular: \$70.00

**Total General Fund: \$71.00**

**Attendance: 9**



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Wed.	1/4	1:00pm	<b>WELCA Board Mtg.</b>
Sun.	1/8	9:30am	Worship Service
		10:30am	Sunday School
		6:00pm	Coffee and Fellowship
			Sunday Mtg.



**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 Happy New Year.



**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.

