

Welcome to
WEST CLERMONT LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Worship 9:30am
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2nd Sunday after Epiphany

January 19, 2025

INTRODUCTION

The Sundays after Epiphany continue to celebrate the revelation of God's glory to us as it was made known to the magi and to those on Jordan's banks at Jesus' baptism—today using wedding imagery. Our God rejoices over God's people as those being married rejoice over one another. By the power of the Spirit there are gifts galore for everyone. In Christ Jesus the best wine is saved for last. Taste & see.

GATHERING

PRELUDE: "Bind Us Together" CCLI #1892831
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sKs9DWG6P3g>

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: "All Are Welcome" ELW 641
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IUPTnOm92vI>

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: Lord God, source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people. Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

NOISY CAN OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC: “Love Me Still” by Seph Schlueter
CCLI #7209785 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bRoAKzSFaLc>

Lyrics:

*I once believed that Your love had conditions
That it could be taken away just as fast as it's given
I thought there were strings attached
But You showed me kindness in spite of my history
When others walked out, it was
You who was still standing with me
And I can't wrap my head around that
When I've been the rebel who's run from Your arms
I've turned my back, and I've broken Your heart
But You love me still and You always will
I've known the truth and still chosen a lie
Given You less when I promised my life
But You love me still (You love me still)
You love me still and I know You always will
I can't believe after all that I've messed up
That You'd take my hand, and You'd tell me
You're not gonna give up
'Cause You won't stop fighting for me
Oh, despite all my faults, You're not scared away
For better or worse, I know that You'll stay
But I can't wrap my head around grace, whoa, oh
When I've been the rebel who's run from Your arms
I've turned my back, and I've broken Your heart
But You love me still (You love me still) and You always will*

*I've known the truth and still chosen a lie
Given You less when I've promised my life
But You love me still (You love me still)
You love me still and I know You always will
No life, no death, no height, no depth
Could take me away from You
No guilt, no shame could separate
Or take me away from You
When I've been the rebel who's run from Your arms
I've turned my back, and I've broken Your heart
But You love me still, and You always will, oh, oh
And I've known the truth and still chosen a lie
Given You less when I've promised my life
But You love me still (You love me still)
But you love me still, and I know You always will
Oh, how You love me still*

WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5

¹ For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. ² The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. ³ You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. ⁴ You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married. ⁵ For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

R: *The Word of the Lord.*

C: **Thanks be to God!**

Psalm: 36:5-10 (Responsively)

⁵ Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens,
and your faithfulness to the clouds.

**⁶ Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your
justice like the great deep; you save humankind and
animals, O LORD.**

⁷ How priceless is your love, O God!

All people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

**⁸ They feast upon the abundance of your house;
you give them drink from the river of your delights.**

⁹ For with you is the well of life, and in your light we see light.

**¹⁰ Continue your lovingkindness to those who know you,
and your favor to those who are true of heart.**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

¹ Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. ² You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. ³ Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says “Let Jesus be cursed!” and no one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴ Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵ and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶ and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷ To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸ To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

R: *The Word of the Lord.*

C: **Thanks be to God!**

Gospel Acclamation

P: Alleluia.

C: Alleluia.

P: Jesus revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him. Alleluia. (*John 2:11*)

C: Alleluia.

Gospel: John 2:1-11

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

¹ On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ² Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³ When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." ⁴ And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." ⁵ His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." ⁶ Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷ Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸ He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. ⁹ When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom ¹⁰ and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." ¹¹ Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

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: *“Songs Of Thankfulness and Praise”*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I4cg0aOczWo>

ELW 310 vs.1, 2, 4

APOSTLE’S CREED

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**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. Amen.**

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

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.**

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 All Are One in Mission” ELW 576

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VHg9suN11wY>

DISMISSAL

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

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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.



Mon. 1/20	6pm	Community Club Mtg.
Tues. 1/21	9am	Quilting
Wed. 1/22	2:30pm	Confirmation
	2-4pm	Senior Fun Day
Sun. 1/26	9:30am	Worship Service
		Holy Communion
		<i>Installation of Council</i>
		Sunday School
	10:30am	Fellowship
	4pm	Sunday Mtg.

Sunday, January 5, 2025

Loose: \$21.00

Regular: \$890.00

Total General Fund: \$1,070.47

Bldg. Fund (Roof): \$90.00

Attendance: 54

Noisy Can: \$144.47

Flow Thru (pic \$): \$15.00

Sunday, January 12, 2025

Loose: \$38.00

Regular: \$2,680.00

Total General Fund: \$2,909.85


Bldg. Fund (Roof): \$90.00


Attendance: 51

Noisy Can: \$141.85


Basement Rental: \$50.00





 **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!


 **LL "Souper Bowl" Collection** will take place on Sunday, February 9th.

 We are currently working on the **Worship Assistant Schedule** for *March 2025 thru February 2026*. If you are currently serving as a scripture reader, usher, communion assistant or bread provider and wish to continue; there is nothing you need to do. You will continue to serve in that position. If you would like to begin serving in one of these roles or add additional roles, please contact the office. Likewise, if you wish to be removed from the list, please contact the office. The goal is to have the new list out in the February Newsletter. Any additions or changes need to be submitted by the **Annual Meeting date, January 19th**.

 **Healthy Steps for Older Adults** is @ Gundersen Palmer Hospital on Jan. 23rd from 9am-2:30pm. This is a fall prevention program. Suggested contribution is \$25 which includes lunch, handbook and exercise guideline. Register by 1/16 with Tasha W 563-422-3811 ext.64716. See flyer downstairs for more information.

 **Senior Game Day** is Wednesday, January 22nd from 2-4pm. Please come for fellowship, snacks, cards, games, and FUN! Bring a friend!

 **Thank you** to Tasha Massman, Wendy Steffens, Isaiah Ruckdashel, and Teagan Schrader for serving on the West Clermont Council.

 **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.



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!