

Welcome to
WEST CLERMONT LUTHERAN CHURCH
Member of the Evangelical Lutheran
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Worship 9:30am
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3rd Sunday after Epiphany

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INTRODUCTION

God's glory is revealed in the reading of scripture. People stand at attention. People weep. People prostrate themselves in prayer. The unity of the church is another reflection of God's glory. Most gloriously, the promises of God are fulfilled in the person of Jesus Christ. Gather round. Listen up. Glimpse the glory of God.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

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

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 **ELW pg. 120**

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

INSTALLATION OF CHURCH COUNCIL 2025

P: St. Paul writes in Ephesians 4:1-16:

¹I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. ⁷But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people."
⁹(When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰He who

descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) ¹¹The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, ¹²to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. ¹⁴We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. ¹⁵But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

P: 2025 Council, please stand.

2025 Council Members: *Randy Wiedenhoff, Diane Butikofer, Kyle Wander, Rodney Wagner, Kenny Monteith, Brittany Bassett, Stacy Cummings, Jed Dean, Aric Steffens, Kathy Wander, and Lainey Donnelly.*

P: You have been elected to positions of leadership and trust in this congregation. You are to see that the words and deeds of this household of faith reflect Jesus Christ in whose name we gather, to help this congregation and its members remain and grow in faithfulness to the Holy Scriptures and the confessions of the Lutheran Church. You are to work together with the members of West Clermont Lutheran Church to see that the worship and the work of Christ are done at this congregation, in accordance with the specific responsibilities of the positions of leadership to which you have been elected. You are to be examples of faith, active in love, faithful and diligent in your own use of the Means of Grace through the ministry of the Word and Sacraments. You are to help maintain the life in harmony of this congregation and to further its mission, ministry, and outreach through and for the sake of the Gospel of salvation of our Savior and Lord Jesus Christ.

On behalf of your brothers and sisters in Christ, I ask you: are you ready to accept and faithfully carry out the duties and responsibilities of the office to which you have been elected?

Council Members: *Yes, by the help and grace of God.*

P: Members of this Congregation: Will you support these, your elected leaders? Will you pray for them, will you give them your assistance, and share with them the mission and ministry that Christ is given to His whole Church?

Congregation: *Yes, by the help and grace of God.*

P: Let us pray, Lord God, we give You our thanks for all your good gifts, but especially do we thank You for the gifts of each of these elected to serve your congregation of West Clermont Lutheran Church. We ask your blessing upon them and their leadership and service to this whole household of faith. We ask for your aid and help to be faithful to your Word and will. We pray this in the name of Jesus.

Congregation: *Amen.*

P: I now declare you installed as officers and council members of this congregation in the Name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. May God bless you so that you may prove faithful servants of Jesus Christ. Amen.

NOISY CAN OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC: “Come As You Are” by Crowder,
CCLI #7017790 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yjgioXrnEME>

*Come out of sadness
From wherever you've been
Come broken hearted
Let rescue begin
Come find your mercy
Oh sinner come kneel
Earth has no sorrow
That heaven can't heal
Earth has no sorrow
That heaven can't heal*

*So lay down your burdens
Lay down your shame
All who are broken
Lift up your face
Oh wanderer come home
You're not too far
So lay down your hurt
Lay down your heart
Come as you are
There's hope for the hopeless
And all those who've strayed
Come sit at the table
Come taste the grace
There's rest for the weary
Rest that endures
Earth has no sorrow
That heaven can't cure
So lay down your burdens
Lay down your shame
All who are broken
Lift up your face
Oh wanderer come home
You're not too far
So lay down your hurt
Lay down your heart
Come as you are
Come as you are
Fall in his arms
Come as you are
There's joy for the morning
Oh sinner be still
Earth has no sorrow
That heaven can't heal
Earth has no sorrow
That heaven can't heal
So lay down your burdens
Lay down your shame
All who are broken*

*Lift up your face
Oh wanderer come home
You're not too far
So lay down your hurt
Lay down your heart
Come as you are*

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. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory.

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

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: The joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat this meal of gladness.

COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION: Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray, Amen.

WORD

First Reading: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

¹ All the people [of Israel] gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. ² Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. ³ He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book

of the law. ⁵ And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. ⁶ Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, “Amen, Amen,” lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. ⁸ So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

⁹ And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, “This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep.” For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. ¹⁰ Then he said to them, “Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.”

R: *The Word of the Lord.*

C: **Thanks be to God!**

Psalm: 19 (Responsively)

¹ The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky proclaims its maker’s handiwork.

² **One day tells its tale to another,
and one night imparts knowledge to another.**

³ Although they have no words or language,
and their voices are not heard,

⁴ **their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to
the ends of the world, where God has pitched a tent for
the sun.**

⁵ It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

⁶ **It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs
about to the end of it again; nothing is hidden from
its burning heat.**

⁷ The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; the
testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the
simple.

⁸ **The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; the
commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

- ⁹ The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever;
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.
- ¹⁰ **More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**
- ¹¹ By them also is your servant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is great reward.
- ¹² **Who can detect one's own offenses?
Cleanse me from my secret faults.**
- ¹³ Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them
not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.
- ¹⁴ **Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my strength
and my redeemer.**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

¹⁴ Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵ If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶ And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸ But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹ If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰ As it is, there are many members, yet one body. ²¹ The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” ²² On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³ and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; ²⁴ whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the

body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, ²⁵ that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶ If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸ And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. ²⁹ Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰ Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ^{31a} But strive for the greater gifts.

R: *The Word of the Lord.*

C: Thanks be to God!

Gospel Acclamation

ELW pg. 124

Gospel: Luke 4:14-21

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

¹⁴ Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵ He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

¹⁶ When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

¹⁸ “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, ¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

²⁰ And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹ Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

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

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

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.

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: “The Spirit Sends Us Forth To Serve” ELW 551

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.



Please keep the family and friends of Lois Miller in your thoughts and prayers. Lois passed away on January 22nd. Funeral services for Lois will be held at West Clermont on Saturday, February 22nd @ 11am with visitation prior to service.

What's Happening

Tues. 1/28	9am	Quilting
Wed. 1/29	2:30pm	Confirmation
Sun. 2/2	9:30am	Worship Service Holy Communion Sunday School
	10:30am	Fellowship

Sunday, January 19, 2025

Loose: \$6.00

Regular: \$3,380.00


Total General Fund: \$3,914.32

Bldg./Roof: \$90.00

Attendance: 31

Noisy Can: \$528.32



 **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. This will replace the Noisy Can on this day. Funds on this day will be donated to Open Hands Food Pantry.



Fun for Seniors

Senior Game Day is Wednesday, February 12th 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 Campships are available.* Please contact the church office for the form.

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


**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!



Luther's Nordic Choir 2025 Tour kicks off with performance @ the Luther College Center for Faith and Life on Thursday, Feb. 6th @ 7:30pm. No charge for admission.