

Welcome to

WEST CLERMONT LUTHERAN CHURCH

Member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

January 8, 2023



Worship 9:30am

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Baptism of Our Lord

January 8, 2023

INTRODUCTION

In the waters of the Jordan, Jesus is revealed as the beloved Son of God. Through this great epiphany, Jesus fulfills all righteousness and becomes the servant of God who will bring forth justice and be a light to the nations. In the waters of baptism we too are washed by the Word, anointed by the Spirit, and named God's beloved children. Our baptismal mission is to proclaim good news to all who are oppressed or in need of God's healing.

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: *This Is The Spirit's Entry Now* ELW 448

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

V: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

V: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One, source of our renewal,

C: we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness.

Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.

V: Thus says our God: “The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare.” God’s mercy makes us new.

We are forgiven in the name of † Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.

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ELW pg. 120

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Glory to God....

ELW pg. 121

PRAYER OF THE DAY: O God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, 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 Him* by Francesca Battistelli

CCLI Song# 7138798

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ulGqyckf-oI>

In this Christmas season, I pray we all can focus our attention on the birth of our Savior, the one in whom our hope is secure and never faltering. May we turn our attention from the noise of the world and truly, simply Behold Him. “I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.” – Jesus (John 16:33)

WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-9

¹Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. ²He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; ³a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. ⁴He

will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

⁵Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it:

⁶I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you;

I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations,

⁷to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. ⁸I am

the LORD, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my

praise to idols. ⁹See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

R: *The Word of the Lord.*

C: **Thanks be to God!**

Psalm: 29 (Responsively)

¹Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,

ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

²**Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name;**

worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory

thunders; the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

⁴**The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;**

the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.

⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;

the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

⁶**the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf,**

and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

⁷The voice of the LORD bursts forth in lightning flashes.

⁸**The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;**

the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

⁹The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips

the forests bare. And in the temple of the LORD all

are crying, “Glory!”

**¹⁰The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.**

**¹¹O LORD, give strength to your people;
give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.**

Second Reading: Acts 10:34-43

³⁴Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

R: *The Word of the Lord.*

C: Thanks be to God!

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia.....*

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Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

V: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. ¹⁶And when Jesus

had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

V: *The gospel of the Lord.*

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

CHILDREN’S SERMON

YOUTH & TEACHERS RELEASED FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

SERMON

Vicar Micheal Erickson

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Shall We Gather At The River* ELW 423

***APOSTLES’ CREED:**

I believe in God,

the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

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.

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**

V: Merciful God,

C: **receive 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: Liberating God, you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior,

C: Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

V: The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod † bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always.

C: Amen.

SENDING MUSIC: *Songs Of Thankfulness and Praise* ELW 310

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

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.

Sunday, January 1, 2023

Attendance: 21

Noisy Can: \$39.54

Loose: \$17.00

Paint Project: \$200.00

Regular: \$175.00

Christmas: \$100.00

Total General Fund: \$531.54

What's Happening

Mon.	1/9	6pm	Women's Auxiliary Mtg.
Tues.	1/10	9am	Quilting
		6:30pm	CHS Mtg.
Wed.	1/11	2:30pm	Confirmation Class
Sat.	1/14	8:30am	Men's Group
Sun.	1/15	9:30am	Worship Service
			Sunday School
		10:30am	<u>ANNUAL MTG.</u> & Fellowship
		6:00pm	Sunday Mtg.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



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



Quilting will resume on Tues., Jan. 10th @ 9am. Blessings to all and Happy New Year.



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 11th, 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 are available.



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.