

Welcome to
WEST CLERMONT LUTHERAN CHURCH
Member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
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Worship 9:30am in the Park
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8th Sunday after Pentecost

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INTRODUCTION

Mark's gospel makes clear how great is the press of the crowd, with its countless needs to be met, on Jesus and his disciples. Yet in today's gospel Jesus advises his disciples to get away and rest, to take care of themselves. Sometimes we think that when others are in great need we shouldn't think of ourselves at all; but Jesus also honors the caregivers' need. We are sent from Christ's table to care for others and for ourselves.

GATHERING

PRELUDE: *God Who Listens* by Chris Tomlin featuring Thomas Rhett
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MbWOM4wc9bo>

LYRICS

*The God who made the winters and the summers
The One who put the stars all in their place
The only One who stands above all others
He knows me by name*

*The angels hide their faces in His presence
The demons run for cover when You speak
You rule the world and reign above the heavens
And still draw close to me*

*When I close my eyes
I know that*

*I'm not just hoping, I'm not just wishin'
I know I'm praying to a God who listens
I know He hears me, I know He's livin'
Yes I am praying to a God who listens*

*He walks with me and leads me by still waters
I lay my troubles down at His feet
It's amazing the the Savior and the Father
He is a friend to me
How can it be*

*Who knows me
Who loves me
Who never will fail me
Who tells me that I am his own
And You surround me
Remind me
You always are for me
So I come boldly to Your throne*

*I'm not just hoping, I'm not just wishin'
Yes I'm praying to a God who listens
Oh what a promise that we've been given
Yes we are praying to a God who listens*

#GodWhoListens #ChrisTomlin #ThomasRhett

GREETING

L: 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: *The Church's One Foundation*

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

*1 The church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
she is his new creation
by water and the word.
From heav'n he came and sought her
to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died.*

2 *Elect from ev'ry nation,
yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation
one Lord, one faith, one birth:
one holy name she blesses,
partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses,
with ev'ry grace endued.*

4 *Through toil and tribulation
and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation
of peace forevermore;
till with the vision glorious
her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious
shall be the church at rest.*

5 *Yet she on earth has union
with God, the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won.
Oh, blessed heav'nly chorus!
Lord, save us by your grace,
that we, like saints before us,
may see you face to face.*

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839-1900

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles,
the God of mercy.

C: Amen.

L: Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our provider,

C: ..help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

L: Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, † the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

C: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY: O God, powerful and compassionate, you shepherd your people, faithfully feeding and protecting us. Heal each of us, and make us a whole people, that we may embody the justice and peace of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC: *My Jesus* by Anne Wilson

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cWLM6z42Gk8>

The word "uncertainty" is often thrown around when you think about tomorrow or what the future may hold. To find certainty in times of uncertainty, one can trust the universe to guide them down the right path or some may even turn to the man upstairs for their plan and purpose in life. She trusted her Jesus to find strength after a sudden family tragedy.

In 2017, Wilson lost her brother, Jacob to a horrific car accident. After hearing the news from her father, the artist got a sign from God to be the family anchor. "I heard God say to me, clear as day, 'Anne, are you going to trust Me?' I turned around right in that room, and I spoke to Jesus, and I said 'Jesus, I trust you,'" says Wilson about the transformative moment. "All of a sudden, the weight of death was lifted fully off my shoulders, and I felt like I could breathe. I had this assurance that God was going to pull me through this tragedy to the other side."

Her Jesus did not just provide strength to navigate the difficult time, but he gave her the courage to stand in front of an audience for the very first time at her brother's funeral and perform. "I sat down to play, and God said, 'this is what I'm calling you to do. I'm calling you to praise and worship my name.

WORD

First Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6

¹Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. ²Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. ³Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

⁵The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: “The LORD is our righteousness.”

R: *The Word of the Lord.*

C: Thanks be to God!

Psalm: 23 (Responsively)

¹The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not ¹be in want.

²**The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**

³You restore my soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways for your name’s sake.

⁴**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

Second Reading: Ephesians 2:11-22

¹¹Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision”—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—¹²remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having

no hope and without God in the world. ¹³But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. ¹⁵He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. ¹⁷So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; ¹⁸for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, ²⁰built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. ²¹In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; ²²in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

R: *The Word of the Lord.*

C: Thanks be to God!

Gospel Acclamation

L: Alleluia.

C: Alleluia.

L: My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia. (*John 10:27*)

C: Alleluia.

Gospel: Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

L: The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁰The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³²And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. ³³Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. ³⁴As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

⁵³When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. ⁵⁴When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, ⁵⁵and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in

the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

L: *The gospel of the Lord.*

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

SERMON

Lay Minister Mike Erickson

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)* by Chris Tomlin
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jbe7OruLk8I&list=PLZeSkVB9eIP-r5GXh1Xmr1lmsvArXePPt&index=5>

Amazing grace
How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now I'm found
Was blind, but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

My chains are gone
I've been set free
My God, my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love, amazing grace

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

[2x]

My chains are gone
I've been set free
My God, my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love, amazing grace

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God, Who called me here below,
Will be forever mine.
Will be forever mine.
You are forever mine.

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,
⁴the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

INTERCESSIONS

L: Lord, in your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER

L: 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

L: The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,
✠ be upon you now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING MUSIC: *Savior Like A Shepherd Lead Us* by 4Him

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SQe8slFjX-o>

- 1 *Savior, like a shepherd lead us;
much we need thy tender care.
In thy pleasant pastures feed us,
for our use thy fold prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
thou have bought us; thine we are.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
thou have bought us; thine we are.*

- 2 *We are thine; who thou befriend us,
be the guardian of our way;
keep thy flock, from sin defend us,
seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
hear thy children when we pray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
hear thy children when we pray.*

- 4 *Early let us seek thy favor,
early let us do thy will;
blessed Lord and only Savior,
with thy love our bosoms fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Thou has loved us, love us still.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Thou has loved us, love us still.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Thou has loved us, love us still.*

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

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Sunday, July 11, 2021

Loose: \$90.70

Regular: \$2,980.00

Total General Fund: \$3,087.80

Building Fund: \$205.00 (Roof: \$180.00 / Regular: \$25.00)

Attendance: 38

Children: \$1.00

Noisy Can: \$16.10

Prayer List

Requested: Carlos Delgado, Jeanette (Davisson) Cain, Daniel Guyer, Pr. Phil Olson, Beth Zimmer, Heidi Henriksen, Betty Erickson, Jerry Erickson, Bob Kress, Devin Schrad, Richard Schrad, Don Erickson, Ken Erickson, Ericka Jacobsen, Kim (Orth) DeBolt, Voilet Guyer.

Assisted Living, Nursing Homes & Shut-Ins: Clarice Gass, Albert Schave, Millard Nelson, Betty Erickson, Gail Herman, Khaki Nelson, John Yauslin.

In the Military: Jeff Kleppe, Nathan Guyer, Major Stephanie Wilkins, Kennedy White.



 **Noisy Can Offering** for 3rd quarter (July-Sept.) will go to LSI – Spiritual Life Program. The Spiritual Life pastor works with Bremwood and Beloit Youth homes and with all of the NEIA Synod congregations. Funds raised go toward salary and expenses.



Midweek Summer Socials @ East Clermont Lutheran. Wednesdays, 2-4pm beginning June 2 thru August 25th. Come and enjoy cookies and coffee with friends. Available activities: dominoes, cards, puzzles, tying a quilt... you name it! All welcome!



Senior Exercise/Chair Yoga is held on Monday & Thursday mornings beginning @ 9:30am at St. Peter's Catholic Church in the basement. All are welcome. No charge.



The **5th Annual Clermont Community Club BBQ in the Park** will take place on Monday, July 19th (7/20-raindate) starting at 4:30pm in the Clermont City Park. Check out the Facebook event page for additional info on this fun, family-friendly event.



Worship at Church on July 25th & Aug. 1st. These are Holy Communion Sundays.



The FCFS Shoe Drive is going on until July 30, 2021. The Fayette County Food Shelf is collecting gently used or new shoes, boots, sandals, flip flops until July 30. The Food Shelf receives money from every pound of footwear it receives. The footwear benefits micro-enterprises in developing nations, helping families and communities in extreme poverty find self-sustainability and hope. Together we can all make a difference and help Fayette County Food Shelf continue to provide short-term emergency food relief to persons living in Fayette County.

You can drop off the shoes in the box in the entry of the church or you can drop them off at the Fayette County Food Shelf Donation Room located on the east side of the building at 107 East Water Street in Fayette, Iowa. The donation room is open 24/7 for your convenience.



Clermont Summer Library Program is August 9th-12th from 9-10am @ the City Park (if rain we move to basement of Larrabee building). Please join us for **BOOKS! LEARNING! SNACKS! & STORIES!** If you are interested please call the Library @ 423-7286 to help them get a number count for supplies.