

Welcome to
WEST CLERMONT LUTHERAN CHURCH

Member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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Worship 9:30am
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6th Sunday after Pentecost

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INTRODUCTION

Jesus does great deeds of power and gives his disciples authority over demons. Yet none of this power is unilateral; it all must be received by faith. Jesus asks his disciples to go out without money or supplies, so that they will be dependent on how others receive them. When we are sent from the assembly to witness and to heal, we are asked to be vulnerable, to be dependent on the reception of others. The Spirit always operates in the "between": between Jesus and his Abba, between Jesus and us, between you and me, between us and those to whom we are sent.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

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: *This is My Song* **ELW 887**

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: God of the covenant, in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

**SPECIAL MUSIC: *My God Is Still The Same* by Sanctus Real
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fqurgsMau3s>**

“My God Is Still The Same” is Sanctus Real’s declaration that no matter how difficult circumstances seem, God has never stopped being who He says He is.

*“Now more than ever we know the message we want to share,” says guitarist **Chris Rohman**. “If there’s one bit of good news we have during uncertain times, it is that God is the same today as He was yesterday, and that is a hope worth sharing.”*

*Lead singer **Dustin Lolli** adds, “This song is our direct response to a world that has been shaken around us. It’s a reminder that as Christians we do not have to fear, because we serve a God who never changes. He still moves mountains.”*

“My God Is Still The Same” was written by Rohman and Lolli last year when they were able to get together after months of quarantine.

“It would be easy to think of these times as uniquely difficult,” Rohman explains. “For the most part a lot of what we’re experiencing is something totally unseen before by our generation. There were so many questions without answers as the weeks and months of 2020 passed by with what seemed like an unending amount of bad news. Dustin and I knew we had to write about God’s steadiness throughout the ages as a way to encourage people right now. There was one thing we felt we could communicate with certainty no matter how quickly everything around us had changed – that our God is still the same.”

“Our hope is that this song will inspire people to remember the goodness of God in their lives, how He’s always been there, bringing them through any difficult circumstance they’ve ever experienced,” Mark Graalman concludes. “God is faithful to His loving and caring nature. We can trust we will continue to see His kindness toward us and experience His grace again and again!”

*Just ask the waves
If they are stilled at the mention of His name
They’ll say my God is still the same
Ask the walls
If they still fall at the mighty sound of praise
They’ll say my God is still the same*

*When did He break His promise
When did His kindness fail
Never has
Never will
My God is still the same
When did He lose His power
When did His mercy change*

*Never has
Never will
My God is still the same*

*Just ask the words
You prayed in desperation if they're heard
They'll say my God is still the same
Just ask the grave
If its strong enough to keep hope in its chains
It'll say God is still the same*

*When did He break His promise
When did His kindness fail*

*Never has
Never will*

*My God is still the same
When did He lose His power
When did His mercy change*

*Never has
Never will*

*My God is still the same
Not once did He ever stop moving
Not once has He ever let go
Not once did he ever stop proving
Our God is in control*

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My God is still the same*

WORD

First Reading: Ezekiel 2:1-5

¹[A voice] said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you.²And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. ³He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. ⁴The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, “Thus says the Lord GOD.” ⁵Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

R: *The Word of the Lord.*

C: **Thanks be to God!**

Psalm: 123 (Responsively)

¹To you I lift up my eyes, to you enthroned in the heavens.

²**As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters,
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, so
our eyes look to you, O LORD our God, until you
show us your mercy.**

³Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy,
for we have had more than enough of contempt,
⁴**too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, and of the
derision of the proud.**

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

²I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. ³And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—⁴was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. ⁵On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. ⁶But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, ⁷even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. ⁸Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, ⁹but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. ¹⁰Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

R: *The Word of the Lord.*

C: Thanks be to God!

Gospel Acclamation

L: Alleluia.

C: Alleluia.

L: I will boast gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Alleluia. (2 Cor. 12:9)

C: Alleluia.

Gospel: Mark 6:1-13

L: The Holy Gospel according to Mark. C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹[Jesus] came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him.²On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, “Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! ³Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. ⁴Then Jesus said to them, “Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house.” ⁵And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. ⁶And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. ⁷He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; ⁹but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. ¹⁰He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. ¹¹If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” ¹²So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. ¹³They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

L: *The gospel of the Lord.*

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

SERMON

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HYMN OF THE DAY: *Spirit of Gentleness* **ELW 396**

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.

MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

L: 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; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

L: Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION: Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. 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: *God Bless Our Native Land* **ELW 891**

DISMISSAL

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

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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Sunday, June 27, 2021

Attendance: 50

Loose: \$9.25

Noisy Can: \$23.31

Regular: \$920.00

Total General Fund: \$952.56

Building Fund: \$85.00 (Roof)

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.

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, Captain Stephanie Wilkins, Kennedy White.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Noisy Can Offering If anyone has any suggestions for the 3rd and 4th quarter Noisy Can Offering, please let the office or a council member know.



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.

Vacation Bible School

VBS is scheduled for Wednesday, July 14th from 4-7:30pm. Watch for details in upcoming bulletins and emails.



to WCLC & WELCA – *I very much appreciate the opportunity to receive this scholarship! It's been a joy to be a part of this church family as it's watched me grow over the years!* Hunter



Worship in the Park on July 11th and July 18th.