

Welcome to
WEST CLERMONT LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Worship 9:30am
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Transfiguration of Our Lord

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INTRODUCTION

Witnesses to the glory of God in the face of Jesus reflect that glory in the world. It was true for Moses. It was doubtless true for Peter, James, and John. We pray that it will be true of all of us who see God's glory in the word and in the supper and who are being "transformed into the same image" by God's Spirit.

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: *"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"*
ELW 815

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.

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ELW pg. 120

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Holy God, mighty and immortal, you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Transform us into the likeness of your Son, who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

NOISY CAN OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC:

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: “*O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright*” ELW 308

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: Exodus 34:29-35

²⁹ Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. ³⁰ When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹ But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. ³² Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. ³³ When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; ³⁴ but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, ³⁵ the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

R: *The Word of the Lord.*

C: Thanks be to God!

Psalm: 99 (Responsively)

¹ The LORD is king; let the people tremble. The LORD is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.

² **The LORD, great in Zion, is high above all peoples.**

³ Let them confess God's name, which is great and awesome; God is the Holy One.

**⁴ O mighty king, lover of justice, you have established equity;
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.**

⁵ Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and fall down before God's
footstool; God is the Holy One.

**⁶ Moses and Aaron among your priests, and Samuel among
those who call upon your name, O LORD, they called
upon you, and you answered them,**

⁷ you spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; they kept your
testimonies and the decree that you gave them.

**⁸ O LORD our God, you answered them indeed; you were a God
who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil
deeds.**

⁹ Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and worship upon God's holy
hill; for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 3:12—4:2

¹² Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great
boldness, ¹³ not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the
people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being
set aside. ¹⁴ But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very
day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil
is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. ¹⁵ Indeed, to this
very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their
minds; ¹⁶ but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is
removed. ¹⁷ Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the
Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸ And all of us, with unveiled faces,
seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are
being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to
another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

^{4:1} Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in
this ministry, we do not lose heart. ² We have renounced the
shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to
falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we
commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of
God.

R: *The Word of the Lord.*

C: **Thanks be to God!**

Gospel Acclamation

ELW pg. 124

Gospel: Luke 9:28-43a

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

²⁸ Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹ And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³⁰ Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹ They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³² Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³ Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah”—not knowing what he said. ³⁴ While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. ³⁵ Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” ³⁶ When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

³⁷ On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. ³⁸ Just then a man from the crowd shouted, “Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. ³⁹ Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. ⁴⁰ I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not.” ⁴¹ Jesus answered, “You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here.” ⁴² While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. ^{43a} And all were astounded at the greatness of God.

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.****

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: “*Jesus, the Light of the World*”

ACS 914

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: “*We Are Marching in the Light*” **ELW 866**

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, Ben Phillips.

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.

What's Happening

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| Tues. 3/4 | 9am | Quilting |
| Wed. 3/5 | 1pm | WELCA Board Mtg. |
| | 2:30pm | Confirmation |
| | 5:30pm | Council Mtg. |
| | 5:30pm | <i>Lenten Meal @ Highland</i> |
| | 7pm | <i>Ash Wednesday Service @ Highland</i> |

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS: SET YOUR CLOCK AHEAD 1HR.

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| Sun. 3/9 | 9:30am | Worship Service |
| | | <i>Sunday School</i> |
| | 10:30am | Fellowship |

Sunday, February 23, 2025

Loose: \$31.00

Regular: \$1,075.00

Total General Fund: \$1,292.81


Roof: \$90.00


Attendance: 68

Noisy Can: \$136.81

Funeral Programs: \$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!



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.



Church Pictorial Directories are here!! If you had your picture taken or submitted a picture, then there is a directory with your name on it. There are extras, so if you were unable to participate, you can still have one. Extras are on a first come, first serve basis.



4H Omelet Brunch & Silent Auction is Sun., March 9th from 9am-1pm @ the Fairgrounds Dance Pavilion. Tickets are \$10, 5 & under are free. Serving: pancakes, made-to-order omelets, applesauce, beverage.



Ash Wednesday Worship is March 5th @ 7pm. It will be held at Highland Lutheran Church as part of our ecumenical Lenten Worship. Free will offering Ham & Potato Meal from 5:30-6:45pm.



West Clermont Lenten Meal and Service is Wed., Mar 12th. Meal begins at 5:30pm; Serving: maidrites, salads, and bars. Free will offering. Service begins @ 7pm.



Country in the Hills Spring Craft Show is Sat. March 15th from 9am-4pm @ The Heritage Farm Park. Lunch available 11-2pm. Local crafters. WELCA will have a table with quilts and cookbooks.

RETIREMENT PARTY! Clermont Historical Society is hosting a **Retirement Party for Arline Davisson** to honor her for all her years of service, **TODAY** from 2-4pm @ the Opera House.



FISHFRY Clermont Fire & Rescue's Annual **FISH FRY** is Friday, March 7th from 4:30-8pm. \$15.00 per meal. Dine In or Carry Out. Serving: fish, French fries, coleslaw, baked beans, roll & beverage. Proceeds will go toward replacing turnout gear.



Today is Luther League NEW socks & underwear for SOTH!



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, 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!

