

Welcome to
WEST CLERMONT LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Healing Service



Worship 9:30am
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4th Sunday in Lent

March 30, 2025

INTRODUCTION

The psalm sets the tone this day: “Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!” Happy are those who have “become the righteousness of God” in the merits of Christ Jesus. Happy are those for whom the forgiveness of God has “rolled away . . . the disgrace” of former times. Happy is the father at the return of his prodigal son. Happy are we that our sins are forgiven for Jesus’ sake. Rejoice!

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: “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”
ELW 807

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God’s abiding love.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate One,

C: you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world. We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us. We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you grant to all people. We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again. We squander the abundant gifts of the earth. Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross. Amen.

P: Beloved in Christ, God’s arms are always stretched open wide to welcome the wandering ones home. In † Christ your sins are forgiven. You have a place in God’s house forever.

C: Amen.

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ELW pg. 120

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

ELW pg. 121

PRAYER OF THE DAY: God of compassion, you welcome the wayward, and you embrace us all with your mercy. By our baptism clothe us with garments of your grace, and feed us at the table of your love, 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: CHOIR

HEALING

INTRODUCTION

P: Our Lord Jesus healed many as a sign of the reign of God come near and sent the disciples to continue this work of healing—with prayer, the laying on of hands, and anointing. In the name of Christ, the great healer and reconciler of the world, we now entrust to God all who are in need of healing.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: In your great mercy,

C: hear us, O God.

LAYING ON OF HANDS

P: Sisters and brothers, I invite you to come and receive a sign of healing and wholeness in the name of the triune God.

Those receiving the laying on of hands approach & kneel or stand.

Please respond: **Amen.** (*following your blessing*)

P: Let us pray.

Living God, through the laying on of hands and anointing, grant comfort in suffering to all who are in need of healing. When they are afraid, give them courage; when afflicted, give them patience; when dejected, give them hope; and when alone, assure them of the support of your holy people. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

WORD

First Reading: Joshua 5:9-12

⁹ The LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

¹⁰ While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. ¹¹ On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. ¹² The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

R: *The Word of the Lord.*

C: Thanks be to God!

Psalm: 32 (Responsively)

¹ Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven,
and whose sin is put away!

² **Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt,
and in whose spirit there is no guile!**

³ While I held my tongue, my bones withered away,
because of my groaning all day long.

⁴ **For your hand was heavy upon me day and night;
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**

⁵ Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt.
I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD.” Then
you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

⁶ **Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you
in time of trouble; when the great waters overflow,
they shall not reach them.**

⁷ You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

⁸ **“I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should
go; I will guide you with my eye.**

⁹ Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; who
must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay
near you.”

¹⁰ **Great are the tribulations of the wicked;
but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.**

¹¹ Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD;
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

¹⁶ From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷ So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! ¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹ that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. ²⁰ So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

R: *The Word of the Lord.*

C: Thanks be to God!

Gospel Acclamation: “*Let your steadfast...*” **ELW pg. 125**

Gospel: Luke 15:1-3,11b-32

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

¹ Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] ² And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

³ So he told them this parable: ^{11b} “There was a man who had two sons. ¹² The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.’ So he divided his property between them. ¹³ A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. ¹⁴ When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶ He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷ But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! ¹⁸ I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.’” ²⁰ So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹ Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ ²² But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³ And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; ²⁴ for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate.

²⁵ “Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. ²⁷ He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.’ ²⁸ Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead

with him. ²⁹ But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰ But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’ ³¹ Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³² But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’”

P: *The gospel of the Lord.*

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

SERMON

Pastor Mike Erickson

HYMN OF THE DAY: *“Our Father, We Have Wandered”*

ELW 606

APOSTLES’ CREED:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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

P: God, in your mercy,

C: **Receive 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: Gracious Provider, you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. Deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

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.

SENDING

BLESSING

P: God our tender parent, God the crucified one, God the reconciling Spirit, † bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING MUSIC: *"Restore In Us O God"* ELW 328

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Love! Proclaim! Serve!

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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, Meca Loftsgard.

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.



On March 24th, Carlos Delgado; father-in-law to Rydell Schott and father of Maria Schott, passed away. Please keep their family in your thoughts and prayers.



*Holy
Baptism*

May God's blessing be upon **Beckham Rodney Helgerson**, son of John & Danielle Helgerson who was baptized yesterday. Sponsors for Beckham are Bob Helgerson and Gabrielle Kriegel.

What's Happening

Tues. 4/1	9am	Quilting
Wed. 4/2	1pm	WELCA Board Mtg.
	5:30pm	Council Mtg.
	7pm	Lenten Service @ Illyria with dessert to follow.
Sun. 4/6	9:30am	Worship Service Holy Communion Sunday School
	10:30am	Fellowship

Sunday, March 23, 2025

Copies: \$25.00

Loose: \$169.00

Regular: \$2,855.00

Total General Fund: \$3,216.06


Roof: \$90.00

Attendance: 83

Lenten: \$20.00

Noisy Can: \$147.06



 **Noisy Can Offering** for 1st Quarter will go to JoAnn Bishop to help with expenses incurred during this time of illness.



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.



Montauk is hiring for a Museum Guide. Hiring is open until April 18th. This position is seasonal. Shifts are typically 11:45-4:30 and must be able to work a weekend day. \$14.00 hr. For additional information and directions on how to apply, please see the bulletin in the downstairs entry. Further questions can be directed to Hannah @ 563-423-7173.



28th Annual Friends of the Elgin Public Library Book Sale. Books, puzzles, DVDs, and more! **DOOR PRIZES!** Dates: Thurs., April 10th: 1-5:30pm. Fri., April 11th: 10-5:30pm. Sat., April 12th: 9am-Noon. **ON-LINE AUCTION** on Facebook (*elginpubliclibraryfriend*) begins on Mon., March 24th and ends on Sat., April 12th @ 11am.

2025 Lenten Schedule

Date	Meal/Service Times	Church
April 2	No Meal/7pm-dessert following service	Illyria Community Church
April 9	5:30pm/7pm	East Clermont Lutheran Church
April 17 (Maundy Thursday)	No Meal/7pm	West Clermont Lutheran Church
April 18 (Good Friday)	No Meal/7pm	St. Paul's United Methodist Church
April 20 (Easter Sunrise Service)	7am: Breakfast to follow	First Baptist Location TBD

Maundy Thursday Seder Meal @ Elgin Lutheran Church

Thursday, April 17th, 2025, @ 6pm. *For those who do not have their own service this day, all are welcome to attend our Seder Meal. We would like to encourage you to let us know if you may have people interested, so we can plan accordingly. Note: this is not a full meal (so eat a light meal beforehand). Think of it more as a service and less as a full meal where families gather to retell the story of the Exodus from Egypt through symbolic foods, prayers, songs, and discussions. The last night Jesus spent with his disciples was during the Passover and is connected to what is happening during Holy Week.*



Beulahland Christian Camp 2025 Youth

Summer Camp Dates:

- 3rd-5th Grade Camp: June 29-July 3
- 6th-8th Grade Camp: July 13-17
- 9th-12th Grade Camp: July 20-24
- 4th-7th Grade Camp: July 27-31

Registration for 2025 Summer Youth Camps is open now and closes on June 1, 2025. Secure your spot early to ensure your camper can join us at Beulahland! We look forward to welcoming you! For more information or to register for camp email: www.beulahlandbiblecamp.org.

PANCAKE
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