

Welcome to
WEST CLERMONT LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Senior Sunday



Worship 9:30am
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4th Sunday of Easter

May 11, 2025

INTRODUCTION

The gift of new life, of eternal life, is the gift of the risen Christ. It is the promise of Jesus. It was true for Dorcas in Joppa. It was true for those “who have come out of the great ordeal” in the Revelation vision. It is true for us and for all the baptized: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

GREETING

P: He is risen!

C: **He is risen, indeed!**

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!*

GATHER HYMN: “Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia” ELW 364

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: In the name of † the One who was, who is, and who is to come.

C: **Amen.**

P: Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism. *Water may be poured before or during the thanksgiving.*

P: Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name. Baptized into you, O Living One,

C: make us one as you are one.

P: We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making. Baptized into you, O Living One,

C: make us one as you are one.

P: We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power. Baptized into you, O Living One,

C: make us one as you are one.

P: Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.

C: Amen.

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ELW pg.120

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

ELW pg. 121

PRAYER OF THE DAY: O God of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, 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: "Only Jesus" by Casting Crowns (Avery & Sarah's request). **CCLI #6517269**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VXIBP2BdYR8>

WORD

First Reading: Acts 9:36-43

³⁶ Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. ³⁷ At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸ Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." ³⁹ So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰ Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹ He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴² This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³ Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

R: *The Word of the Lord.*

C: **Thanks be to God!**

Psalm: 23 (Responsively)

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

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

³ You 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.**

⁵ You 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: Revelation 7:9-17

⁹ After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!” ¹¹ And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² singing,
“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever!
Amen.”

¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” ¹⁴ I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵ For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. ¹⁶ They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; ¹⁷ for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

R: *The Word of the Lord.*

C: Thanks be to God!

Gospel Acclamation

ELW pg. 124

Gospel: John 10:22-30

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

²² At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴ So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." ²⁵ Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; ²⁶ but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. ³⁰ The Father and I are one."

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.****

SERMON

Pastor Mike Erickson

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Borning Cry" ELW 732 (Sarah's pick)

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: Hear us, O God, C: Your mercy is great.

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: Risen One, come among us again, breathe your life into us,
that we may live as your risen body in the world.**

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.

SPECIAL MUSIC: "Chainbreaker" by Zach Williams (Reed & Sarah's request) CCLI #7060031

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JGYjKR69M6U>

The Blessing Prayers for High School Graduates

P: Today we celebrate and give thanks for the youth of our congregation who are taking a new step in their lives and their faith as they graduate from high school. One of the church's images of God's wisdom, love, and protection is a mantle, a garment to wrap around our shoulders. Today we will wrap these youth in a quilt made by the women of the ELCA, as a sign of God's love for them as they go into the future.

Graduates, as I call your name, could I please have you and your parents come forward and stand by your quilt. (*Parents please bring your bulletin up with you.*)

Reed Cummings

Sarah Dean

Avery Donnelly

Gwenyth Thomas

P: Seniors; there was a day when your parents held you in their arms and protected you. They wrapped you in a blanket, as with their love, to keep you warm and safe. Soon you will be starting a new path in your life. As you go out into the world, may this quilt be a reminder of your parents' love, this congregation's care, and a sign of the wisdom, love, and protection of God who holds you in his hand.

Parents, please wrap your child in the quilt & lay hands on them to bless them as they prepare to graduate.

PARENTS: (to their children)

“WE COME BEFORE GOD THIS DAY TO BLESS YOU AND TO GIVE THANKS FOR ALL THAT YOU HAVE BEEN TO US. WE THANK GOD FOR THE LOVE, JOY, FORGIVENESS, AND GRACE THAT HAVE BEEN PART OF OUR LIVES TOGETHER. WHEREVER YOU GO, YOU WILL ALWAYS BE A PART OF US. WHATEVER YOU DO, YOU WILL ALWAYS BE A PART OF OUR HEARTS. WE

BLESS YOU IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. MAY THIS QUILT WRAP YOU IN OUR LOVE, THE CARE OF THIS CONGREGATION, AND THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. AMEN.”

P: Lord, look with love on our graduates and bless them as they start this new chapter in their lives. May your Spirit, who has given them many skills and talents, help them to use these gifts for your glory and for the good of all people. In your mercy, wrap them in your steadfast love and grace, and hold them in the palm of your hand. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

ALL: AMEN.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Each recipient will receive a \$500 WCLC scholarship

*Sarah Dean
Avery Donnelly*

SENDING

BLESSING

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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

C: Amen.

SENDING MUSIC: "Here I Am, Lord" ELW 574 (Avery's pick)

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, Meca Loftsgard, Randy Torson, Liam O'Malley.

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.

Sunday, May 4, 2025

Loose: \$102.00

Regular: \$1,195.00

Total General Fund: \$1,334.63

Roof: \$290.00


Attendance: 60


Noisy Can: \$37.63



Mon. 5/12	6pm	Women's Auxiliary Mtg.
Wed. 5/14	10:30am	Copper Creek Service
	2-4pm	Senior Fun Day
Sun. 5/18	9:30am	Healing Service
	10:30am	Fellowship



 **Noisy Can Offering** for 2nd Quarter will be split and go to Shepherd of the Hill Building & Maintenance Fund and Heather Hageman (SOTH Coordinator-who has had recent expenses for an unexpected medical condition).

 **First Aid for Seniors Program** sponsored by the Clermont Library is Wednesday, May 14th @ 6:30pm at the Opera House.

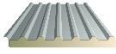


Senior Game Day is on May 14th & 28th, from 2-4pm. Come joins us for some snacks and fun! All are welcome!

 **2025 Baccalaureate** is **TONIGHT** @ 7pm in the PFC.



Veteran's Day Pancake Breakfast is **May 25th** from 8am-1pm @ the Opera House. Free will donation.



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING & VOTE for Roof Replacement Project will be **Sunday, June 1st**, at the end of service. 2 bids have been received. Council recommendation is to go with a steel roof utilizing Turkey River Construction.

Congratulations to our 2025 Graduates!



Avery Donnelly

Plans to attend the
University of Northern
Iowa in the fall.

Sarah Dean

Plans to attend Iowa
State University in the
fall majoring in Animal
Science with a minor in
Pre-Vet.





Reed Cummings

I am still undecided on my plans after graduation. I want to thank all members of WCLC for their support all through the years.

