

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 of Easter

May 5, 2024

INTRODUCTION

This Sunday's image of the life the risen Christ shares with us is the image of friendship. We are called to serve others as Jesus came to serve; but for John's gospel, the image of servanthood is too hierarchical, too distant, to capture the essence of life with Christ.

Friendship captures the love, the joy, the deep mutuality of the relationship into which Christ invites us. The Greeks believed that true friends are willing to die for each other. This is the mutual love of Christian community commanded by Christ and enabled by the Spirit.

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: *Build Us Up, Lord*

ELW 670

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.

C: **Amen.**

P: Look, here is water!

C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

P: Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life. Look, here is water!

C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

P: At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: Look, here is water!

C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

KYRIE

ELW pg. 120

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

This is the feast.... ELW pg. 122

PRAYER OF THE DAY: O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

NOISY CAN OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC: (Gabe to lead) *Guide My Feet*

ACS 987

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, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, 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 risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table.

COMMUNION: ACS 966 - Gabe on violin

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION: Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. Amen.

WORD

First Reading: Acts 10:44-48

⁴⁴While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷"Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" ⁴⁸So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

R: *The Word of the Lord.*

C: Thanks be to God!

Psalm: 98 (Responsively)

¹Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

²**O LORD, you have made known your victory, you have
revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

³You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of
Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

⁴**Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands;
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

⁵Sing to the LORD with the harp,
with the harp and the voice of song.

⁶**With trumpets and the sound of the horn
shout with joy before the king, the LORD.**

⁷Let the sea roar, and all that fills it,
the world and those who dwell therein.

⁸**Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with
joy before the LORD, who comes to judge the earth.**

⁹The LORD will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with equity.

Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-6

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of
God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ²By this
we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and
obey his commandments. ³For the love of God is this, that we obey
his commandments. And his commandments are not
burdensome, ⁴for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And
this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵Who is it that
conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son
of God?

⁶This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not
with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the
Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

R: *The Word of the Lord.*

C: Thanks be to God!

Gospel: John 15: 9-17

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

[Jesus said:] ⁹“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

¹²“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

P: *The gospel of the Lord.*

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Pastor Mike Erickson

****YOUTH & TEACHERS ARE DISMISSED TO SUNDAY SCHOOL****

SERMON

Pastor Mike Erickson

HYMN OF THE DAY: “Jesu, Jesu Fill Us with Your Love”ELW 708

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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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: *“Touch that Soothes and Heals” ACS 939-Vrs. 1 & 4.*

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

C: Amen.

PRESENTATION

SENDING

BLESSING

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope † bless you now and always.

C: Amen.

SENDING MUSIC: “*May the God of Hope Go With You*”

(Sing it twice through) **ACS 984**

DISMISSAL

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

C: Thanks be to God.

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Prayer List

Requested: Jeanette (Davisson) Cain, Don Erickson, Ken Erickson, Jake Noggle, Karen Guyer, Lynzee Henrikson-Makowski, Karen Kohls, Ardell Fortune, Inez Oakland, Julie Albertson, Danice Cummings, Larry Kohls, Jennifer Ruckdasha, Karen Kerner, Terry Cummings, Sarah Updegraff-Murray.

Assisted Living, Nursing Homes & Shut-Ins: Millard Nelson, Betty Erickson, Gail Herman, Marilyn Knutsen, Bud Siebrecht, Karen Follett, Judy Nelson.

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

Sunday, April 28, 2024

Regular: \$1,200.00

Loose: \$3.00

Copies: \$4.00

Total General Fund: \$1,286.68

Roof: \$180.00

Attendance: 62


Noisy Can: \$64.68


Initial: \$15.00


What's Happening


Wed. 5/8	10:30am 2-4pm	Copper Creek Service Senior Game Day
Thurs.5/9	5:30pm	Ascension Service @ Pioneer Rock Church
Sun. 5/12	9:30am	Sunday Worship Service Senior Service <i>Mother's Day</i>
	10:30am 4pm	Fellowship and coffee Sunday Mtg.




 **Noisy Can Offering** for 2nd Quarter (April - June) will go to Jo Kramer from Waucoma, for her ongoing health concerns and cancer treatments. Jo writes a blog about her experiences with her 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!

 **Pictorial Time!** As we start preparing for our next pictorial, we are asking you to share any photos of church events with the office. We would like to have a good representation of all the things we do.

 **Highland Lutheran's Biscuits & Gravy Brunch** is **TODAY** from 9am-12:30pm @ the Elgin Legion Hall. Serving: biscuits & gravy, eggs, sausage, applesauce, & drink. Gluten free available. Free will donation. Dine in or carry out.

 **Ascension Day Worship** is at Pioneer Rock Church (also know as Ceres Church) between Guttenberg & Garnavillo. Service is Thursday, May 9th, and begins at 5:30pm. Meal and fellowship afterward at St. Peter Lutheran Church in Garnavillo. ***Pr. Mike Erickson*** will be giving the sermon.



Decorah Chorale presents "Glorious Day"

The Decorah Chorale will present a spring concert **TODAY** at 3:00 p.m. in the Decorah High School Auditorium.



2024 Baccalaureate is Sun., May 12th @ 7pm in the PFC.



Join the ladies from East Clermont in a trip to the **SOTH Thrift Store** in St. Olaf and **lunch** in Elkader on Wed., May 8th. If interested, please call Lois Amundson @ 423-5531 for the details.



Senior Service, honoring our graduates, is Sun., May 12th.

Take the Cake!

to the C3 Ministry Fair June 1

The Northeastern Iowa Synod invites congregations to bring Birthday Cake Kits and personal care products to the Synod's C3 Ministry Fair on June 1 to share with food pantries in Northeastern Iowa.

Make a Birthday Cake Kit

Birthday Cake Kits contain items to help families in need celebrate a loved ones' birthday!



ESSENTIAL ITEMS:

- Box cake mix (not angel food)
- Can of Sprite or other flavored pop
- Canned frosting
- Sprinkles
- Birthday candles
- Rectangular foil pan (with lid or cover with plastic wrap)
- Baking instructions (see box)

OPTIONAL ITEMS:

- Birthday Card
- Paper plates
- Napkins
- Plastic silverware
- Streamers, decorations

KIT ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS:

- Assemble all items in the pan.
- Cover with lid or plastic wrap.
- Bring kits to the Ministry Fair June 1 at Wartburg College, Waverly.

BAKING INSTRUCTIONS:
*Happy Birthday!
 To make cake without eggs, oil and water, mix 1 can of pop with the cake mix. Bake according to directions on the box. Enjoy!*

BRING SANITARY PRODUCTS!

We invite congregations and individuals to bring a variety of **sanitary products** (tampons, pads, panty liners, etc.) in their original packaging to the Ministry Fair so they can be distributed to area food pantries.

SEE YOU AT THE FAIR!

SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 2024
Wartburg College, Waverly
9 a.m.-3:45 p.m.

Gather in fellowship!
 Learn at workshops!
 Share ideas & get inspired!

Register by May 24 at www.neiasynod.org/ministry-fair or call 319-352-1414 with questions.

CREATIVE COLLABORATIVE CONGREGATIONS

Bring Birthday Cake Kits and sanitary products to Neumann Auditorium at Wartburg College, Waverly, June 1, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Northeastern Iowa Synod
 Ministry Fair



Spring cleaning for outside landscaping, Come & go as you need. Meet on Friday, May 10th 9-3 p.m. with your gloves.

Northeastern
Iowa Synod



CREATIVE
COLLABORATIVE
CONGREGATIONS

Ministry Fair!

SATURDAY, JUNE 1

Come learn about ...

- Call process
- Mutual ministries
- Ministry to parents
- Faith formation
- Volunteer recruitment
- Mission trips
- Congregational legacy planning
- Responding to addiction issues
- Repurposing a church sanctuary
- Campus ministry
- Lay ministry training
- Outdoors as a spiritual playground
- Communications for congregations
- Keeping children safe
- Youth ministry ideas
- Planned giving
- Art as a spiritual practice
- Care for creation ideas
- Racial justice opportunities
- Strategic ministry plans
- LSI's immigrant services
- Mosaic services for fuller lives
- Spiritual care



JOIN
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BAND!

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SUPPORT LOCAL FOOD PANTRIES!

- Bring Birthday Cake Kits
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Download instructions at
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