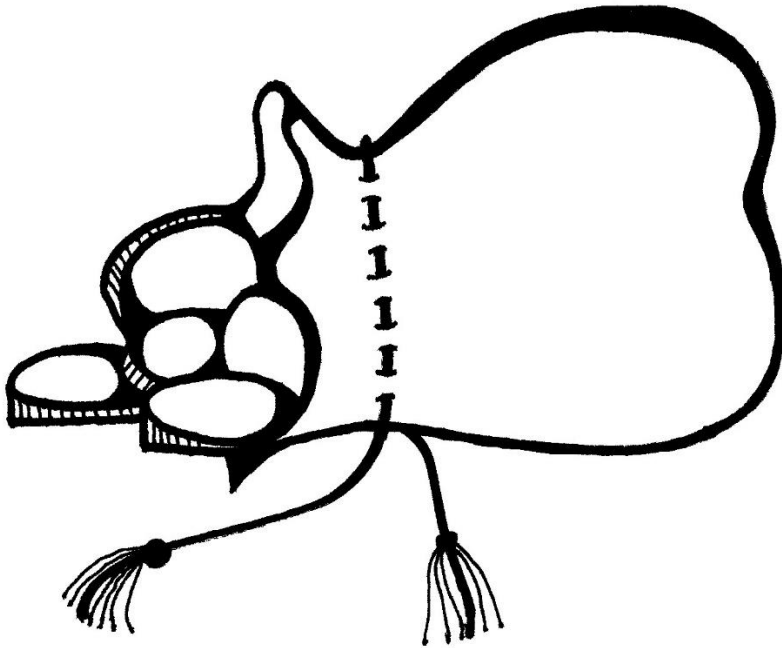


Welcome to
WEST CLERMONT LUTHERAN CHURCH
Member of the Evangelical Lutheran
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November 3, 2024



Worship 9:30am
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25th Sunday after Pentecost

November 10, 2024

INTRODUCTION

Widows are visible everywhere in today's readings. Jesus denounces those scribes who pray impressive prayers but devour widows' houses. He commends the poor widow who in his view gave far more than the major donors. Jesus doesn't see her simply as an object of compassion or charity. She, like the widow of Zarephath who shares her last bit of food with Elijah, does something of great importance.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP BELL

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!*

GATHER HYMN: "Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us"

ELW 789

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, our refuge, our delight, our beginning and our end.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us come in truth before the one who loves us and has freed us from our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy,

C: **we confess that sin has taken hold of us and we are complicit in its power. We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest. Unbind us and set us free. Lead us again to the waters of rebirth, that we may live just and generous lives for the**

good of your world and the care of our neighbors, following in the servant way of Jesus. Amen.

P: These words are trustworthy and true: Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross, swallowing up death forever. For his sake, you are † forgiven and God remembers your sin no more. Let your heart be glad again, and rejoice in your salvation.

C: Amen.

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CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Glory to God....

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PRAYER OF THE DAY: O God, you show forth your almighty power chiefly by reaching out to us in mercy. Grant us the fullness of your grace, strengthen our trust in your promises, and bring all the world to share in the treasures that come through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

NOISY CAN OFFERING

**SPECIAL MUSIC: "You Will Be Found" by Natalie Grant featuring Cory Asbury
CCLI #5938997 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HjipTBGNTYE>**

WORD

First Reading: 1 Kings 17:8-16

⁸ The word of the LORD came to [Elijah,] saying, ⁹ “Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” ¹⁰ So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink.” ¹¹ As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” ¹² But she said, “As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.” ¹³ Elijah said to her, “Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴ For thus says the LORD the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the LORD sends rain on the earth.” ¹⁵ She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶ The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

R: *The Word of the Lord.*

C: Thanks be to God!

Psalm: 146 (Responsively)

¹ Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

² **I will praise the LORD as long as I live;**

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

³ Put not your trust in rulers, in mortals in whom there is no help.

⁴ **When they breathe their last, they return to earth,
and in that day their thoughts perish.**

⁵ Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,
whose hope is in the LORD their God;

⁶ **who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;
who keeps promises forever;**

⁷ who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those
who hunger. The LORD sets the captive free.

⁸ **The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those
who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.**

⁹ The LORD cares for the stranger; the LORD sustains the orphan
and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

¹⁰ **The LORD shall reign forever, your God, O Zion, throughout
all generations. Hallelujah!**

Second Reading: Hebrews 9:24-28

²⁴ Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. ²⁵ Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; ²⁶ for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷ And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, ²⁸ so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

R: *The Word of the Lord.*

C: **Thanks be to God!**

Gospel: Mark 12:38-44

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

³⁸ As [Jesus] taught, he said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, ³⁹ and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! ⁴⁰ They devour widows’ houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.”

⁴¹ He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴² A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. ⁴³ Then he called his disciples and said to them, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. ⁴⁴ For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

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: *"Take My Life That I May Be"* ELW 685

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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Merciful God, **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: Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup, you offered yourself in love for the world, and you nourish us with your life. Fill us with your abundance, that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger, trusting in your name.

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: The Ancient One, enthroned, the Crucified One, now risen, the Indwelling One, poured out, † bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING MUSIC: "Jesus Shall Reign" ELW 434

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Love. Proclaim. Serve. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Prayer List

Requested: Jeanette (Davisson) Cain, Don Erickson, Jake Noggle, Karen Guyer, Karen Kohls, Ardell Fortune, Julie Albertson, Danice Cummings, Larry Kohls, Terry Cummings, Sarah Updegraff-Murray, Eric Clubb, Bill and Cindy Thias.

Assisted Living, Nursing Homes & Shut-Ins: Betty Erickson, Bud Siebrecht, Karen Follett, Judy Nelson, Madonna Stumme, Doris Guyer.

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



May God's blessing be upon **Hudson Lee Conner**, son of Mackenzie & Tyler Conner who will be baptized today. Sponsors for Hudson are Chloe Yauslin & Jacob Kelly.

Sunday, November 3, 2024

Loose: \$555.00

Ham Ball Baskets: \$304.00

Noisy Can: \$37.57

Total General Fund: \$2,413.32

Bldg/Roof: \$180.00

Attendance: 81

Copies: \$ 3.75

Ham Ball Food: \$122.00

Regular: \$1,355.00


IMO stands for "In Memory Of"



Tues. 11/12	9am	Quilting
Wed. 11/13	10:30am	Copper Creek Service
	2-4pm	Senior Fun Day
	2:30pm	Confirmation
Sat. 11/16	9am-4pm	Private Party
Sun. 11/17	9:30am	Worship Service
		Sunday School
	10:30am	Fellowship
	4pm	Sunday Mtg.




 **Noisy Can Offering** for 4th Quarter (Oct.-Dec.) will go to Cindy Thias who is battling cancer.

 **Direct Deposit Offering** is available for your weekly/monthly offering. Simply contact the office for account and routing information. It's fast and easy!



QUILTING! Quilters meet every Tuesday, beginning @ 9am. All are welcome! Bring a friend! The more the merrier! Give it a try! If you can tie a knot, we want you!

 **Umbrellas** are now available in the downstairs entry for those days that are rainy, to help get you to and from your vehicle. This is a “*Good Samaritan Project*” meaning that we do for each other. If you see someone who may need an umbrella and you can help, please do so. We will not have anyone designated for this, so it is up to all of us to help each other on rainy days.



We are now collecting items for **Operation Christmas Child**. Items may be dropped off in the office. Our youth will pack the boxes on November 20th. See list downstairs.



Soups On! Highland Lutheran Church Fall Soup Luncheon is **TODAY** from 11am-1pm @ the Elgin Legion. Free will donation. Serving: chili, vegetable beef soup, chicken noodle soup, grilled cheese sandwiches, crackers, bars and beverage. Dine in or carry out. There is also a Silent Auction at the event.



Wagner's 45th Anniversary Fellowship is **TODAY** following worship. Come celebrate with Rodney and Diane! Fellowship is downstairs in the dining room until noon.



St. Paul Lutheran in Monona Annual Fall Festival Dinner is **TODAY** from 10:45am-12:45pm. Serving: Roast beef, mashed potatoes & gravy, corn, homemade bread, coleslaw, asst. pies, and beverage. Free will offering. Dine in or carry out.



St. Olaf American Legion Post 388 Breakfast is **TODAY** from 8am-1pm @ the St. Olaf Community Center. Serving: breakfast casseroles, danishes, cinnamon rolls, and drink. Free will donation. Silent Auction.



SOTH Toy Drive Drop Off is Dec. 12th & 13th from 9am-4pm @ St. Olaf Auditorium. Currently collecting new toys, gifts, or gift cards thru Dec. 11th. Monetary donations may be made & SOTH staff will purchase gifts. If your family would like to receive gifts, a referral is needed. For questions, call the SOTH office @ 563-783-2409.



SOTH Christmas for Kids is Dec. 18th 1& 19th @ St. Olaf Auditorium. If your family would like to receive gifts, a referral is needed. For questions, call the SOTH office @ 563-783-2409. They are in need of volunteers for both events. Call same number to help.



Clermont Historical Society Veteran's Day Exhibit is **TODAY** from 1-3pm in the Auditorium of the Larrabee Building.



Handel's Messiah. If you would like to participate in the 83rd performance of Handel's Messiah, practices begin Sun., Nov. 17th. The full schedule is on the bulletin board downstairs. Call Mallory Hanson if you have questions @ 563-379-2193. Performance is on Dec.15th.