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**WEST CLERMONT LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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*Christ the King Sunday & Thankoffering*

**Worship 9:30am**

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*\*\*Please stand, if you are able.*

## INTRODUCTION

*Jeremiah's promise of the execution of "justice and righteousness in the land" finds ironic fulfillment in the execution of Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews. It appears utterly contradictory that a king should be crucified with a criminal. This victory appears for all the world as humiliating defeat. Yet through the gate of death Jesus opens the door to paradise.*

**PRELUDE:** *Holy Spirit* CCLI #6087919

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ef1as5GT15k>

## GREETING

V: 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:** *Crown Him with Many Crowns* vs. 1, 4, 3, 5 (Out of order) CCLI#23938 ELW#855

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XSGGXpDEx6k>

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

V: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who redeems us in Christ Jesus, whose steadfast love endures forever.

C: **Amen.**

V: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we have sinned against you and our neighbors. We have ignored voices that call for your justice. We have neglected actions that witness to your righteousness. We have spoken and acted in ways that disrupt your beloved community. We truly repent of things we have done and left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Restore our troubled spirits, so that we may live in newness, follow the way of the Spirit, and build up the body of Christ. Amen.**

V: Rejoice and be glad! God hears the prayers of all who cry out, and restores us to life through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Therefore, I declare to you the forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

### **KYRIE**

L: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C: Amen, amen.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY: O God, our true life, to serve you is freedom, and to know you is unending joy. We worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory. Abide with us, reign in us, and make this world into a fit habitation for your divine majesty, 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:** *I'm So Blessed* by Cain CCLI# 7167000

*Take your focus and bring it out. Don't worry about the circumstances, think about the fact that your heart's beating, You're alive, You are healthy, You have friends, family and Jesus in your heart. That's what it's all about. YOU ARE so blessed. Give thanks to God above for all your blessings!*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yp44TjOIDEs>

## **WORD**

**First Reading:** **Jeremiah 23:1-6**

<sup>1</sup>Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. <sup>2</sup>Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. <sup>3</sup>Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. <sup>4</sup>I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

<sup>5</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>6</sup>In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

R: *The Word of the Lord.*

C: **Thanks be to God!**

**Psalm:** **46 (Responsively)**

<sup>1</sup>God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

<sup>2</sup>**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,  
and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**

<sup>3</sup>though its waters rage and foam,  
and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

**<sup>4</sup>There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High.**

<sup>5</sup>God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;  
God shall help it at the break of day.

**<sup>6</sup>The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;  
God speaks, and the earth melts away.**

<sup>7</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

**<sup>8</sup>Come now, regard the works of the LORD,  
what desolations God has brought upon the earth;**

<sup>9</sup>behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world; who  
breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns  
the shields with fire.

**<sup>10</sup>“Be still, then, and know that I am God; I will be exalted  
among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.”**

<sup>11</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

**Second Reading: Colossians 1:11-20**

<sup>11</sup>May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully <sup>12</sup>giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. <sup>13</sup>He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup>in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

<sup>15</sup>He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; <sup>16</sup>for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup>He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup>He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. <sup>19</sup>For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup>and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

R: *The Word of the Lord.*

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

V: Alleluia.

**C: Alleluia.**

V: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David. (*Mark 11:9*)

**C: Alleluia**

### **Gospel: Luke 23:33-43**

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

<sup>33</sup>When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>34</sup>[[Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."]] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. <sup>35</sup>And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" <sup>36</sup>The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, <sup>37</sup>and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" <sup>38</sup>There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

<sup>39</sup>One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" <sup>40</sup>But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? <sup>41</sup>And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." <sup>42</sup>Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." <sup>43</sup>He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

V: *The gospel of the Lord.*

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

**\*\*YOUTH & TEACHERS RELEASED  
FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL\*\***

## **SERMON**

**Vicar Micheal Erickson**

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** *Praise and Thanksgiving* CCLI #5814468

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ef1as5GTl5k>

### Verse 1

*Praise and thanksgiving, Father we offer  
For all things living  
He makes them good  
Harvest of sown fields  
Fruits of the orchard  
Hay from the mown fields  
Blossom and wood*

### Verse 2

*Bless Lord the labour  
We bring to serve You  
That with our neighbour  
We may be fed  
Sowing or tilling  
We would work with You  
Harvesting milling  
For daily bread*

### Verse 3

*Father providing  
Food for Your children  
By Your wise guiding  
Teach us share  
One with another  
So that rejoicing  
With us all others  
May know Your care*

### Verse 4

*Then will Your blessing  
Reach every people  
Freely confessing  
Your gracious hand  
Where all obey You  
No one will hunger  
In Your love, may You  
Nourish the land*

## **\*\*APOSTLES' CREED:**

**I believe in God,**

**the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ,**

**God's only Son, our Lord,**

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

**born of the virgin Mary,**

**suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

**was crucified, died, and was buried;**

**he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;**

**he ascended into heaven,**

**he is seated at the right hand of the Father,**

**and he will come 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**

**V: Lord, in your mercy,**

**C: receive our prayer.**

## **THANKOFFERING**

As we make our Thankoffering today, we share in a tradition that goes back to the 1800s or even earlier. Then, when it seemed that there was not enough money to carry out the work of the church, the women would take action. Gathering in groups called "cent" or "mite" societies, each woman would set aside offerings at home throughout the year, in thanksgiving for blessings received. And on occasion, the women would come together as we do today, joining their offerings together to support ministry of many kinds.

When Women of the ELCA was formed over 30 years ago, we committed to continue this tradition of giving in gratitude for blessings. Each year, in thousands of congregations,

Thankofferings are given to support the life-changing ministries of Women of the ELCA. Together, we do more than we could ever do apart.

God of grace, you have showered us with abundance and entrusted to us the ministries of Women of the ELCA. Help us to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world. Accept these gifts and our prayer that, nurtured by your Word, filled with your Spirit, and fed at your table, we may share with gladness all that you have shared with us, until all creation is satisfied.

**C: Amen.**

*Women please come forward to present your Thankoffering.  
There are “piggy banks” for you to store your tithe for next year.*

### **OFFERING**

**OFFERING PRAYER:** Blessed are you, Maker of all things. As you have entrusted us with all that you have created, now gather our gifts, nourish us with this sacrament, and send us to those who hunger and thirst, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

**C: Amen.**

### **LORD’S PRAYER**

V: 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

V: The God of peace, who creates all things and calls them good, who makes us alive in Jesus, and who breathes on us the Spirit of hope, † bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

**SENDING MUSIC:** *For The Beauty of the Earth* ELW 879  
(Just organ music--no voices)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ef1as5GT15k>

### DISMISSAL

V: Go in peace. Be a blessing in the world.

C: Thanks be to God.

### POSTLUDE

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### Prayer List

**Requested:** Jeanette (Davisson) Cain, Bob Kress, Don Erickson, Ken Erickson, Jake Noggle, David Wieczorek, Karen Guyer, Karen Kohls, Lynzee Henrikson-Makowski, Ardell Fortune, Inez Oakland, Jerry Erickson, Julie Albertson.

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

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

### Sunday, November 13, 2022

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Painting: \$2,091.00 (brunch \$359.00; silent auction \$132.00; members \$1,600.00)

**Total General Fund: \$2913.62**

### Attendance: 54

Basement Rental: \$115.00

Regular: \$615.00

## What's Happening

Mon. 11/21	6:00pm	Clermont Community Club Mtg.
Tues. 11/22	9:00am	Quilting
Wed. 11/23	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Thanksgiving Eve Service @ Illyria</b>
Thurs. 11/24	<b>HAPPY THANKSGIVING</b>	<i>Office Closed</i> <i>Private Party</i>
Fri. 11/25		<i>Office Closed</i>
Sat. 11/26		<i>Private Party</i>
Sun. 11/27	9:30am	Worship Service/Sunday School
		<b>Holy Communion</b>
	10:30am	Fellowship
		<i>Decorating the church for Christmas</i>
	6pm	Sunday Group

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

 **Noisy Can Offering** for 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter (Oct.-Dec.) will go to the Karen Kohl's family for expenses incurred while undergoing treatment/rehab for some health issues.



**Christmas Giving Tree** is up! We have 2 families; a total of 5 children. Please wrap your gifts with the ornament tag on the present and return them to church by Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>.



**Thanksgiving Eve Worship** is @ **Illyria** on Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 7:00pm.



**The Northern Lights Women's Chorus** will present its fall concert at 3 p.m. **TODAY** at Decorah Lutheran Church. The 48-member ensemble, composed of singers from Decorah and surrounding communities, will perform a variety of styles of beautiful choral music.



**Church Decorating.** Please join us following service on November 27<sup>th</sup>, as we will be putting up the tree and decorating the church for Christmas.

children's  
program



**Children's Christmas Program** is Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> @ 9:30am.