

Welcome to
WEST CLERMONT LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Worship 9:30am
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20th Sunday after Pentecost

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INTRODUCTION

Today's gospel combines a saying that makes many of us uncomfortable with a story we find comforting. Jesus' saying on divorce is another of his rejections of human legislation in favor of the original intent of God's law. Jesus' rebuke of the disciples who are fending off the children should challenge us as well. What does it mean to receive the kingdom of God as a child does?

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!*

GATHER HYMN: *"All are Welcome"* ELW 641

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

C: **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Gracious God,

C: **have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great**

mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P: God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven.

C: Amen.

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ELW pg. 120

CANTICLE OF PRAISE *This is the feast....* **ELW pg. 122**

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

NOISY CAN OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC: *God is Good* (All The Time) by Austin French CCLI #7232271
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BM2KXVHdaP4>

Verse 1

*Lately I've been wrestling with everything
'Cause everything seems hard
Been caught up in the worry and anxiety
Keeps tearing me apart
But I've been down and out before
And every time I cry out to the Lord
He meets me in my need
I've seen and I believe*

Chorus

*God is good all the time
Faithful as the sun to rise
Walked with me every day of my life
I'll sing it again, I'll sing it again
God is good yes He is
Through it all I'm sure of this
I'm safe inside my Father's hands
I'll sing it again*

Post-Chorus 1

God is good (all the time)

All the time (God is good)

Verse 2

Got a peace that passes understanding in my heart

And you can see it on my face

Got a joy that sticks around when the days are hard

Tells me I'll be okay

Through the ups and downs

And highs and lows

He's working it for good I know

Always what I need, I've seen and I believe yeah

Post-Chorus 2

God is good (all the time)

All the time (God is good)

All the time (all the time)

God is good (God is good)

(God is good)

Bridge

I trust the plans He has for me

No matter what my eyes can see

On peaceful waters or raging seas

I know God is good (God is good)

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, through our Savior Jesus

Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy...

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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: Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, here is your God.

First Communion families will commune first.

Once the communicants and their families have received the Body and the Blood of Christ, then remaining congregation members will come forward to commune.

COMMUNION: *"Although I Speak"*

ELW 644

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION: Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WORD

First Reading: Genesis 2:18-24

¹⁸The LORD God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.” ¹⁹So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. ²¹So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²²And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³Then the man said, “This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken.” ²⁴Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

R: *The Word of the Lord.*

C: Thanks be to God!

Psalm: 8 (Responsively)

¹O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!—
²**you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the
mouths of infants and children; you have set up a fortress
against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.**
³When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
⁴**what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them,
human beings that you should care for them?**
⁵Yet you have made them little less than divine;
with glory and honor you crown them.
⁶**You have made them rule over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet:**
⁷all flocks and cattle, even the wild beasts of the field,
⁸**the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,
and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.**
⁹O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Second Reading: Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

¹Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. ³He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

^{2:5}Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. ⁶But someone has testified somewhere, "What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? ⁷You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor, ⁸subjecting all things under their feet."

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them,⁹but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

¹⁰It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, ¹²saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

R: *The Word of the Lord.*

C: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Gospel: Mark 10:2-16

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

²Some Pharisees came, and to test [Jesus] they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" ³He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" ⁴They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." ⁵But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. ⁶But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' ⁷For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, ⁸and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. ⁹Therefore what God has

joined together, let no one separate.”

¹⁰Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. ¹¹He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; ¹²and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

¹³People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” ¹⁶And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

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: “*Blest Be the Tie That Binds*” ELW 656

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.

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: *“The Trumpets Sound”* **ELW 531**

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation.

By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

P: The God of all consolation bless you in every way, grant you hope all the days of your life, restore you to health and grant you salvation, fill your heart with peace, and lead you to eternal life.

Almighty God bless you, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

SENDING MUSIC: *“Hallelujah, We Sing Your Praises”* **ELW 535**

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, Jake Noggle, Karen Guyer, Karen Kohls, Ardell Fortune, Julie Albertson, Danice Cummings, Larry Kohls, Terry Cummings, Sarah Updegraff-Murray, Ashlyn Busta.

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

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



Tues. 10/8	9am	Quilting
Wed. 10/9	10:30am	Copper Creek Service
	2:30pm	Confirmation
	2-4pm	Senior Fun Day
Sun. 10/13	9:30am	Worship Service
		Sunday School
	10:30am	Fellowship

Sunday, September 29, 2024

Copies: \$3.25

Noisy Can: \$38.05

Regular: \$585.00

Total General Fund: \$838.30

Building/Roof: \$90.00

Attendance: 50

Basement Rental: \$160.00

Loose: \$52.00



Congratulations to our First Communicants who joined us at the table today;

Jared Dean * Joshua Dirksen * Celia Klemp * Avery Lerch * Kylah Massman
Klay Monteith * Ayva Nelson * Kali Nelson * Delainee Steffens



 **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 has begun! 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!



Basket Memorial. Two new baskets were given as a memorial for Millard and LaVonne Nelson. The baskets are used for our weekly bulletins and other fliers. The old basket was held together by tape and was so brittle, pieces just kept breaking off.



Sunday School Teachers needed. They really need your help. If you would be available at all (even for a few Sundays), please contact Kayleen Schrader @ 563-380-9097.



Shepherd of the Hills Annual Hog Roast is **TODAY** from 4-7pm @ the St. Olaf Auditorium. Freewill Donation. Serving: pulled pork sandwiches, cheesy potatoes, baked beans, salads, desserts. All proceeds go to the Crisis Fund.




Shepherd of the Hills is including a **Quilt Silent Auction** this year. Online bidding will begin on September 16th through October 5th @ 11:59pm. Follow us on our Facebook page for bidding opportunities. We will resume the bidding in person during the **Hog Roast** on Oct. 6th from 4-6! Thank you for always supporting our mission!





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.


Thrivent Cards. The church is looking for Thrivent Cards for upcoming events in October, November, and December. If you have cards to use, please contact the office for the events they can be used for. (Fall Meal-3, Operation Christmas Child-3, Giving Tree-1, Spaghetti Dinner-2, Tie Blanket Project-1, etc.).

 **WCLC Fall Ham Ball Dinner** is Sunday, October 27th @ the Clermont Opera House from 10:30am-2pm. Free will offering. Serving: ham balls, cheesy potatoes, green beans and pie/bars. **Silent Auction** will take place during the dinner with bidding coming to an end at 2pm.

 **Pies for the Fall Dinner** There is a sign-up sheet for pies for the fall dinner located in the Fellowship area. There is also a **worker sign-up** sheet as well.

 **Lima Leaf Day** @ Lima Church is **TODAY**. Lunch from 11am-1pm. Serving: pork loin sandwiches, maidrites, hotdogs, coleslaw, baked beans, pie, ice cream. Flea market-antiques-crafts-kid games-quilt raffle (@2pm).

 **LADIES:** All 3 **WELCA Circles** will hold a joint meeting October 23, 2024 at EWALU. All are welcome! We will depart from the church at 9:15am and carpool to the camp. Planned for the day are a tour, lunch, and a Bible study. Arlene Davison is the hostess and has made the arrangements. There is no cost to attend. Please sign up in the office as soon as possible, so we can send the number to EWALU for lunch.

 **Synodical Women of the ELCA West Bend Grotto Fall Field Trip.** Have fun and fellowship with other Christian women! This event is Saturday, October 19th. Our meeting hub is at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Mason City. Our carpool needs to be at the hub by 8:15am to caravan to West Bend. Agenda: 10am-West Bend Grotto (freewill donation) ; 11:15am- Lunch on your own; 1:15pm-Algona POW Museum (\$5 per person); 2:30pm- Algona Nativity Scene (freewill donation). If interested you must RSVP with Chris VanDeventer @ cdvandeven@gmail.com or phone 515-320-2877 by Monday, October 14th.