

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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INTRODUCTION

Three weeks ago we heard Peter's confession of faith as told in John's gospel. This week we hear Mark's version, when Peter says, "You are the Messiah." In John, the stumbling block is Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh, given for the life of the world. In Mark too the scandal has to do with Jesus' words about his own coming death, and here Peter himself stumbles over Jesus' words. But Jesus is anointed (the meaning of messiah) in Mark only on the way to the cross (14:3); so we are anointed in baptism with the sign of the cross.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

GREETING

L: 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:

Lift High The Cross

ELW #660

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless.

C: **Amen.**

L: Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.
Silence is kept for reflection.

God our comforter:

C: **...like lost sheep, we have gone astray. We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity. We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression. We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed. Free us from our sin, gracious God. Listen**

when we call out to you for help. Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.

L: All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. By the gift of grace in † Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous. Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

C: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY: O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC: Promises by Maverick City Music
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KfJD5keoLIs>

WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a

⁴The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens— wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. ⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. ⁶I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

⁷The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; ⁸he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. ^{9a}It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

R: *The Word of the Lord.*

C: Thanks be to God!

Psalm: 116:1-9 (Responsively)

¹I love the LORD, who has heard my voice, and listened to my supplication,

²**for the LORD has given ear to me whenever I called.**

³The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came upon me;

I came to grief and sorrow.

⁴**Then I called upon the name of the LORD: “O LORD, I pray you, save my life.”**

⁵Gracious is the LORD and righteous; our God is full of compassion.

⁶**The LORD watches over the innocent; I was brought low, and God saved me.**

⁷Turn again to your rest, O my soul. for the LORD has dealt well with you.

⁸**For you have rescued my life from death,**

my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling;

⁹I will walk in the presence of the LORD in the land of the living.

Second Reading: James 3:1-12

¹Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. ⁴Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. ⁷For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, ⁸but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

R: *The Word of the Lord.*

C: Thanks be to God!

Gospel Acclamation

L: Alleluia.

C: Alleluia.

L: Christ suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. Alleluia. (*1 Pet. 3:18*)

C: Alleluia.

Gospel: Mark 8:27-38

L: The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁷Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” ²⁸And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” ²⁹He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” ³⁰And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

L: *The gospel of the Lord.*

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

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

SERMON

Lay Minister Mike Erickson

HYMN OF THE DAY:

Will You Come and Follow Me

ELW #798

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,
⁴the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

INTERCESSIONS

L: Lord, in your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**

LORD'S PRAYER

L: 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

L: People of God, you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world.
The holy Trinity, † one God, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING MUSIC:

My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less

ELW #596

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

C: Thanks be to God.

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Prayer List

Requested: Carlos Delgado, Jeanette (Davisson) Cain, Daniel Guyer, Beth Zimmer, Heidi Henriksen, Betty Erickson, Jerry Erickson, Bob Kress, Devin Schrad, Richard Schrad, Don Erickson, Ken Erickson, Violet Guyer, Dale Ellis, JoAnn Bishop.

Assisted Living, Nursing Homes & Shut-Ins: Clarice Gass, Albert Schave, Millard Nelson, Betty Erickson, Gail Herman, John Yauslin.

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

Sunday, August 29, 2021

Loose: \$11.00

Copies: \$10.50

Regular: \$395.00

Total General Fund: \$447.59

Building Fund: \$90.00 (roof)

Attendance: 30

Noisy Can: \$20.59

Masks: \$10.50

Sunday, September 5, 2021

Loose: \$77.00

Regular: \$2750.00

Total General Fund: \$2,838.59


Building Fund: \$90.00 (roof)


Attendance: 31


Noisy Can: \$9.59

Children's: \$2.00




 **Noisy Can Offering** for 3rd quarter will go to LSI – Spiritual Life Program.

 **Senior Exercise/Chair Yoga** is held on Monday & Thursday mornings beginning @ 9:30am at St. Peter's Catholic Church in the basement. All are welcome. No charge.

 **Women's Circles** will begin in September. If you need to renew or resubscribe to the Gather Magazine you can go to <https://www.gathermagazine.org/> and push on the “subscribe” button or call **(844) 409-0576**. A year subscription is only \$19.95 for 10 issues.

COVID-19
Updates

As many are aware, Covid-19 is taking us down a familiar path of positivity rate reports as numbers start to increase once again. Please know that Lay Minister Mike is checking these reports weekly as they are made available and is using the guidelines that council approved last winter.

 We are transmitting on a **new radio frequency!** Please tune into **87.9FM** on Sundays at 9:30am to listen to worship if you cannot make here in person.

OFFICE HOURS Mike Erickson has **office hours** on Tuesdays and Thursdays from **9:30am-noon**. To schedule an appointment you may contact the office. Drop ins welcome. You may also contact Mike @ 423-5122 (home) or 563-422-1687 (cell) at any time.



Shechem Luther League Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, September 19th @ 6pm here at West Clermont. Registration forms are due at this time for those attending the Youth Gathering. We will set the schedule for bible study and fall activities so bring your calendar.



Stavanger Lutheran Drive Thru Dinner is Sunday, September 19th from 11am-1pm @ *Kenneth & Karen Ney's*; 1377 W-47 Ossian (1/2 south of Ossian on W-42). Serving: Hot beef sandwiches, cheesy potatoes, baked beans, coleslaw, and assorted bars. Free Will Offering.



ATTENTION those who sew, knit or crochet! *Open Hands Food Pantry* would once again like to provide Christmas stockings for their customers. Please consider making Christmas stockings for the pantry to fill and give away. The suggested pattern is in the church office; otherwise it says no more than 5 inches wide and 12 inches tall. Please bring completed stockings to the church office. A representative will take them to the pantry.



Open Hands Food Pantry is looking for representatives from each district congregation to serve as a board member and be a liaison for their church. Board usually meets once a month via Zoom. If interested, please contact Deb in the office.



Quilting will resume this Tuesday, September 14th @ 9am. No experience needed. Come join the fun!