

Welcome to  
**WEST CLERMONT LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
Member of the Evangelical Lutheran  
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**Worship 9:30am**  
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# 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

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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

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:

*"Canticle of the Turning"*

ELW 723

### 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.

### KYRIE

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### CANTICLE OF PRAISE *Glory to God....*

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**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.

### NOISY CAN OFFERING

**SPECIAL MUSIC:** *Somebody Prayed* by Crowder CCLI#7236133

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GVITQPGII30>

### Lyrics:

*Every night there by your bed  
You fold your hands and bow your head  
Throwing out another prayer in faith  
When you're wondering if He's hearing you  
Look at me, I'm living proof  
I'm only right where I am today  
Because somebody prayed  
So I hit my knees 'cause I've seen all heaven move  
(Don't matter if you hit rock bottom)  
(My God pick you up when you call Him)  
I pray, "Father, please" 'cause I've seen what He can do  
(Don't matter if the storm cloud coming)  
(My God come through when you call Him)  
These hands have no power  
But there ain't an hour He don't come through  
That's why when mountains move, I say  
"Looks like somebody prayed"*

*For the child of God that's far from home  
The one who thinks they're too far gone  
I'm throwing out another prayer in faith (prayer in faith)  
Worn-out altars, tear-stained pews  
Still, I won't give up on you  
I believe that anything can change when somebody prays  
So I hit my knees 'cause I've seen all heaven move  
(Don't matter if you hit rock bottom)  
(My God pick you up when you call Him)  
I pray, "Father, please" 'cause I've seen what He can do  
(Don't matter if the storm cloud coming)  
(My God come through when you call Him)  
These hands have no power  
But there ain't an hour He don't come through  
That's why when mountains move, I say  
"Looks like somebody prayed"  
I've seen miracles come from feeble words  
I've seen hospital rooms turned into cathedrals  
I've seen freedom come to the prisoner  
You can't tell me that prayer don't work  
So every night there by your bed  
When you fold your hands and bow your head  
Not a single word you've ever said in vain  
'Cause He hears everything  
So I hit my knees 'cause I've seen all heaven move  
(Don't matter if you hit rock bottom)  
(My God pick you up when you call Him)  
I pray, "Father, please" 'cause I've seen what He can do  
(Don't matter if the storm cloud coming)  
(My God come through when you call Him)  
These hands have no power  
But there ain't an hour He don't come through  
That's why when mountains move, I say  
"Looks like somebody prayed"*

## **BIBLE PRESENTATION**

P: Parents, when you brought your child to Holy Baptism, you made promises to your child. One of those promises was that an appropriate time you would “place in their hands the Holy Scriptures.” Today is that appropriate time. Just as the congregation witnessed your promises on the day of Baptism, so today we will witness the fulfilling of your promise.

Children, we are excited that today you will receive your own Bible. In this book you will continue to learn the stories of God’s journey with God’s people through many, many years.

Now you will read for yourselves the stories of Jesus, God’s greatest gift to us. You already know the story of Christmas, of Jesus being born as a baby. The Bible contains all the great stories about Jesus. You will be able to read for yourselves how Jesus died for us because God loves us so much.

Parents, your church provides these Bibles so that we can support you in the faithful carrying out of your promises.

*The Bibles are now handed to the parents who will hold them for a moment. The parents now place the Bible in the hands of their children saying together:*

**Parents:** *We did promise to give you the Bible. We are so pleased that now you can read for yourself the stories about Jesus. Receive this Bible. Join us in reading it regularly. Learn and tell its stories. Discover its mysteries. Ask us questions. Honor its commandments. Rejoice in the Good News of God’s love for us in Jesus. May God’s life-giving Spirit inspire you and make you wise.*

P: Let us pray.

Jesus, we thank you for the Bible. We thank you for these parents and children. We will encourage each other to faithful use of the Bible.

**C: Amen.**

P: Treasure the Bible but remember it is to be used and studied well. If you wear it out because you read it so much, we will replace it!

## **WORD**

### **First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a**

<sup>4</sup>The 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. <sup>5</sup>The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not

turn backward. <sup>6</sup>I 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.

<sup>7</sup>The 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; <sup>8</sup>he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. <sup>9a</sup>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)**

<sup>1</sup>I love the LORD, who has heard my voice, and listened to my supplication,  
**<sup>2</sup>for the LORD has given ear to me whenever I called.**

<sup>3</sup>The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came upon me; I came to grief and sorrow.

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

<sup>5</sup>Gracious is the LORD and righteous; our God is full of compassion.

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

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

**<sup>8</sup>For you have rescued my life from death,  
my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling;**

<sup>9</sup>I will walk in the presence of the LORD in the land of the living.

### **Second Reading James 3:1-12**

<sup>1</sup>Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. <sup>2</sup>For 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. <sup>3</sup>If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. <sup>4</sup>Or 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. <sup>5</sup>So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! <sup>6</sup>And 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. <sup>7</sup>For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, <sup>8</sup>but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. <sup>9</sup>With it

we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. <sup>10</sup>From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. <sup>11</sup>Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? <sup>12</sup>Can 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**

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### **Gospel: Mark 8:27-38**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>27</sup>Jesus 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?” <sup>28</sup>And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” <sup>29</sup>He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” <sup>30</sup>And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

<sup>31</sup>Then 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. <sup>32</sup>He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup>But 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.”

<sup>34</sup>He 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. <sup>35</sup>For 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. <sup>36</sup>For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup>Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? <sup>38</sup>Those 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.”

P: *The gospel of the Lord.*

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

## **CHILDREN’S SERMON**

**\*\*Sunday school youth and teachers are dismissed to class.\*\***

## SERMON

Pastor Mike Erickson

HYMN OF THE DAY:     *“Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song”*     ELW 808

## 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: Hear us, O God.            **C: Your mercy is great.**

## 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:                            *“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.**



## **\*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: God all mighty, God most merciful ✠ bless you, keep you, and give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

### **SENDING MUSIC:**

*“What a Fellowship”*

**ELW 774**

### **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, Lynzee Henrikson-Makowski, Karen Kohls, Ardell Fortune, Julie Albertson, Danice Cummings, Larry Kohls, Terry Cummings, Sarah Updegraff-Murray, Ashlyn Busta.

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

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

 Please keep the family & friends of Millard Nelson Jr. in your thoughts and prayers. Millard passed away on Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup>. Visitation for Millard is Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup> from 5-7pm here at church. Funeral services for Millard are set for Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup> @ 11:30am (visitation @ 10am).

**Sunday, September 8, 2024**


**Attendance: 66**




**\*\*PR. MIKE IS ON VACATION 9/16 - 9/23.\*\***

Mon. 9/16	6pm	Community Club Mtg.
	6:30pm	Women's Auxiliary
Tues. 9/17	9am	Quilting
Wed. 9/18	9am	Sarah Circle
	1pm	Mary Circle
	2pm	Ruth Circle
	2:30pm	Confirmation
	<b>6:30pm</b>	<b>Luther League</b>
Fri. 9/20	2-6pm	<b>WELCA Rummage Sale</b>
Sat. 9/21	9am-Noon	<b>WELCA Rummage Sale</b>
Sun. 9/22	9:30am	Worship Service
		<b>Holy Communion</b>
		Sunday School
	10:30am	Fellowship
	4pm	Sunday Mtg.



 **Noisy Can Offering** for 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter (July-Sept.) will go to Sarah Updegraff-Murray, daughter of Sue Updegraff. Sarah fell this past winter and broke her neck. She has a made great progress, but the road to recovery is long.

 **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 Directory.** Just a friendly reminder that our pictorial directory photo days are fast approaching! Our dates of photography are **Tues., Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> and Wed., Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>** from 2-8:30pm each day. Appointment times are filling up so hurry and schedule your time, if you haven't already. You can make an appointment thru the office, after worship, or by clicking the link at the end of this announcement. Link is open Monday-Friday. **Link:** [www.ucdir.com](http://www.ucdir.com). Click on "photography appointment scheduling login" on right. Church Code: **ia313** Password: **photos**



**Senior Game Day** is on Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>, from 2-4pm. Come join us for some snacks and fun! All are welcome!



**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.



**CONFIRMATION CLASS** is on Wednesdays right after school (2:30ish) until 3:30pm.

WE NEED YOUR TREASURES!



**We need your stuff for the Rummage Sale.** People can start bringing items for the sale beginning, Monday, Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>, during church office hours. Tables will be labeled so you can place your item(s) in the appropriate place for the sale. Baked items and produce can be dropped off, beginning Thursday of that week, thru the end of the sale. Please price your baked and produce items. Rummage sale is a freewill offering. **NO CLOTHING PLEASE!**



**WELCA Fall Rummage, Bake and Produce Sale** is Friday, Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> from 2-6pm; Saturday, Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> from 9am-noon; Sunday, Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> following worship.



**Stavanger Lutheran** will have a **Drive-Thru Dinner TODAY**, serving from 11am-1pm. at the Kenneth Ney place 1377 Co. Rd. W-42. Serving Hot Beef or Pork Sandwich, Cubed Potatoes, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Assorted Bars. For a free will offering.



**Shepherd of the Hills Annual Hog Roast** is Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

# Quilt

**Auction** *Shepherd of the Hills* is including a **Quilt Silent Auction** this year. Online bidding will begin on September 16<sup>th</sup> through October 5<sup>th</sup> @ 11:59pm. Follow us on our Facebook page for bidding opportunities. We will resume the bidding in person during the **Hog Roast** on the 6<sup>th</sup> from 4-6! This is a great way to support our church's fine crafting skills plus benefit our Crisis Fund. The Crisis Fund helps families in need plus supports our projects we host for the area youth! 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.



**Luther League** will meet @ church this Wed., Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm. TJ's pizza! Luther League is for all youth from 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade. RSVP with Jess Dean and let her know what kind of pizza you like.



Thank you to Gwenyth Thompson, who is our accompanist today and to her grandma, Linda Martin. It is a blessing to have you share your talents with us.

## thrivent

**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, etc..).



**Community Supper.** St. Peter Lutheran Church in Garnavillo is hosting a **FREE** Community Supper on Monday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> from 5-6:30pm. It is for anyone looking for good food, exciting conversation and fellowship!



**WCLC Fall Ham Ball Dinner** is Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup> @ 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.