

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

September 22, 2024

## INTRODUCTION

*Today we hear James warn against selfish ambition, while the disciples quarrel over which one of them is the greatest. Jesus tells them the way to be great is to serve. Then, to make it concrete, he puts in front of them a flesh-and-blood child. We are called to welcome the children God puts in front of us, to make room for them in daily interaction, and to give them a place of honor in the assembly.*

## 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:** *Gather Us In*

ELW 532

### 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** (Spoken)

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

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: 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.**

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

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C: Amen, amen.**

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

**PRAYER OF THE DAY: O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**NOISY CAN OFFERING**

## 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...**

**ELW pg.130**

### 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.

### **COMMUNION:**

**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: Jeremiah 11:18-20**

<sup>18</sup>It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew; then you showed me their evil deeds. <sup>19</sup>But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. And I did not know it was against me that they devised schemes, saying, "Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, so that his name will no longer be remembered!" <sup>20</sup>But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously, who try the heart and the mind, let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

R: *The Word of the Lord.*

**C: Thanks be to God!**

#### **Psalm: 54 (Responsively)**

<sup>1</sup>Save me, O God, by your name; in your might, defend my cause.

<sup>2</sup>Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth.

<sup>3</sup>For strangers have risen up against me, and the ruthless  
have sought my life, those who have no regard for God.

<sup>4</sup>**Behold, God is my helper; it is the Lord who sustains my life.**

<sup>5</sup>Render evil to those who spy on me;  
in your faithfulness, destroy them.

<sup>6</sup>**I will offer you a freewill sacrifice and praise your name,  
O LORD, for it is good.**

<sup>7</sup>For you have rescued me from every trouble, and my eye looks  
down on my enemies.

**Second Reading: James 3:13—4:3, 7-8a**

<sup>13</sup>Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. <sup>14</sup>But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. <sup>15</sup>Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. <sup>16</sup>For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. <sup>17</sup>But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. <sup>18</sup>And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.<sup>4:</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? <sup>2</sup>You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. <sup>3</sup>You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. <sup>7</sup>Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. <sup>8a</sup>Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

R: *The Word of the Lord.*

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**ELW pg. 124**

**Gospel: Mark 9:30-37**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

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

<sup>30</sup>[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it;<sup>31</sup>for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.” <sup>32</sup>But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

<sup>33</sup>Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” <sup>34</sup>But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. <sup>35</sup>He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” <sup>36</sup>Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, <sup>37</sup>“Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

P: *The gospel of the Lord.*

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

**CHILDREN’S SERMON**

**Supply Pastor David Coffin**

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

**SERMON:** “*Greatness and Glory*” **Supply Pastor David Coffin**

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** *Amazing Grace*

**ELW 779**

**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:** 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:**

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

C: Amen.

**SENDING MUSIC:** Lord of All Hopefulness ELW 765

### 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.



Please keep the family & friends of Millard Nelson Jr. in your thoughts and prayers. 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).



**Congratulations & Blessing** to Nick & Jenna (Siebrecht) Stortz who were married at West Clermont on Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Sunday, September 8, 2024**

Loose: \$102.00

Regular: \$1,165.00

**Total General Fund: \$1,309.29**

Building: \$50.00

**Attendance: 66**

Noisy Can: \$41.29

**Sunday, September 15, 2024**

Flow Thru: \$45.00

Regular: \$665.00

**Total General Fund: \$814.49**

Bldg. fund / roof: \$180.00

**Attendance: 53**


Loose: \$64.00


Noisy Can: \$40.49




Tues. 9/24	9am	Quilting
Wed. 9/25	2:30pm	Confirmation
	<b>2-4pm</b>	<b>Senior Fun Day</b>
Fri. 9/27	5-7pm	<i>Millard Nelson Visitation</i>
Sat. 9/28	10-11:30am	<i>Millard Nelson Visitation</i>
	11:30am	<i>Funeral: Millard Nelson</i>
Sun. 9/29	9:30am	Worship Service
		Sunday School
	10:30am	Fellowship
	<b>10:30pm</b>	<b>First Communion Class</b>
	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!

 **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.



**THERE ARE ONLY 2 WEEKS REMAINING BEFORE OUR PICTURE DAYS ON *Tues., Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> and Wed., Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>* from 2-8:30pm each day. You can make an appointment thru the office, after worship, or by this **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!



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



**WELCA Fall Rummage, Bake and Produce Sale- LAST CHANCE** following worship to find that item you didn't know you needed @ the sale downstairs.



**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.



**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.

### 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, Spaghetti Dinner-2, Tie Blanket Project-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.

**Sign in**

**Help Needed:** We are in need of check-in hosts/hostesses for pictures on October 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>. We have 3 shifts each day, 1:30-4pm; 4-6:30pm; and 6:30-9pm. Please let Deb know in the office if you can help out.



**Organ Concert** featuring Matthew Gender is Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup> @ the Union Sunday School in Clermont @ 2pm.



**Montauk is celebrating 150 years** on Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup> from Noon-4pm. Join us for, behind the scenes tours of Montauk, tours of the caretaker's house, carriage rides, Civil War Program by OJ Fargo, piano music, brown-swiss cows, kids crafts and birthday cake.