

Welcome to
WEST CLERMONT LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Worship 9:30am
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INTRODUCTION

James tells us to stop showing favoritism in the assembly, treating the rich visitor with more honor than the poor one. Jesus himself seems to show partiality in his first response to the Syrophoenician woman in today's gospel. Was he testing her faith in saying Gentiles don't deserve the goods meant for God's children? Or was he speaking out of his human worldview, but transcended those limits when she took him by surprise with her reply? Either way, the story tells us that God shows no partiality. Everyone who brings a need to Jesus is received with equal honor as a child and heir.

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:

Earth and All Stars

ELW 731

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 *Glory to God....* ELW pg. 121

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord. Amen.

NOISY CAN OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC: *Only Jesus* by Casting Crowns
CCLI #7117580

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

WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 35:4-7a

⁴Say to those who are of a fearful heart, “Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.”

⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; ⁶then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; ^{7a}the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.

R: *The Word of the Lord.*

C: **Thanks be to God!**

Psalm: 146 (Responsively)

¹Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

²**I will praise the LORD as long as I live;**

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

³Put not your trust in rulers,

in mortals in whom there is no help.

⁴**When they breathe their last, they return to earth,
and in that day their thoughts perish.**

⁵Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,
whose hope is in the LORD their God;

⁶**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in
them; who keeps promises forever;**

⁷who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those
who hunger. The LORD sets the captive free.

⁸**The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up
those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the
righteous.**

⁹The LORD cares for the stranger; the LORD sustains the orphan
and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

¹⁰**The LORD shall reign forever, your God, O Zion,
throughout all generations. Hallelujah!**

Second Reading James 2:1-17

¹My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? ²For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, ³and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a

seat here, please,” while to the one who is poor you say, “Stand there,” or, “Sit at my feet,” ⁴have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? ⁶But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? ⁷Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

⁸You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ⁹But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. [¹¹For the one who said, “You shall not commit adultery,” also said, “You shall not murder.” Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. ¹²So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. ¹³For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.]

¹⁴What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? ¹⁷So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

R: *The Word of the Lord.*

C: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW pg. 124

Gospel: Mark 7:24-37

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁴[Jesus] set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, ²⁵but a woman whose little daughter had

an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. ²⁶Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷He said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁸But she answered him, “Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” ²⁹Then he said to her, “For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.” ³⁰So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

³¹Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. ³⁴Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” ³⁵And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

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: *God Whose Almighty Word* ELW 673

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

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: *Oh for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* ELW 886

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, Karen Kerner, Madonna Stumme.

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

Sunday, August 25, 2024

Attendance: 44

Loose: \$93.00

Noisy Can: \$29.49

Regular: \$640.00

Total General Fund: \$762.49


Roof / Bldg: \$90.00


Memorial Fund: \$50.00-IMO Ruth Amundson



Mon. 9/9	6:30pm	Women's Auxiliary
Tues. 9/10	9am	Quilting
Wed. 9/11	10:30am	Copper Creek Service
	2-4pm	Senior Fun Day
	2:30pm	Confirmation
	6:30pm	Confirmation Parent Mtg.
Fri. 9/13	6pm	Wedding Rehearsal
Sat. 9/14	3:30pm	Wedding
Sun. 9/15	9:30am	Worship Service
		Bible Presentation
		Sunday School
	10:30am	Fellowship
	4pm	Sunday Mtg.



 **Noisy Can Offering** for 3rd Quarter (July-Sept.) will go to Sarah Updegraff-Murray, daughter of Sue Updegraff. Sarah fell this past winter and broke her neck. She has 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. 1st and Wed., Oct. 2nd** 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. Click on "photography appointment scheduling login" on right. Church Code: **ia313**
Password: **photos**



Senior Game Day is on Sept. 11th, from 2-4pm. Come join us for some snacks and fun! All are welcome!



Sunday School for youth 3yrs-5th grade, begins **TODAY** Youth and teachers will be dismissed from worship following the children's sermon to attend.



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 will begin **this** Wednesday, September 11th, 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. 16th, 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.



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



Stavanger Lutheran will have a **Drive-Thru Dinner** on September 15th, serving from 11am-1pm. at the Kenneth Ney place 1377 Co. Rd. W-42. Serving Hot Beef or Pork Sandwich, Buttered Potatoes, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Assorted Bars. For a free will offering.



Shepherd of the Hills Annual Hog Roast is Sunday, October 6th 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 the 6th 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 on Wed.,
Sept. 18th @ 6:30pm. TJ's pizza! Luther League is for all youth
from 7th-12th grade. RSVP with Jess Dean and let her know what
kind of pizza you like.