

Welcome to
WEST CLERMONT LUTHERAN CHURCH
Member of the Evangelical Lutheran
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Worship 9:30am
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7th Sunday of Easter

May 12, 2024

INTRODUCTION

The gospel for Easter's seventh Sunday is always taken from the long prayer Jesus prays for his followers in John's gospel on the night before his death, and always includes Jesus' desire that his followers will be one as he and the Father are one. This oneness is not mere doctrinal agreement or institutional unity, but mutual abiding, interpenetrating life, mutual love, and joy. This oneness is the work of the Spirit whom we have received but also await. Come, Holy Spirit!

GATHERING

PRELUDE

GREETING

P: He is risen!

C: **He is risen indeed!**

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: *Alleluia! Sing To Jesus* **ELW 392**

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.

C: **Amen.**

P: Look, here is water!

C: **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

P: Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden’s verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom’s land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life. Look, here is water!

C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

P: At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus’ death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: Look, here is water!

C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

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ELW pg. 120

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Glory to God....

ELW pg. 121

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

NOISY CAN OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC: WCLC Choir

WORD

First Reading: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and

said, ¹⁶“Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—¹⁷for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” ²¹So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.” ²³So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴Then they prayed and said, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” ²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

R: *The Word of the Lord.*

C: Thanks be to God!

Psalm: 1 (Responsively)

¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the
scornful!

²**Their delight is in the law of the LORD,
and they meditate on God’s teaching day and night.**

³They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in
due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything
they do shall prosper.

⁴**It is not so with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment
comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

⁶**For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

Second Reading: 1 John 5:9-13

⁹If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. ¹⁰Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. ¹¹And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹²Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

¹³I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

R: *The Word of the Lord.*

C: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

“Alleluia...”

ELW pg. 124

Gospel: John 17:6-19

P: The Holy Gospel according to John. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus prayed:] ⁶“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. ¹²While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. ¹⁴I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁵I am not asking

you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

P: *The gospel of the Lord.*

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

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Pastor Mike Erickson

SERMON

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HYMN OF THE DAY:

I Come With Joy!

ELW 482

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: God of grace,

C: **hear our prayer.**

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: Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

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.**

SPECIAL MUSIC: Senior Song: "*Place In This World*" by Michael Smith with For King & Country
CCLI# 582788 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mGJimNLaV6g>

***To our seniors we are so very proud of all that you have accomplished in your lives thus far. We wish you the best after graduation. As you go on your journey, always know that you have "A Place" here at West Clermont.*

Lyrics:

*The wind is moving but I am standing still
A life of pages waiting to be filled
A heart that's hopeful, a head that's full of dreams
But this becoming is harder than it seems
Feels like I'm
Looking for a reason
Roaming through the night to find
My place in this world
My place in this world
Not a lot to lean on
I need Your light to help me find
My place in this world
My place in this world
If there are millions down on their knees
Among the many, can You still hear me?
Hear me asking, "Where do I belong?"
Is there a vision that I can call my own?
Show me, I'm
Looking for a reason
Roaming through the night to find
My place in this world
My place in this world
Not a lot to lean on
I need Your light to help me find
My place in this world, My place in this world
Looking for a reason
Roaming through the night to find
My place in this world
My place in this world
Not a lot to lean on
I need Your light to help me find
My place in this world
My place in this world
Looking for a reason
Roaming through the night to find
My place in this world
My place in this world*

The Blessing Prayers for High School Graduates

P: Today we celebrate and give thanks for the youth of our congregation who are taking a new step in their lives and their faith as they graduate from high school. One of the church's images of God's wisdom, love, and protection is a mantle, a garment to wrap around our shoulders. Today we will wrap these youth in a quilt made by the women of the ELCA, as a sign of God's love for them as they go into the future.

Graduates, as I call your name, could I please have you and your parents come forward and stand by your quilt. (*Parents please bring your bulletin up with you.*)

*Kierra Alexander
Olivia Kleppe*

P: Seniors; there was a day when your parents held you in their arms and protected you. They wrapped you in a blanket, as with their love, to keep you warm and safe. Soon you will be starting a new path in your life. As you go out into the world, may this quilt be a reminder of your parents' love, this congregation's care, and a sign of the wisdom, love, and protection of God who holds you in his hand.

Parents, please wrap your child in the quilt & lay hands on them to bless them as they prepare to graduate.

PARENTS: (to their children)

“WE COME BEFORE GOD THIS DAY TO BLESS YOU AND TO GIVE THANKS FOR ALL THAT YOU HAVE BEEN TO US. WE THANK GOD FOR THE LOVE, JOY, FORGIVENESS, AND GRACE THAT HAVE BEEN PART OF OUR LIVES TOGETHER. WHEREVER YOU GO, YOU WILL ALWAYS BE A PART OF US. WHATEVER YOU DO, YOU WILL ALWAYS BE A PART OF OUR HEARTS. WE BLESS YOU IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. MAY THIS QUILT WRAP YOU IN OUR LOVE, THE CARE OF THIS CONGREGATION, AND THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. AMEN.”

P: Lord, look with love on our graduates and bless them as they start this new chapter in their lives. May your Spirit, who has given them many skills and talents, help them to use these gifts for your glory and for the good of all people. In your mercy, wrap them in your steadfast love and grace, and hold them in the palm of your hand. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

ALL: AMEN.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Each recipient will receive a \$300 WCLC scholarship

*Kierra Alexander
Olivia Kleppe*

SENDING

BLESSING

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope † bless you now and always.

C: Amen.

SENDING MUSIC:

Borning Cry

ELW 732

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, Ken Erickson, Jake Noggle, Karen Guyer, Lynzee Henrikson-Makowski, Karen Kohls, Ardell Fortune, Inez Oakland, Julie Albertson, Danice Cummings, Larry Kohls, Jennifer Ruckdashel, Karen Kerner, Terry Cummings, Sarah Updegraff-Murray, Katie Jo Hilden.

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

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

Sunday, May 5, 2024

Regular: \$1,620.00

Loose: \$55.00

Total General Fund: \$1,715.89


Attendance: 67


Noisy Can: \$40.89





Mon. 5/13	6:30pm	Women's Auxiliary Mtg.
Wed. 5/15	9am	Sarah Circle
	2pm	Ruth Circle
Sun. 5/19	9:30am	Sunday Worship Service
	10:30am	Fellowship and coffee
	4pm	Sunday Mtg.



 **Noisy Can Offering** for 2nd Quarter (April - June) will go to Jo Kramer from Waucoma, for her ongoing health concerns and cancer treatments. Jo writes a blog about her experiences with her illness.

 **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 Time!** As we start preparing for our next pictorial, we are asking you to share any photos of church events with the office. We would like to have a good representation of all the things we do.

 **2024 Baccalaureate** is **TONIGHT** @ 7pm in the PFC.



OUR 2024 GRADUATES



Kierra Alexander

I am planning on attending Winona State University in the fall to major in Nursing.

Olivia Kleppe

I am going to NICC to major in Ag Business and minor in Animal Science.



Congratulations!