



The Transfiguration by Carl Bloch

**Community Lutheran Church**

**February 23, 2020**

**The purpose of our Community is:**  
*“Building Committed Followers of Jesus Christ”*

**Prelude**

*Pianist: Shirlene Everhart*

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Invocation**

*Every worship service opens by invoking the name, the presence, and the power of the one true God, the God in whose name and by whose power we became members of the Holy Christian Church in our Baptism.*

*(Pastor) In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

**(Everyone) Amen.**

**The Confession of Sins and Absolution** (*Before we enter the presence of the holy God, we confess our sins and receive forgiveness because of the person and work of Jesus Christ.*)

*Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.*

**(Everyone): But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will for - give our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for personal confession..*

*Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.*

**(Everyone): Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. Nothing we can do will ever set us free. You alone provide liberty for the captives and freedom for those under sin’s curse. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

*Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to suffer and die for our forgiveness. Because of Christ’s person and work, our Heavenly Father forgives us of all of our sins. Therefore, upon this your confession, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore*

*announce unto you the forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

**(Everyone): Amen.**

**Hymn of the Day**

*God of Grace and God of Glory, # 435*

**Children's Sermonette:** *"Our Wonderful Bible" Pastor Droegemueller*

**We Worship Through Our Giving**

*We express our gratitude to God as we give to support the work of the church so that more people may hear the Good News about Jesus. Please ask an usher if you need an envelope.*

**Offertory**

**We Worship Through Speaking and Hearing the Word of God**

*We read the Word of God to strengthen, encourage, and challenge us for the week ahead.*

**Old Testament Lesson**

*Exodus 24:8-18 [NIV]*

<sup>8</sup> Moses then took the blood, sprinkled it on the people and said, "This is the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words." <sup>9</sup> Moses and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and the seventy elders of Israel went up <sup>10</sup> and saw the God of Israel. Under his feet was something like a pavement made of lapis lazuli, as bright blue as the sky. <sup>11</sup> But God did not raise his hand against these leaders of the Israelites; they saw God, and they ate and drank. <sup>12</sup> The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and stay here, and I will give you the tablets of stone with the law and commandments I have written for their instruction." <sup>13</sup> Then Moses set out with Joshua his aide, and Moses went up on the mountain of God. <sup>14</sup> He said to the elders, "Wait here for us until we come back to you. Aaron and Hur are with you, and anyone involved in a dispute can go to them." <sup>15</sup> When Moses went up on the mountain, the cloud covered it, <sup>16</sup> and the glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai. For six days the cloud covered the mountain, and on the seventh day the LORD called to Moses from within the cloud. <sup>17</sup> To the Israelites the glory of the LORD looked like a consuming fire on top of the mountain. <sup>18</sup> Then Moses entered the cloud as he went on up the mountain. And he stayed on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

*Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.*

**Everyone: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

**Epistle Lesson***2 Peter 1:16-21 [NIV]*

<sup>16</sup> For we did not follow cleverly devised stories when we told you about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. <sup>17</sup> He received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.” <sup>18</sup> We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain. <sup>19</sup> We also have the prophetic message as something completely reliable, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. <sup>20</sup> Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet’s own interpretation of things. <sup>21</sup> For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

*Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.*

**Everyone: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

(Please stand for the reading of the Gospel)

**Gospel***Matthew 17:1-9 [NIV]*

*Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the 17<sup>th</sup> chapter*

**Everyone: GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.**

<sup>1</sup> After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. <sup>2</sup> There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. <sup>3</sup> Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus. <sup>4</sup> Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.” <sup>5</sup> While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!” <sup>6</sup> When the disciples heard this, they fell facedown to the ground, terrified. <sup>7</sup> But Jesus came and touched them. “Get up,” he said. “Don’t be afraid.” <sup>8</sup> When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus. <sup>9</sup> As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus instructed them, “Don’t tell anyone what you have seen, until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

*Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

**Everyone: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.**

**We Respond to God’s Word by Confessing Our Faith**

*As we recite together the words of the Apostles’ Creed, we join the worldwide chorus of followers of Jesus, who, for centuries, have confessed their faith*



**Communion Hymn***Tell Me the Old, Old, Story, # 621***We Worship at the table of the Lord's Supper***Communion — If you prefer grape juice instead of wine, please hold up 2 fingers when you reach the person with the cups.**Everyone who confesses Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior is welcome and invited to join us. Together we receive anew the love and grace that God pours out to us through the sacrifice of Christ on the cross. Come hold in your hands and taste on your lips the love He poured out for you.**Pastor: The Words of Our Lord...(Consecration of the Elements)*

**(Everyone) 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!**

**Distribution****Benediction***A blessing we receive to send us out into the world once again.***Sending Hymn***Jesus Shall Reign, # 375***Pastor: Go in Peace and Serve the Lord.****Everyone:** Thanks be to God**Postlude****Birthdays and Anniversaries: February 2020**

Please share your name, birthday and anniversary via the Connection Card and place it in the offering plate. [PS] denotes our Preschool staff.

**Birthdays:** 1-Cynthia Longobardi [PS]; 5-Joey Taschner [PS]; 6-Gregory Smith;  
11-Joan Taschner [PS]; 25-Gene Erwin [PS]

**Anniversaries:** 27-Neil & Renée Scheuerlein

### **Things going on during the week:**

Please pick up Food Bags today to use or to distribute to others.

**Monday-Friday: 7 am to 6 pm Little Blessings Christian Preschool:**

*Theme: Community Helpers; Letter: Ss; Bible: The Widow's Offering*

**Thursday: 5:15: Call Committee meeting**

**5:30 pm Choir; 6:30 pm Potluck; 7:30 pm Bible Study**

### **Birdhouse = Building Fund Donations**

Please place all and any donations for the Building Fund in the Birdhouse. This fund is needed to replace 'The Shack' and build for the future of this church. Being more visible to Mission Avenue we hope to attract Christians looking for a new home and non-Christians looking for what is missing in their life.

### **Mark Your Calendars!**

*February 26,- April 8, Wednesdays, 6 pm-potluck; 7 pm-Lenten Services*

**March 7, Saturday - Women's Bible Study**, at church 10:00 am.

**March 21, Saturday -- Free Food Distribution--**At the Shack from 9 to 10 am. If you know of someone who could benefit from the free food distribution, please let them know. Also, if you can help with set-up, please come at 8:30 am. If you can come later and stay until about 11:00 am to help with putting away leftover food, tables and chairs, your help will be greatly appreciated. Join us in thanking God for the continuation of this ministry! The Blue bin on the North wall of the Church is for the collection of can goods for the Food Distribution.

**March 31—April 1 AFLC-Bible School Concert Choir** Details coming.

### **May 3, Sunday - Love Offering ... for Missions**

Once a quarter, we will be collecting a special offering in the 'Missions Giving Box' on your way out of the Sanctuary for our Missionaries. This offering is above and beyond our regular giving. In planning ahead, we will repeat the Love Offerings in 2019 on the first Sunday in February, May, August & November.

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**Birthdays:** 15-Lois Orr [PS]; 26-Ruth Oehm]; 31-Debbie Giles



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**Little Blessings Christian Preschool: (760) 722-1705**

**Preschool Schedule: Monday – Friday ... 7:00 am to 6:00 pm**

Kristen Erwin, Preschool Director



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**Weekly Schedule:**

**Sundays: 10:00 am Worship Service & Sunday School**  
**11:15 am Community Fellowship Time**

**Wednesdays: February 26-April 8, Lenten Services 7 pm; 6 pm potluck**

**Thursdays 5:15 pm Call Committee Meeting**  
**5:30 pm Choir; 6:30 pm Potluck; 7:30 pm Bible Study**

**Saturdays 10:00 am Women's Bible Study**  
The **First Saturday** of each month.  
**9:00 am Free Food Distribution**  
The **Third Saturday** of each month, 9:00-10:00 am

**For more information, please visit:**

Website: [www.cloceanside.com](http://www.cloceanside.com)

Facebook Page: Community Lutheran Oceanside

\*AFLC [Association of Free Lutheran Congregations]: [aflc.org](http://aflc.org)



***Prayer Chain Requests***

Please mark the Connection Card very clearly ... your request is for Pastor only or you want the prayer chain to pray for your request.



***Children's Activity Items***

These are available for younger children during the service. They are in the cabinets at the back of the church to the left of the Prayer Room.