



**Fourth Sunday in Lent**

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

**Prelude**

*Pianist: Aretta Engelhardt*

**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 forgive 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**

*The Church's One Foundation, # 401*

**Children's Sermonette:** "Where To Turn" 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**

*Psalm 46: 1-7 [NIV]*

<sup>1</sup> God is our refuge and strength, an ever present help in trouble. <sup>2</sup> Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, <sup>3</sup> though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging. <sup>4</sup> There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells. <sup>5</sup> God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day. <sup>6</sup> Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; he lifts his voice, the earth melts. <sup>7</sup> The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

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

**Everyone: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

## **Epistle Lesson**

*Philippians 4:4-9 [NIV]*

<sup>4</sup> Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! <sup>5</sup> Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup> Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup> Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. <sup>9</sup> Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

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

**Everyone: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

(Please stand for the reading of the Gospel)

## **Gospel**

*John 9:1-41 [NIV]*

*Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the 9<sup>th</sup> chapter*

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

<sup>1</sup> 1 As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup> His disciples asked him, Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" <sup>3</sup> "Neither this man nor his

parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him.<sup>4</sup> As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work.<sup>5</sup> While I am in the world, I am the light of the world."<sup>6</sup> After saying this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man's eyes.<sup>7</sup> "Go," he told him, "wash in the Pool of Siloam" (this word means "Sent"). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing.<sup>8</sup> His neighbors and those who had formerly seen him begging asked, "Isn't this the same man who used to sit and beg?"<sup>9</sup> Some claimed that he was. Others said, "No, he only looks like him." But he himself insisted, "I am the man."<sup>10</sup> "How then were your eyes opened?" they asked.<sup>11</sup> He replied, "The man they call Jesus made some mud and put it on my eyes. He told me to go to Siloam and wash. So I went and washed, and then I could see."<sup>12</sup> "Where is this man?" they asked him. "I don't know," he said.<sup>13</sup> They brought to the Pharisees the man who had been blind.<sup>14</sup> Now the day on which Jesus had made the mud and opened the man's eyes was a Sabbath.<sup>15</sup> Therefore the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. "He put mud on my eyes," the man replied, "and I washed, and now I see."<sup>16</sup> Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath." But others asked, "How can a sinner perform such signs?" So they were divided.<sup>17</sup> Then they turned again to the blind man, "What have you to say about him? It was your eyes he opened." The man replied, "He is a prophet."<sup>18</sup> They still did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they sent for the man's parents.<sup>19</sup> "Is this your son?" they asked. "Is this the one you say was born blind? How is it that now he can see?"<sup>20</sup> "We know he is our son," the parents answered, "and we know he was born blind.<sup>21</sup> But how he can see now, or who opened his eyes, we don't know. Ask him. He is of age; he will speak for himself."<sup>22</sup> His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders, who already had decided that anyone who acknowledged that Jesus was the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue.<sup>23</sup> That was why his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."<sup>24</sup> A second time they summoned the man who had been blind. "Give glory to God by telling the truth," they said. "We know this man is a sinner."<sup>25</sup> He replied, "Whether he is a sinner or not, I don't know. One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!"<sup>26</sup> Then they asked him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?"<sup>27</sup> He answered, "I have told you already and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples too?"<sup>28</sup> Then they hurled insults at him and said, "You are this fellow's disciple! We are disciples of Moses!<sup>29</sup> We know that God spoke to Moses, but as for this fellow, we don't even know where he comes from."<sup>30</sup> The man answered, "Now that is remarkable! You don't know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes.<sup>31</sup> We know that God does not listen to sinners. He listens to the godly person who does his will.<sup>32</sup> Nobody has ever heard of opening the eyes of a man born blind.<sup>33</sup> If this man were not from God, he could do nothing."<sup>34</sup> To this they replied, "You were steeped in sin at birth; how dare you lecture us!" And they threw him out.<sup>35</sup> Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?"<sup>36</sup> "Who is he, sir?" the man asked. "Tell me so that I may believe in him."<sup>37</sup> Jesus said, "You have now seen him; in fact, he is the one speaking with you."<sup>38</sup> Then the man said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him.<sup>39</sup> Jesus said, <sup>[a]</sup> "For judgment I have come into this world, so that the blind will see and those who see will become blind."<sup>40</sup> Some Pharisees who were with

him heard him say this and asked, "What? Are we blind too?" <sup>41</sup> Jesus said, "If you were blind, you would not be guilty of sin; but now that you claim you can see, your guilt remains.

*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 through this simple declaration.*

**(Everyone) I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;**

**And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from there He shall come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

***Sermon Hymn***

*Beneath the Cross of Jesus, # 320*

***Sermon "Why Am I Going Through This?" Pastor Droegemueller***

<b>Message Notes: -</b>

**Message Notes Cont'd:**


**General Prayer**

**Communion Hymn**

*Peace Like a River, # 750*

**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 king-dom 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 King-dom, 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**

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus, # 630*

**Pastor: Go in Peace and Serve the Lord.**

**Everyone:** Thanks be to God

**Postlude**

### ***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: Plants & Flowers; Review Letters: Ss, Tt, Uu; Bible: Mary & Martha*

**Wednesday:** 6:00 pm Potluck; 7:00 pm Lenten Service

**Thursday:** 5:15 pm: Call Committee meeting  
5:30 pm Choir

### ***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!***

***March 31—April 1 AFLC-Bible School Concert Choir - Cancelled***

***April 4, Saturday - Women's Bible Study, at church 10:00 am.***

***April 18, 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.

### ***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.



### ***Birthdays and Anniversaries: March 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: Birthdays: 26-Ruth Oehm; 31-Debbie Giles**



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*Building Committed Followers of Jesus Christ*

**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  
11:00 am Community Fellowship Time  
12:00 pm Council Meeting, The Third Sunday of each month

**Wednesdays:** March 25-April 8, Lenten Services 7 pm; 6 pm potluck

**Thursdays:** 5:15 pm Call Committee Meeting  
5:30 pm Choir

**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.