



Fifth Sunday in Lent

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

Prelude

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

O God, Our Help In Ages Past, #686

Children's Sermonette:

"A Song For The Journey"

Pastor "D"

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 130 [NIV]

¹ Out of the depths I cry to you, LORD; ² Lord, hear my voice. Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy. ³ If you, LORD, kept a record of sins, Lord, who could stand? ⁴ But with you there is forgiveness, so that we can, with reverence, serve you. ⁵ I wait for the LORD, my whole being waits, and in his word I put my hope. ⁶ I wait for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning, more than watchmen wait for the morning. ⁷ Israel, put your hope in the LORD, for with the LORD is unfailing love and with him is full redemption. ⁸ He himself will redeem Israel from all their sins.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Everyone: THANKS BE TO GOD.

Epistle Lesson

Romans 8:1-11 [NIV]

¹ Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, ² because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. ³ For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵ Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. ⁶ The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷ The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. ⁸ Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God. ⁹ You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness. ¹¹ And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Everyone: THANKS BE TO GOD.

(Please stand for the reading of the Gospel)

Gospel

John 11:1-45 [NIV]

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the 11th chapter

Everyone: GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.

¹ Now a man named Lazarus was sick. He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ² (This Mary, whose brother Lazarus now lay sick, was the same one who poured perfume on the Lord and wiped his feet with her hair.) ³ So the sisters sent word to Jesus, "Lord, the one you love is sick." ⁴ When he heard this, Jesus said, "This sickness will not end in death. No, it is for God's glory so that God's Son may be glorified through it." ⁵ Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. ⁶ So when he heard that Lazarus was sick, he stayed where he was two more days, ⁷ and then he said to his disciples, "Let us go back to Judea." ⁸ "But Rabbi," they said, "a short while ago the Jews there tried to stone you, and yet you are going back?" ⁹ Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Anyone who walks in the daytime will not stumble, for they see by this world's light. ¹⁰ It is when a person walks at night that they stumble, for they have no light." ¹¹ After he had said this, he went on to tell them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I am going there to wake him up." ¹² His disciples replied, "Lord, if he sleeps, he will get better." ¹³ Jesus had been speaking of his death, but his disciples thought he meant natural sleep. ¹⁴ So then he told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead, ¹⁵ and for your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." ¹⁶ Then Thomas (also known as Didymus) said to the rest of the disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him." ¹⁷ On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. ¹⁸ Now Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁹ and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother. ²⁰ When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home. ²¹ "Lord," Martha said to Jesus, "if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²² But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask." ²³ Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴ Martha answered, "I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day." ²⁵ Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; ²⁶ and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷ "Yes, Lord," she replied, "I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world." ²⁸ After she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary aside. "The Teacher is here," she said, "and is asking for you." ²⁹ When Mary heard this, she got up quickly and went to him. ³⁰ Now Jesus had not yet entered the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. ³¹ When the Jews who had been with Mary in the house, comforting her, noticed how quickly she got up and went out, they followed her, supposing she was going to the tomb to mourn there. ³² When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." ³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. ³⁴ "Where have you laid him?" he asked. "Come and see, Lord," they replied. ³⁵ Jesus wept. ³⁶ Then the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁷ But some of them said, "Could not he who opened

the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" ³⁸ Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. ³⁹ "Take away the stone," he said. "But, Lord," said Martha, the sister of the dead man, "by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days." ⁴⁰ Then Jesus said, "Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?" ⁴¹ So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. ⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me." ⁴³ When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face. Jesus said to them, "Take off the grave clothes and let him go." ⁴⁵ Therefore many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary, and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

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

Amazing Grace, # 343

Sermon

"Not Even Death"

Pastor Droegemueller

Message Notes: -

Message Notes Cont'd:

General Prayer

Communion Hymn

In The Cross of Christ I Glory, #328

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

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee, #90

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 12, Easter Sunday **Luncheon cancelled**

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: 26-Ruth Oehm; 31-Debbie Giles

April 2020

Birthdays: 5-Nelly Taguba; 11-Kristen Erwin-PS; 15-John Leichner;
26- Dan Shattuck-PS

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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**  
11:00 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**



## 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.



# Ambassador Sunday School Curriculum Establishing a Biblical Foundation



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One of the most important ways we serve AFLC congregations is by providing biblical Lutheran Bible curriculum for all ages. Our curriculum is intentional about establishing a solid foundation for faith and life, leading students through the Scriptures and Luther's Small Catechism.

*Thank you to those who faithfully support the ministry of  
Ambassador Publications through prayers and gifts!*

## Free Bible Teaching Resources



FREE downloadable Bible lessons for all ages are being provided on our website during the COVID-19 crisis while church gatherings are limited. We hope families will use these resources at home to continue learning and growing in their faith! If you need other helps or ideas, please contact us.

## Pray for AFLC Parish Education

We are making progress on a healthy backlog of projects and are excited for the forthcoming new elementary curriculum on the Ten Commandments as well as a collection of writings by the late Dr. Francis W. Monseth. Designated funds for printing are a blessing, but our urgent need is funds to keep our current staff in place doing the work. We closed out 2019 with a \$20,000 shortfall in needed gifts. We trust God to provide through His people. Would you prayerfully consider investing in this work of teaching and proclaiming God's Word through publications and education?

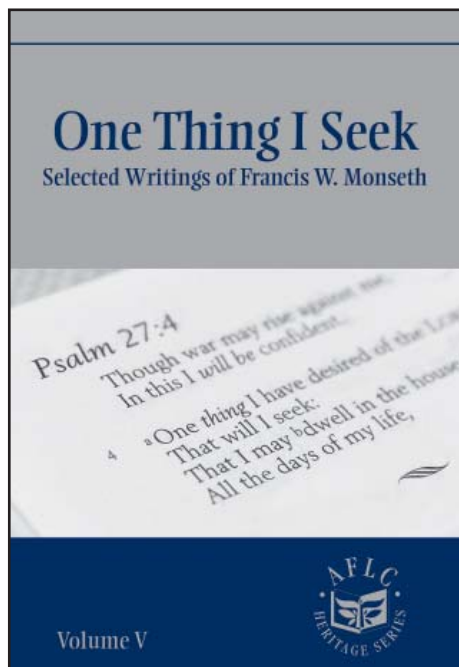
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# AFLC Heritage Series

*Volume V coming in 2020*



Selected writings of the late Dr. Francis W. Monseth are scheduled to be published this year in a collection entitled *One Thing I Seek*. This title is based on Psalm 27:4, which was Dr. Monseth's confirmation verse that guided him throughout his life. We give thanks to God for his life of service at our Bible School and Seminary and are excited to share this collection with the people of the AFLC. Pre-orders are encouraged through our online bookstore or by email or phone.

The AFLC Heritage Series consists of writings that reflect the Lutheran, pietistic, and Scandinavian heritage of the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations. Previously published volumes are:

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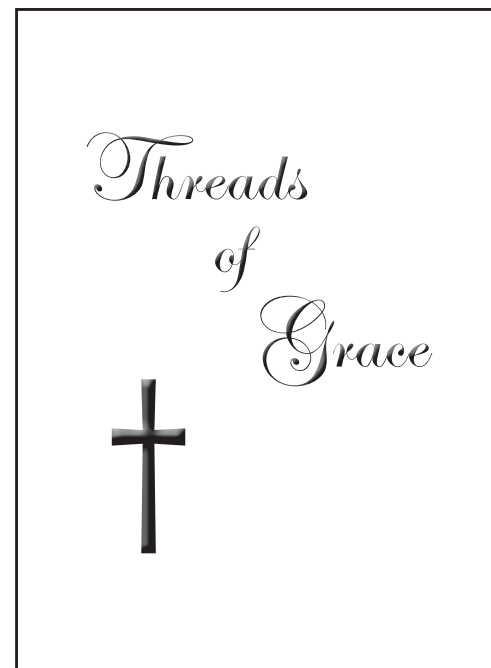
Volume IV

*Footprints of the Faithful: Fifty Years of the AFLC Mission in Brazil*

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