

Community Lutheran Church

April 19, 2020

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

Prelude

Pianist: Shirlene Everhart

The Easter Dialogue & 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. On Easter Sunday, we also begin with the traditional Easter greeting and response.

Past Alleluia! Christ is risen! Alleluia!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor: The stone has been rolled away! Alleluia!

People: The crucified One is risen! Alleluia!

Pastor: He has conquered death by the cross!

People: He has come out of the tomb!

Pastor: This is the day the Lord has made!

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it! Psalm 118:24 NIV

Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord for He is good!

People: His love endures forever! Psalm 118:1 NIV

Pastor: Thanks be to God who has given us the victory through our Lord, Jesus Christ.

People: Let us keep our Easter feast. We worship in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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Hymn of the Day He's Got The Whole World In His Hands, # 586

Children's Sermonette: 'Priorities' 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

Acts 5:29-42 (NIV)

²⁹ Peter and the other apostles replied: "We must obey God rather than human beings! ³⁰ The God of our ancestors raised Jesus from the dead—whom you killed by hanging him on a cross.³¹ God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Savior that he might bring Israel to repentance and forgive their sins. ³² We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him." ³³ When they heard this, they were furious and wanted to put them to death. ³⁴ But a Pharisee named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law, who was honored by all the people, stood up in the Sanhedrin and ordered that the men be put outside for a little while. ³⁵ Then he addressed the Sanhedrin: "Men of Israel, consider carefully what you intend to do to these men. ³⁶ Some time ago Theudas appeared, claiming to be somebody, and about four hundred men rallied to him. He was killed, all his followers were dispersed, and it all came to nothing.³⁷ After him, Judas the Galilean appeared in the days of the census and led a band of people in revolt. He too was killed, and all his followers were scattered. ³⁸ Therefore, in the present case I advise you: Leave these men alone! Let them go! For if their purpose or activity is of human origin, it will fail. ³⁹ But if it is from God, you will not be able to stop these men; you will only find yourselves fighting against God." ⁴⁰ His speech persuaded them. They called the apostles in and had them flogged. Then they ordered them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. ⁴¹ The apostles left the Sanhedrin, rejoicing because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name. ⁴² Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Messiah.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord. **Everyone: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

Epistle Lesson

³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be

I Peter 1:3-9 (NIV)

revealed in the last time. ⁶ In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. ⁷ These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith-of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire-may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.⁸ Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, ⁹ for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord. Everyone: THANKS BE TO GOD.

(Please stand for the reading of the Gospel)

Gospel Lesson

John 20:19-31 (NIV)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the 20th chapter Everyone: GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.

¹⁹ On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders. Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." ²² And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit.²³ If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." ²⁴ Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them. "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails ⁻²⁶ A week later his were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked. Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." ²⁸ Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." ³⁰ Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. ³¹ But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

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

The Solid Rock, #526

Sermon

"When Doubt Turns Out To Be A Blessing" Pastor Droegemueller

Message Notes:

General Prayer

Communion Hymn

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

My Faith Looks Up To Thee, # 539

Pastor: Go in Peace and Serve the Lord. (Everyone): Thanks be to God

Postlude

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Things going on during the week:

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

Monday-CLOSED, Little Blessings Christian Preschool

Tuesday-Friday: 7:15 am to 5 pm Little Blessings Christian Preschool: *Theme: Caterpillars & Butterflies; Letter: Review; Bible: The Amazing catch of fish.*

Thursdays: Until further notice, there will be NO meetings of Call Committee, Chior, Potluck, 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!

May 2, Saturday - Women's Bible Study, at church 10:00 am.

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.

May 16, 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. <u>Join us in thanking God for the continu-ation of this ministry</u>! The Blue bin on the North wall of the Church is for the collection of can goods for the Food Distribution.

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Birthdays and Anniversaries: April 2020

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

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:* Tuesday – Friday ... 7:15 am to 5:00 pm Kristen Erwin, Preschool Director

Weekly Schedule:

Sundays:	10:00 am 11:00 am 12:00 pm	Worship Service & Sunday School Community Fellowship Time Council Meeting, The <u>Third Sunday</u> of each month
Thursdays:	Until further notice, <mark>NO meetings</mark> of Call Committee Meeting, Choir, Bible Study	
Saturdays:	10:00 am 9:00 am	Women's Bible Study The <u>First</u> Saturday of each month. Free Food Distribution The <u>Third Saturday</u> of each month,9:00-10:00 am

For more information, please visit:

Website: www.cloceanside.com Facebook Page: Community Lutheran Oceanside *AFLC [Association of Free Lutheran Congregations]: 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.