



PRISON

of
Unforgiveness
Matthew 18:21-35

Fifteenth Sunday After The Festival of Pentecost

The purpose of our Community is:

“Building Committed Followers of Jesus Christ”

Prelude

Pianist: Shirlene Everhart

The Invocation

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

People: **Amen.**

The Confession of Sins and Absolution

Pastor: *Our help is in the name of the Lord.*

People: **Who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: *With confidence I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.*

People: **For the Lord is gracious and compassionate and rich in forgiveness.**

(A moment of silence is observed for personal confession)

Pastor: *Let us then confess our sins together unto our gracious Lord.*

People: **Father, we confess to You that we are often disobedient children who desire our own will instead of seeking to accomplish Your will in our lives. You have gathered us together as one people in Your Church, and yet often we fail to use the gifts You have given each of us to find meaning and purpose with our lives. Forgive us our sin of self-centeredness and enable us to see the world as You do---filled with people who need to know the grace, love, and forgiveness of Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

Pastor: *Because of substitutionary person and work of our Lord Jesus Christ, who died physically and spiritually on our behalf, thus making payment for our sins, I therefore, as one of the servants of Christ in this place, announce unto you the forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

People: **Amen.**

Hymn of the Day

Softly and Tenderly, # 431

Children's Sermonette:

"Trust God's Plans"
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

Genesis 50:15-21 (NIV)

¹⁵When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "What if Joseph holds a grudge against us and pays us back for all the wrongs we did to him?" ¹⁶So they sent word to Joseph, saying, "Your father left these instructions before he died: ¹⁷'This is what you are to say to Joseph: I ask you to forgive your brothers the sins and the wrongs they committed in treating you so badly.' Now please forgive the sins of the servants of the God of your father." When their message came to him, Joseph wept. ¹⁸His brothers then came and threw themselves down before him. "We are your slaves," they said. ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God? ²⁰You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. ²¹So then, don't be afraid. I will provide for you and your children." And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Everyone: THANKS BE TO GOD.

Epistle Lesson

Romans 14:1-12 (NIV)

¹Accept the one whose faith is weak, without quarreling over disputable matters. ²One person's faith allows them to eat anything, but another, whose faith is weak, eats only vegetables. ³The one who eats everything must not treat with contempt the one who does not, and the one who does not eat everything must not judge the one who does, for God has accepted them. ⁴Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To their own master, servants stand or fall. And they will stand, for the Lord is able to make them stand. ⁵One person considers one day more sacred than another; another considers every day alike. Each of them should be fully convinced in their own mind. ⁶Whoever regards one day as special does so to the Lord. Whoever eats meat does so to the

Lord, for they give thanks to God; and whoever abstains does so to the Lord and gives thanks to God. ⁷ For none of us lives for ourselves alone, and none of us dies for ourselves alone. ⁸ If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. ⁹ For this very reason, Christ died and returned to life so that he might be the Lord of both the dead and the living. ¹⁰ You, then, why do you judge your brother or sister? Or why do you treat them with contempt? For we will all stand before God's judgment seat. ¹¹ It is written: "As surely as I live," says the Lord, "every knee will bow before me; every tongue will acknowledge God." ¹² So then, each of us will give an account of ourselves to God.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Everyone: THANKS BE TO GOD.

(Please stand for the reading of the Gospel)

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 18:21-35 (NIV)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the 18th chapter.

Everyone: GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.

²¹ Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?" ²² Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times. ²³ "Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴ As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him. ²⁵ Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt. ²⁶ "At this the servant fell on his knees before him. 'Be patient with me,' he begged, 'and I will pay back everything.' ²⁷ The servant's master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go. ²⁸ "But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. 'Pay back what you owe me!' he demanded. ²⁹ "His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.' ³⁰ "But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. ³¹ When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened. ³² "Then the master called the servant in. 'You wicked servant,' he said, 'I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. ³³ Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?' ³⁴ In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed. ³⁵ "This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister

from your heart.”

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

Amazing Grace, # 578

Sermon *“Forgive Us Our Trespases As We Forgive Others
Their Trespases”*
Pastor Beryl Droegemueller

Message Notes:

Message Notes Cont'd:

General Prayer

Communion Hymn

Rock of Ages, # 398

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, Still Lead On, #488

Pastor: Go in Peace and Serve the Lord.

(Everyone): Thanks be to God

Things going on during the week:

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

Monday-Friday: 7:15 am to 5 pm Little Blessings Christian Preschool:
Theme: Getting Acquainted & Learning Routines; Bible: Creation

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!

September 19, 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.

November 1, 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 2020 on the first Sunday in February, May, August & November.



Birthdays and Anniversaries: August 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: 22-Duane Ericson

Anniversaries: August 9-Tricia & Ed Vergara

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Little Blessings Christian Preschool: (760) 722-1705

Preschool Schedule: Monday – Friday ... 7:15 am to 5:00 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**
- Thursdays:** **Until further notice, **NO meetings** of Call Committee Meeting, Choir, Bible Study**
- Saturdays:**
- 10:00 am **Women's Bible Study**  
**Normally** 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.





# AFLC Evangelism & Discipleship

*"I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always offering prayer with joy in my every prayer for you all, in view of your participation in the gospel from the first day until now."*

Philippians 1:3-5



**Thank you for praying  
for and partnering with  
AFLC Evangelism and  
Discipleship!**

- We praise the Lord for His continued faithfulness to our ministry, including a good transition for Pastor Randy Nelson into the role of Director.
- We pray that the Lord would continue to provide opportunities for us to serve, support, encourage, and assist congregations, pastors, and individuals as they evangelize and disciple.
- We pray that the Lord would provide for our financial needs as gifts given have been less than expected through July.
- We pray that the Lord would continue to lead and guide congregations, pastors, individuals, and our AFLC ministries as we all continue to deal with the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

***We want to pray for you!***

***Please contact Pastor Randy Nelson with requests.***

***You can also ask to be added to our email list to receive prayer requests and ministry updates.***

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