

The Eighteenth Sunday After The Festival of Pentecost

# Community Lutheran Church

October 4, 2020

# 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 forgive-

ness.

(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 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise, #184

#### Children's Sermonette:

"Our Heavenly Father's World"
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 19 (NIV)

¹ The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. ² Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge. ³ They have no speech, they use no words; no sound is heard from them. ⁴ Yet their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world. In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun. ⁵ It is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, like a champion rejoicing to run his course. ⁶ It rises at one end of the heavens and makes its circuit to the other; nothing is deprived of its warmth. The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul. The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple. ³ The precepts of the LORD are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the LORD are radiant, giving light to the eyes. ⁵ The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever. The decrees of the LORD are firm, and all of them are righteous. ¹ They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the honeycomb. ¹ By them your servant is warned; in keeping them there is great reward. ¹ But who can discern their own errors? Forgive my hidden faults. ¹ Keep your servant also from willful sins; may they not rule over me. Then I will be blameless, innocent of great transgression. ¹ May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.

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 Lesson

Luke 14:1-11 (NIV)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the 14th chapter.

Everyone: GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.

<sup>1</sup>One Sabbath, when Jesus went to eat in the house of a prominent Pharisee, he was being carefully watched. <sup>2</sup> There in front of him was a man suffering from abnormal swelling of his body. <sup>3</sup> Jesus asked the Pharisees and experts in the law, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath or not?" 4 But they remained silent. So taking hold of the man, he healed him and sent him on his way. <sup>5</sup> Then he asked them, "If one of you has a child or an ox that falls into a well on the Sabbath day, will you not immediately pull it out?" <sup>6</sup> And they had nothing to say. <sup>7</sup>When he noticed how the guests picked the places of honor at the table, he told them this parable: 8 "When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honor, for a person more distinguished than you may have been invited. 9 If so, the host who invited both of you will come and say to you, 'Give this person your seat.' Then, humiliated, you will have to take the least important place. <sup>10</sup> But when you are invited, take the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he will say to you, 'Friend, move up to a better place.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all the other quests. 11 For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

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.

Praise and Thanksgiving #151

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| Sermon         | "Thankful Lives" | Pastor Beryl Droegemueller       |
| Message Notes: |                  |                                  |
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General Prayer

Sermon 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

America, the Beautiful, #630

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-Friday: 7:15 am to 5 pm Little Blessings Christian Preschool:

Theme: God made me & Fall; Letters: Ee; Bible: God protects Joseph during hard times.

**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!

October 17, 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.

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## Birthdays and Anniversaries: October 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: 10-Alice Gallagher; 16-Marjie Ericson; 25-Shirlene Everhart

Anniversaries: 27-Marsha & John Leichner

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## **Building Committed Followers of Jesus Christ**

Little Blessings Christian Preschool: (760) 722-1705

Preschool Schedule: Monday - Friday ... 7:15 am to 5:00 pm

Kristen Erwin, Preschool Director



## **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

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.