

The 23rd Sunday After The Festival of Pentecost

For we do not

**GRIEVE**

Like the rest

of mankind, who

have **no HOPE**

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

**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**

*I'm But A Stranger Here, #612*

## **Children's Sermonette:**

*"Living Our Lives As Christians"  
Pastor Beryl 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**

*Micah 6:6-8 (NIV)*

<sup>6</sup>With what shall I come before the LORD and bow down before the exalted God? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? <sup>7</sup>Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of olive oil? Shall I offer my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? <sup>8</sup>He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

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

**Everyone: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

### **Epistle Lesson**

*I Thessalonians 4:13-18 (NIV)*

<sup>13</sup>Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. <sup>14</sup>For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. <sup>15</sup>According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. <sup>16</sup>For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup>After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. <sup>18</sup>Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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

**Everyone: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

**(Please stand for the reading of the Gospel)**

## **Gospel Lesson**

*Matthew 25:1-13 (NIV)*

*Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the 25<sup>nd</sup> chapter.*

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

<sup>1</sup>“At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup>Five of them were foolish and five were wise. <sup>3</sup>The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. <sup>4</sup>The wise ones, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. <sup>5</sup>The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep. <sup>6</sup>“At midnight the cry rang out: ‘Here’s the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!’ <sup>7</sup>“Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup>The foolish ones said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.’ <sup>9</sup>“‘No,’ they replied, ‘there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.’ <sup>10</sup>“But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut. <sup>11</sup>“Later the others also came. ‘Lord, Lord,’ they said, ‘open the door for us!’ <sup>12</sup>“But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I don’t know you.’ <sup>13</sup>“Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.

*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**

*Abide With Me, #601*



## **Communion Hymn**

*Nearer My God To Thee, #602*

## **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 Savior Pilot Me, #570*

*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: 7:15 am to 5 pm Little Blessings Christian Preschool:**  
Theme: Thanksgiving & Praise; Letters: Jj; Bible: David & Goliath.

**Wednesdays:** Choir, 5 pm

**Thursdays:** **No meetings** until further notice.

## **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!**

### **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.

**November 21, 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 25, Wednesday - 7 pm Thanksgiving Eve Service**



## **Birthdays and Anniversaries: November 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:** None      **Anniversaries:** None

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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



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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:**    5:00 pm    **Choir**

**Thursdays:**        **Until further notice, **NO meetings** of Call Committee, 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.



# I'm but a Stranger Here

I'm but a stranger here, Heav'n is my home;  
Earth is a desert drear, Heav'n is my home.  
Danger and sorrow stand Round me on every hand;  
Heav'n is my fatherland, Heav'n is my home.

What though the tempest rage? Heav'n is my home;  
Short is my pilgrimage, Heav'n is my home;  
And time's wild wintry blast Soon shall be over-past;  
I shall reach home at last, Heav'n is my home.

There at my Savior's side Heav'n is my home;  
May I be glorified, Heav'n is my home;  
There are the good and blest, Those I love most and best;  
Grant me with them to rest, Heav'n is my home.

Grant me to murmur not, Heav'n is my home;  
Whate'er my earthly lot, Heav'n is my home;  
Grant me at las to stand, Jesus at Thy right hand.  
There in my fatherland, Heav'n is my home.

# Abide With Me

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;  
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.  
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;  
Earth's joys grow dim; its glories pass away;  
Change and decay in all around I see;  
O Thou who changest not, abide with me.

I need Thy presence every passing hour.  
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power?  
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.

I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless;  
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.  
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?  
I triumph still, if Thou abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;  
Shine thro' the gloom and point me to the skies.  
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;  
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

# Nearer, My God, to Thee

Nearer, my God, to Thee, Nearer to Thee!  
E'en tho' it be a cross That raiseth me;  
Still all my song shall be Nearer, my God, to Thee,  
Nearer, my God, to Thee, Nearer to Thee!

Though like the wanderer, The sun gone down,  
Darkness be over me, My rest a stone;  
Yet in my dreams I'd be Nearer, my God, to Thee,  
Nearer, my God, to Thee, Nearer to Thee!

There let the way appear Steps unto heav'n;  
All that Thou sendest me In mercy giv'n;  
Angels to beckon me Nearer, my God, to Thee,  
Nearer, my God, to Thee, Nearer to Thee!

Then with my waking thoughts Bright with Thy praise,  
Out of my stony griefs Bethel I'll raise;  
So by my woes to be Nearer, my God, to Thee,  
Nearer, my God, to Thee, Nearer to Thee!

Or if on joyful wing, Cleaving the sky,  
Sun, moon, and stars forgot, Upwards I fly,  
Still all my song shall be, Nearer, my God, to Thee,  
Nearer, my God, to Thee, Nearer to Thee!

## Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me

Jesus, Savior, pilot me  
Over life's tempestuous sea;  
Unknown waves before me roll,  
Hiding rock and treach'rous shoal;  
Chart and compass come from Thee:  
Jesus, Savior, pilot me.

As a mother stills her child,  
Thou canst hush the ocean wild;  
Boist'rous waves obey Thy will  
When Thou say'st to them, "Be still."  
Wondrous Sov'reign of the sea,  
Jesus, Savior, pilot me.

When at last I near the shore,  
And the fearful breakers roar  
'Twixt me and the peaceful rest,  
Then, while leaning on Thy breast,  
May I hear Thee say to me,  
"Fear not, I will pilot thee."