

God Stretches Our
PATIENCE
to
ENLARGE
Our Soul

I waited patiently for the LORD, and
He inclined to me and heard my cry.
Psalm 40:1

First Sunday of Advent

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: Lift up your heads, you gates;

People: be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in

Pastor: This Advent Season, 2020, as we prepare to observe our Lord’s coming to save us,

People: We confess our sins, for the Lord is gracious, 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: Lord, You have blessed us so that once again we are preparing to observe and celebrate Your coming into our world. Forgive us our impatience at times, when we do not trust You enough to wait without undue anxiety for Your will to take place in our lives. Forgive us when we are afraid to use Your gifts or feel they are inadequate. We have not always trusted You enough, so that we willing to risk much as we have sought to be faithful to You, to help our neighbor, and to heal our world.

Pastor: Because of substitutionary person and work of our Lord Jesus Christ, true God and true human, 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: Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty. Amen.

Hymn of the Day

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus, # 5

Children's Sermonette:

*"Who Is The King of Glory?"
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

Psalm 24 (NIV)

¹ The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; ² for he founded it on the seas and established it on the waters. ³ Who may ascend the mountain of the LORD? Who may stand in his holy place? ⁴ The one who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not trust in an idol or swear by a false god. ⁵ They will receive blessing from the LORD and vindication from God their Savior. ⁶ Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek your face, God of Jacob. ⁷ Lift up your heads, you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. ⁸ Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle. ⁹ Lift up your heads, you gates; lift them up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. ¹⁰ Who is he, this King of glory? The LORD Almighty—he is the King of glory.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Everyone: THANKS BE TO GOD.

Epistle Lesson

Romans 13:8-14 (NIV)

⁸ Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law. ⁹ The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery," "You shall not murder," "You shall not steal," "You shall not covet," and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰ Love does no harm to a neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law. ¹¹ And do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. ¹² The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³ Let us behave

decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. ¹⁴ Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Everyone: THANKS BE TO GOD.

(Please stand for the reading of the Gospel)

Gospel Lesson

Mark 13:24-37 (NIV)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark, the 13th chapter.

Everyone: GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.

²⁴ “But in those days, following that distress, “the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; ²⁵ the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.’ ²⁶ “At that time people will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. ²⁷ And he will send his angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of the heavens. ²⁸ “Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. ²⁹ Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that it is near, right at the door. ³⁰ Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. ³¹ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away. ³² “But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³ Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come. ³⁴ It’s like a man going away: He leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with their assigned task, and tells the one at the door to keep watch. ³⁵ “Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back—whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn. ³⁶ If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping. ³⁷ What I say to you, I say to everyone: ‘Watch!’”

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

Hark The Glad Sound, # 12

Sermon

“Waiting”

Pastor Beryl Droegemueller

Message Notes:

General Prayer

Communion Hymn

Let Us Break Bread Together, #285

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

A Great and Mighty Wonder, # 47

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: Christmas; Letters: LI;

Bible: Birth of John the Baptist & Zechariah praised God

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!

December 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.

December 5th, Saturday - 10 am Decorating the Church.

February 7, 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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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.



# Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Come, Thou long expected Jesus  
Born to set Thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us;  
Let us find our rest in Thee.  
Israel's Strength and Consolation,  
Hope of all the earth Thou art;  
Dear desire of every nation,  
Joy of every longing heart.

Born Thy people to deliver,  
Born a child and yet a King,  
Born to reign in us forever,  
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By Thine own eternal Spirit  
Rule in all our hearts alone;  
By Thine all sufficient merit,  
Raise us to Thy glorious throne

# Hark, the Glad Sound!

Hark, the glad sound! The Savior comes,  
The Savior promised long;  
Let every heart prepare a throne,  
And every voice a song.

He comes, the prisoners to release,  
In Satan's bondage held.  
The gates of brass before Him burst,  
The iron fetters yield.

He comes the broken heart to bind,  
The bleeding soul to cure,  
And with the treasures of His grace  
To enrich the humble poor.

Our glad hosannas, Prince of peace,  
Your welcome shall proclaim,  
and Heaven's eternal arches ring  
with your beloved name.

## **Let Us Break Bread Together**

Let us break bread together on our knees,  
Let us break bread together on our knees.  
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees,  
Let us drink wine together on our knees.  
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees,  
Let us praise God together on our knees.  
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.

# A Great and Mighty Wonder

A great and mighty wonder  
Our Christmas Festival brings;  
On earth, a lowly Infant,  
Behold the King of kings!

The Word is made incarnate,  
Descending from on high;  
And cherubim sing anthems  
To shepherds, from the sky.

And we with them triumphant,  
Repeat the hymn again:  
“To God on high be glory,  
And peace on earth to men!”

Since all He comes to ransom,  
By all be He adored,  
The Infant born in Bethlehem,  
The Savior and the Lord!

All idol forms shall perish,  
And error shall decay,  
And Christ shall wield His scepter,  
Our Lord and God for aye.