

# Matthew 13:55-56



*<sup>55</sup> Is not this the carpenter's son? is not his mother called Mary? and his brethren, James, and Joses, and Simon, and Judas? <sup>56</sup> And his sisters, are they not all with us? Whence then hath this man all these things?*

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

**Prelude**

*Pianist: Aretta Engelhardt or Shirlene Everhart*

**Welcome and Announcements**

**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.*

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

**(Everyone) Amen.**

**Prayer of Confession of Sin**

*We pray to confess our sin to God and ask His forgiveness to remain humble before Him.*

**(Everyone) Gracious Heavenly Father, we rejoice that our Savior has come once again into our hearts! In this season of Lent, we are reminded of our sinful condition and our need for the only Savior of mankind, Jesus Christ. We also know that as poor sinners, we cannot earn or work our way to heaven. We have sinned in weakness and have done and said things that we later regretted. We have allowed sinful anger to invade our minds and impure thoughts to taint our soul. Therefore, we come before You with our Lenten faith and also a penitent heart, seeking Your pardon and peace. Please forgive us our sins for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, and His merits won for us on the cross. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

**Declaration of Grace**

*We remember the Good News that God forgives our sin because of Jesus.*

*(Pastor) The Bible encourages us to penitently and sincerely confess our sins. Having done so in faith, we now humbly seek God's pardon. Christ has promised to us His forgiveness because of His suffering and death at Calvary. Thus, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, and in the stead and by command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

**Opening Hymn**

**Jesus Loves Me, # 369**

**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 17: 1-7 (NKJV)*

<sup>1</sup> When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, "I *am* Almighty God; walk before Me and be blameless. <sup>2</sup> And I will make My covenant between Me and you, and will multiply you exceedingly." <sup>3</sup> Then Abram fell on his face, and God talked with him, saying: <sup>4</sup> "As for Me, behold, My covenant is with you, and you shall be a father of many nations. <sup>5</sup> No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you a father of many nations. <sup>6</sup> I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. <sup>7</sup> And I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you in their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and your descendants after you.

**Epistle**

*Romans 5:1-11 (NKJV)*

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup> through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup> And not only *that*, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; <sup>4</sup> and perseverance, character; and character, hope. <sup>5</sup> Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us. <sup>6</sup> For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup> For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. <sup>8</sup> But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup> Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. <sup>10</sup> For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. <sup>11</sup> And not only *that*, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.

(Please stand for the reading of the Gospel)

## **Gospel Reading**

*Matthew 13: 53-58 (NKJV)*

<sup>53</sup> Now it came to pass, when Jesus had finished these parables, that He departed from there. <sup>54</sup> When He had come to His own country, He taught them in their synagogue, so that they were astonished and said, "Where did this *Man* get this wisdom and *these* mighty works? <sup>55</sup> Is this not the carpenter's son? Is not His mother called Mary? And His brothers James, Joses, Simon, and Judas? <sup>56</sup> And His sisters, are they not all with us? Where then did this *Man* get all these things?" <sup>57</sup> So they were offended at Him. But Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his own country and in his own house." <sup>58</sup> Now He did not do many mighty works there because of their unbelief.

## **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**

*I Love to Tell the Story, # 304*

## **Sermon:**

*"Astonishment or rejection..." Matthew 13: 55-56  
Pastor Robert McDonald*

Message Notes: _____
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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**

*Softly and Tenderly, # 431*

*(Pastor): Go in Peace and Serve the Lord.*

**(Everyone): Thanks be to God**


### **Postlude**

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**Bible Quiz**

In Matthew 13, to what does Jesus compare the kingdom of heaven?

- A. A farmer sowing seed
- B. A mustard seed
- C. Yeast
- D. Hidden treasure
- E. A merchant who finds a pearl
- F. A fishing net
- G. All of the above



Answer: G (See Matthew 13:24-51.)

## **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:**

**Wednesdays: 7 pm Lenten Services March 3, 10, 17, 24**

**Thursdays: Choir, 5 pm; Until further notice, **NO other meetings****

## **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!**

**March 6, Saturday - *Normally* Women's Bible Study, 10 am.**

**March 20, 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.

## **May 2, 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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## Building Committed Followers of Jesus Christ

**Little Blessings Christian Preschool: (760) 722-1705**

**Preschool Schedule: Tuesday – 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:** 7:00 pm **Lentem Services**

**Thursdays:** 5:00 pm **Choir** Until further notice, **NO other meetings.**

**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.





# Jesus Loves Me

Jesus loves me! this I know,  
For the Bible tells me so;  
Little ones to Him belong,  
They are weak but He is strong.  
Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me!  
The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! He who died  
Heaven's gate to open wide;  
He will wash away my sin,  
Let His little child come in,  
Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me!  
The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! He will stay  
Close by me all the way;  
Thou hast bled and died for me,  
I will hence-forth live for Thee.  
Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me!  
The Bible tells me so.

# I Love to Tell the Story

I love to tell the story Of unseen things above,  
Of Jesus and His glory, Of Jesus and His love.  
I love to tell the story, Because I know 'tis true;  
It satisfies my longings As nothing else could do.

Refrain:

I love to tell the story, 'Twill be my theme in glory  
To tell the old, old story Of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story; More wonderful it seems  
Than all the golden fancies Of all our golden dreams.  
I love to tell the story, It did so much for me;  
And that is just the reason I tell it now to thee.

[Refrain]

I love to tell the story; 'Tis pleasant to repeat  
What seems, each time I tell it, More wonderfully sweet.  
I love to tell the story, For some have never heard  
The message of salvation From God's own holy Word.

[Refrain]

I love to tell the story, For those who know it best  
Seem hungering and thirsting To hear it, like the rest.  
And when, in scenes of glory I sing the new, new song,  
'Twill be the old, old story, That I have loved so long.

[Refrain]

# 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.

# Softly and Tenderly

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,  
Calling for you and for me;  
See, on the portals He's waiting and watching,  
Watching for you and for me.

Refrain:

Come home, come home  
Ye who are weary, come home;  
Earnestly, tenderly Jesus is calling  
Calling, O sinner come home!

Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,  
Pleading for you and for me?  
Why should we linger and heed not His mercies,  
Mercies for you and for me?  
[Refrain]

Time is now fleeting, the moments are passing,  
Passing from you and me;  
Shadows are gathering, deathbeds are coming,  
Coming for you and for me.  
[Refrain]

O for the wonderful love He has promised,  
Promised for you and for me!  
Though we have sinned, He has mercy and pardon  
Pardon for you and for me.  
[Refrain]