



*For God so loved the world
that he gave his one and only Son,
that whoever believes in him
shall not perish but have eternal life*

John 3:16

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The Fourth Sunday in Lent

The purpose of our Community is:
“Building Committed Followers of Jesus Christ”

Prelude

Pianist: Aretta Engelhardt or 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: Let us then confess our sins together unto our gracious Lord.

(A moment of silence is observed for personal confession)

Now let us confess together:

People: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a helpless and repentant sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your earthly and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them, and sincerely repent of them and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Pastor: God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. So upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of Christ, because of the person and work of Christ, announce the grace and forgiveness of God to all of you and in the stead and by the 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.

People: Amen.

Hymn of the Day

I Love to Tell the Story, #304

Children's Sermonette:

"A Gift of God"
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

Numbers 21:4-9 (NIV)

⁴ They traveled from Mount Hor along the route to the Red Sea, to go around Edom. But the people grew impatient on the way; ⁵ they spoke against God and against Moses, and said, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? There is no bread! There is no water! And we detest this miserable food!" ⁶ Then the LORD sent venomous snakes among them; they bit the people and many Israelites died. ⁷ The people came to Moses and said, "We sinned when we spoke against the LORD and against you. Pray that the LORD take the snakes away from us." So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸ The LORD said to Moses, "Make a snake and put it up on a pole; anyone who is bitten can look at it and live." ⁹ So Moses made a bronze snake and put it up on a pole. Then when anyone was bitten by a snake and looked at the bronze snake, they lived.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Everyone: THANKS BE TO GOD.

Epistle Lesson

Ephesians 2:1-10 (NIV)

¹ As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, ² in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. ³ All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. ⁴ But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, ⁵ made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. ⁶ And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, ⁷ in order that in the

coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— ⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast. ¹⁰ For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Everyone: THANKS BE TO GOD.

(Please stand for the reading of the Gospel)

Gospel Lesson

John 3:14-21 (NIV)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the 3rd chapter.

Everyone: GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.

¹⁴ Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, ¹⁵ that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.” ¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. ¹⁸ Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God’s one and only Son. ¹⁹ This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰ Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed. ²¹ But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God.

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

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

My Faith Looks Up To Thee, #397

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

Thursdays: Choir

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 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.

March 28 - Palm Sunday...Please wear purple or dark blue to worship service.

April 1, Thursday, - Mauday Thursday, 7 pm Worship Service

April 2, Friday - Good Friday, 7 pm Worship Service

April 3, Saturday Women's Bible study, 10 am, *Book of Acts*

April 4, Sunday - Easter Sunday, 10 am Worship Service

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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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:

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| <b>Sundays:</b>   | <b>10:00 am</b> | <b>Worship Service &amp; Sunday School</b>                    |
|                   | <b>11:00 am</b> | <b>Community Fellowship Time</b>                              |
|                   | <b>12:00 pm</b> | <b>Council Meeting, The <u>Third</u> Sunday of each month</b> |
| <b>Thursdays:</b> | <b>5:00 pm</b>  | <b>Choir practice</b>                                         |
| <b>Saturdays:</b> | <b>10:00 am</b> | <b>Women's Bible Study</b>                                    |
|                   |                 | The <b><u>First</u></b> Saturday of each month.               |
|                   | <b>9:00 am</b>  | <b>Free Food Distribution</b>                                 |
|                   |                 | The <b><u>Third</u></b> 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 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]

# Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Beneath the cross of Jesus  
I fain would take my stand,  
The shadow of a mighty Rock  
Within a weary land;  
A home within the wilderness,  
A rest upon the way,  
From the burning of the noontide heat,  
And the burden of the day.

Upon the cross of Jesus,  
Mine eye at times can see  
The very dying form of One,  
Who suffered there for me,  
And from my smitten heart with tears,  
These wonders I confess,  
The wonder of redeeming love  
And my unworthiness .

I take, O cross, thy shadow  
For my abiding place;  
I ask no other sunshine than  
The sunshine of His face;  
Content to let the world go by,  
To know no gain nor loss,  
My sinful self my only shame,  
My glory all the cross.

# Rock of Ages

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
Let me hide myself in Thee;  
Let the water and the blood,  
From Thy riven side which flowed,  
Be of sin the double cure,  
Save me from its guilt and power.

Not the labor of my hands  
Can fulfill Thy law's demands;  
Could my zeal no respite know,  
Could my tears forever flow,  
All for sin could not atone,  
Thou must save, and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hands I bring,  
Simply to Thy cross I cling;  
Naked, come to Thee for dress,  
Helpless look to Thee for grace;  
Foul, I to the fountain fly,  
Wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath,  
When my eyes shall close in death,  
When I soar to worlds unknown,  
See Thee on Thy judgment throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
Let me hide myself in Thee.

# My Faith Looks Up to Thee

My faith looks up to Thee,  
Thou Lamb of Calvary,  
Savior divine!

Now hear me while I pray, Take all my guilt away,  
O let me from this day Be wholly thine.

May Thy rich grace impart  
Strength to my fainting heart,  
My zeal inspire;  
As Thou hast died for me, O may my love to Thee  
Pure, warm, and changeless be, A living fire.

While life's dark maze I tread,  
And griefs around me spread,  
Be Thou my guide;  
Bid darkness turn to day, Wipe sorrow's tears away,  
Nor let me ever stray From Thee aside.

When ends life's transient dream,  
When death's cold, sullen stream  
Shall o'er me roll;  
Blest Savior, then, in love, Fear and distrust remove;  
O bear me safe above, A ransomed soul!