Finally, he appeared to the eleven, as they sat at table. And he rebuked them for their incredulity and hardness of heart, because they did not believe those who had seen that he had risen again. And he said to them: "Go forth to the whole world and preach the Gospel to every creature.

Mark 16:14-15

# The purpose of our Community is:

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.

#### Dedication of New Finial Cross on Christian Flag

Rusty and Nellie Taguba were original members of Community Lutheran Church since it started, and Nellie served on the Preschool committee when it was started. Nellie has also been very active in many local civic organizations, especially those supporting children. Rusty was a Navy veteran and real estate agent in Oceanside. He passed away in 2020 after several years of fighting Parkinsons disease.

The finial cross to be dedicated this morning was purchased, with two solid flagstaff bases, with money from the memorial gift Nelly gave us after the death of her husband Rusty. Replacement of the bases was necessary because they were no longer sturdy enough, the original cross was damaged when the flag fell over. We appreciate the support of Nellie and their daugher Jemma.

#### Prayer of Dedication

#### 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, in this Easter season, as today we are still rejoicing in the memory of your Son's Resurrection, we come before You to confess our sins and acknowledge our faults. We know that the great joy of Easter Sunday is behind us, yet we also understand that Christ's Risen Presence in our lives still brings us hope! However, we also realize that we have sinned in weakness this past week and have not always followed Your will for our lives. We have given in to temptation, and have not always obeyed Your Word. Therefore, we come before You in repentance and humility, to con-

fess our sins and seek Your pardon for the sake of Your Son's suffering and death at Calvary. Please forgive our sins for Jesus' sake, and renew us by Your Holy Spirit so that we might serve our living Savior with renewed Easter joy and peace in our hearts! In Jesus' name. Amen.

#### Declaration of Grace

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

(Pastor) The joy of the Easter season is still with us: He is Risen; He is Risen indeed! It is also appropriate that we today make confession of our sins, acknowledging our need for God's grace. The Scriptures assure us that if we confess our sins in faith, our Heavenly Father will forgive us our sins for the sake of Christ's suffering and death. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, 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. Amen.

#### **Opening Hymn**

I Know My Redeemer Lives, #97

Children's Sermonette: 'Heart Problems...' Pastor McDonald

#### 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.

#### First Lesson

Acts 5:32-35 (NKJV)

<sup>32</sup> And we are His witnesses to these things, and *so* also *is* the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey Him." <sup>33</sup> When they heard *this,* they were furious and plotted to kill them. <sup>34</sup> Then one in the council stood up, a Pharisee named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in respect by all the people, and commanded them to put the apostles outside for a little while. <sup>35</sup> And he said to them: "Men of Israel, take heed to yourselves what you intend to do regarding these men.

#### **Epistle**

I John 1:1 - 2:2 (NKJV)

<sup>1</sup> That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life— <sup>2</sup> the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us— <sup>3</sup> that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fel-

lowship with us; and truly our fellowship *is* with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup> And these things we write to you that your joy may be full. <sup>5</sup> This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup> If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. <sup>7</sup> But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. <sup>8</sup> If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup> If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup> If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us. <sup>~~~</sup> <sup>1</sup> My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. <sup>2</sup> And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.

(Please stand for the reading of the Gospel)

#### Gospel Reading

Mark 16:14-20 (NKJV)

<sup>14</sup> Later He appeared to the eleven as they sat at the table; and He rebuked their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they did not believe those who had seen Him after He had risen. <sup>15</sup> And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. <sup>16</sup> He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. <sup>17</sup> And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; <sup>18</sup> they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover." <sup>19</sup> So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God. <sup>20</sup> And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with *them* and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen.

#### 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

Sermon:

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing, # 115

'Hard to hear or hardness of heart?' Mark 16:14-15

	Pastor Robert McDonald
Message Notes:	

#### 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!

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Distribution

#### Benediction

A blessing we receive to send us out into the world once again.

#### Sending Hymn

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me, # 398

(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: Caterpillars & Butterflies; Numbers: #2; Bible: AmazingCatch of Fish

Wednesdays: 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!

April 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.

#### May 1, Saturday Women's Bible study, 10 am, Book of Acts

#### 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



#### **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 practice

Saturdays: 10:00 am Women's Bible Study

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

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#### 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 Know That My Redeemer Lives

I know that my Redeemer lives; what comfort this sweet sentence gives! He lives, He lives, who once was dead; He lives, my everliving Head.

He lives to bless me with His love, He lives to plead for me above, He lives my hungry soul to feed, He lives to help in time of need.

He lives to grant me rich supply, He lives to guide me with His eye, He lives to comfort me when faint, He live to hear my soul's complaint.

He lives to silence all my fears, He lives to wipe away my tears, He lives to calm my troubled heart, He lives all blessings to impart.

He lives, all glory to His name!
He lives, my Jesus still the same:
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives!

# A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

A hymn of glory let us sing! New hymns throughout the world shall ring: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Christ, by a road before untrod, Ascends unto the throne of God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The holy apostolic band Upon the Mount of Olives stand.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

And with His faithful followers see Their Lord ascend in majesty.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

To whom shining angels cry, "Why stand and gaze upon the sky?" Alleluia! Alleluia!

"This is the Savior!" Thus they say, "This is His glorious triumph-day!"

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

"You see Him now, ascending high Up to the portals of the sky."

Alleluia! Alleluia!

"Hereafter Jesus you shall see Returning in great majesty."
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O Lord, Our homeward pathway bend, That our unwearied hearts ascend.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Where, seated on Your Father's throne, You reign as King of kings alone.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Give us Your joy on earth, O Lord, In Heav'n to be our great reward.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

When throned with You forever, we Shall praise Your name eternally.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O risen Christ, ascended Lord, Al praise to You let earth accord: Alleluia! Alleluia!

You are, while endless ages run, With Father and with Spirit one.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## He Is Arisen! Glorious Word

He is arisen! Glorious Word!
Now reconciled is God, my Lord;
The gates of heav'n are open.
My Jesus died triumphantly,
And Satan's arrows broken lie,
Destroyed hell's direst weapon.
Oh hear What cheer!
Christ victorious
Riseth glorious,
Life He giveth
He was dead, but see, He liveth!

# **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.