



FOR WE WALK by

FAITH

NOT by

Sight

2 CORINTHIANS 5:7

*The purpose of our Community is:*

*“Building Committed Followers of Jesus Christ”*

**Prelude**

*Pianist: Aretta Engelhardt or Shirlene Everhart*

**The Invocation & CONFESSION OF SINS**

*(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.)*

**The Invocation** [*Invocation -Latin: “To Call Upon”*]

*Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the X Son and of the Holy Spirit*

**People: Amen**

**The Confession of Sins and Absolution**

*Pastor: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?*

**People: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

*Silence for personal confession and self-examination.*

*Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.*

**People: I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me because of Christ, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.**

*Pastor: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and given to us His only Son to suffer and die for our salvation. As one of the servants of Christ in this place, and by His authority, I announce unto you the forgiveness of all you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

**People: Amen.**

**Hymn of the Day**

*Blessed Jesus, At Thy Word, #232*

**Children's Sermonette**

*"What Are We Thinking About?"  
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**

*Ezekiel 17:22-24 [ESV]*

<sup>22</sup> Thus says the Lord GOD: "I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of the cedar and will set it out. I will break off from the topmost of its young twigs a tender one, and I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. <sup>23</sup> On the mountain height of Israel will I plant it, that it may bear branches and produce fruit and become a noble cedar. And under it will dwell every kind of bird; in the shade of its branches birds of every sort will nest. <sup>24</sup> And all the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD; I bring low the high tree, and make high the low tree, dry up the green tree, and make the dry tree flourish. I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it."

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

**Everyone: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

**The Psalmody**

*Psalm 1 [ESV]*

<sup>1</sup> Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; <sup>2</sup> but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night. <sup>3</sup> He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers. <sup>4</sup> The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away. <sup>5</sup> Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; <sup>6</sup> for the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

**Epistle Lesson**

*2 Corinthians 5:1-17 [ESV]*

<sup>1</sup> For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. <sup>2</sup> For

in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, <sup>3</sup> if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. <sup>4</sup> For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. <sup>5</sup> He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee. <sup>6</sup> So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, <sup>7</sup> for we walk by faith, not by sight. <sup>8</sup> Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. <sup>9</sup> So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. <sup>10</sup> For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil. <sup>11</sup> Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade others. But what we are is known to God, and I hope it is known also to your conscience. <sup>12</sup> We are not commending ourselves to you again but giving you cause to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast about outward appearance and not about what is in the heart. <sup>13</sup> For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. <sup>14</sup> For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; <sup>15</sup> and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised. <sup>16</sup> From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. <sup>17</sup> Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

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

**Everyone: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

(Please stand for the reading of the Gospel)

## **Gospel Lesson**

*Mark 4:26-34 [ESV]*

*Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark, the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter.*

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

<sup>26</sup> And he said, “The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. <sup>27</sup> He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how. <sup>28</sup> The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. <sup>29</sup> But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come.” <sup>30</sup> And he said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it? <sup>31</sup> It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown on the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, <sup>32</sup> yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes larger than all

the garden plants and puts out large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”<sup>33</sup> With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it.<sup>34</sup> He did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to his own disciples he explained everything.

*Pastor: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.*

**People: Hosanna in the highest!**

## ***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***

*Nearer, My God, To Thee, #602*

***Sermon***

*“The Kingdom of God”*

*Pastor Droegemueller*

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## **General Prayer**

**Communion Hymn**      *My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less, #507*

## **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**      *Savior, Again To Thy Dear Name We Raise!, #246*

*Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord with gladness.*

**People: 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**

**Wednesdays: 5 pm Choir; 6:30 pm Potluck; 7 pm Bible Study**

## ***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!***

***June 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.\*](#)

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

***August 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.





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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 pm** **Choir;**   **6:30 pm** **Potluck;**   **7 pm** **Bible Study**

**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](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.



# Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word

Blessed Jesus, at Thy word  
we are gathered all to hear Thee;  
Let our hearts and souls be stirred  
now to seek and love and fear Thee;  
By Thy teachings sweet and holy,  
Drawn from earth to love Thee solely.

All our knowledge, sense, and sight  
lie in deepest darkness shrouded,  
till Thy Spirit breaks our night  
with the beams of truth unclouded.  
Thou alone to God canst win us,  
Thou must work all good within us.

Glorious Lord, Thyself impart!  
Light of Light, from God proceeding,  
open Thou our ears and heart,  
help us by Thy Spirit's pleading;  
Hear the cry Thy people raises,  
Hear, and bless our prayers and praises.

# 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!

# My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less

My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain:

On Christ the solid rock I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand,  
All other ground is sinking sand,

When darkness veils his lovely face,  
I rest on His unchanging grace;  
In every high and stormy gale,  
My anchor holds within the veil.

Refrain

His oath, His covenant, His blood,  
Supports me in the whelming flood;  
When all around my soul gives way,  
He then is all my hope and stay.

Refrain

When He shall come with trumpet sound,  
Oh may I then in Him be found;  
Dressed in his righteousness alone,  
Faultless to stand before the throne.

Refrain

# Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise

Savior, again to thy dear name we raise  
With one accord our parting hymn of praise;  
Once more we bless Thee ere our worship cease,  
Then, lowly bending, wait Thy word of peace.

Grant us Thy peace upon our homeward way;  
With Thee began, with Thee shall end the day;  
Guard Thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,  
That in this house have called upon Thy name.

Grant us Thy peace, Lord, through the coming night,  
Turn Thou for us its darkness into light;  
From harm and danger keep Thy children free,  
For dark and light are both alike to Thee.

Grant us Thy peace throughout our earthly life,  
Our balm in sorrow, and our stay in strife;  
Then, when Thy voice shall bid our conflict cease,  
Call us, O Lord, to Thine eternal peace.