

Behold



the **Lamb** of God



that takes away

the **sin of the world**

John 1:29

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

The purpose of our Community is:

❧❧❧ *“Building Committed Followers of Jesus Christ”* ❧❧❧

Prelude

Pianists: Aretta Engelhardt or Shirlene Everhart

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation [Invocation - Latin: To Call Upon”]

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

(Everyone) Amen.

Confession of Sins and Absolution

Pastor: The Almighty God will wipe away the tears from all faces; He will remove the sins and wrongdoing of His people from all the earth. Isaiah 25:8b

People: Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable- if anything is excellent or praiseworthy- think about such things. Philippians 4:8

Pastor: God calls us to confess our sins and repent of them.

(A moment of silent, personal confession is observed)

Pastor: Almighty and all-merciful God, You know us intimately. You are present everywhere and know all things.

People: We confess before You that we are sinful and in need of forgiveness. We have sinned in our thoughts, words, and actions. Our thoughts have often been focused only on earthly things. We have cowered in fear of our mortality. We have often refused to partake of the strength and joy You provide by not trusting in Your knowledge, power, and love for us.

Pastor: I, as one of the servants of Christ in this place, because of the substitutionary person, life, work, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, announce unto you the forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. May He who began this good work within you bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Amen.

Hymn of the Day

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise, #59

Children's Sermonette:

"The Little Drummer Boy"
Pastor 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 139 [ESV]

[The Psalmist (David) praises God for His intimate knowledge and care for people.]

¹ O LORD, you have searched me and known me! ² You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar. ³ You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways. ⁴ Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O LORD, you know it altogether. ⁵ You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. ⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it. ⁷ Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence? ⁸ If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there! ⁹ If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, ¹⁰ even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me. ¹¹ If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light about me be night," ¹² even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is bright as the day, for darkness is as light with you. ¹³ For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. ¹⁴ I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well. ¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. ¹⁶ Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them. ¹⁷ How precious to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! ¹⁸ If I would count them, they are more than the sand. I awake, and I am still with you. ¹⁹ Oh that you would slay the wicked, O God! O men of blood, depart from me! ²⁰ They speak against you with malicious intent; your enemies take your name in vain. ²¹ Do I not hate those who hate you, O LORD? And do I not loathe those who rise up against you? ²² I hate them with complete hatred; I count them my enemies. ²³ Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! ²⁴ And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

Everyone: Thanks be to God.

Epistle Lesson**Ephesians 3:1-12 [ESV]***[Paul rejoices in his calling to preach to the Gentiles.]*

¹ For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles—
² assuming ² assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that
 was given to me for you, ³ how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as
 I have written briefly. ⁴ When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mys-
 tery of Christ, ⁵ which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations
 as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. ⁶ This
 mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body,
 and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. ⁷ Of this gospel I
 was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was given me by the
 working of his power. ⁸ To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace
 was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, ⁹ and to bring
 to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God, who cre-
 ated all things, ¹⁰ so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now
 be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹ This was ac-
 cording to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹² in
 whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

Everyone: Thanks be to God.

Choir Offering

(Please stand for the reading of the Gospel)

Holy Gospel Reading**John 1:29-42 [ESV]**

*[John the Baptist points out Jesus as "the Lamb of God that takes away the sins of the world".
 Jesus calls the first disciples.]*

Pastor: *The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 1st chapter.*

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²⁹ The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of
 God, who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰ This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes
 a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.' ³¹ I myself did not know
 him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Is-
 rael." ³² And John bore witness: "I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove,
 and it remained on him. ³³ I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to bap-
 tize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this
 is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' ³⁴ And I have seen and have borne witness
 that this is the Son of God." ³⁵ The next day again John was standing with two of his
 disciples, ³⁶ and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, "Behold, the Lamb of
 God!" ³⁷ The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸ Jesus
 turned and saw them following and said to them, "What are you seeking?" And they
 said to him, "Rabbi" (which means Teacher), "where are you staying?" ³⁹ He said to

them, "Come and you will see." So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. ⁴⁰ One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹ He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means Christ). ⁴² He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon the son of John. You shall be called Cephas" (which means Peter).

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the 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

Blessed Assurance, #511

Sermon

*"Epiphany: The Almighty and Eternal God Loves Us"
Pastor Droegemueller*

Message Notes: _____

Message Notes cont'd: _____

General Prayer

Communion Hymn

Angels We Have Heard on High, #278

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

What Child Is This, #281

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 School

Wednesdays: 5 pm - Choir
6:00 pm - Potluck
7:00 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!

January 30, Sunday - Congregational Voter's meeting, after service.

February 5, Saturday - Women's Bible Study

February 6, 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.

February 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.



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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

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 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

Facebook Page: Community Lutheran Oceanside

*AFLC [Association of Free Lutheran Congregations]: 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.



Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to Thee we raise;
Manifested by the star To the sages from afar,
Branch of royal David's stem In Thy birth at Bethlehem:
Anthems be to Thee addressed,
God in flesh made manifest.

Manifest at Jordan's stream, Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;
And at Cana wedding guest, In Thy God-head manifest;
Manifest in pow'r divine, Changing water into wine;
Anthems be to Thee addressed,
God in flesh made manifest.

Manifest in making whole Palsied limbs and fainting soul;
Manifest in valiant fight, Quelling all the devil's might;
Manifest in gracious will, Ever bringing good from ill:
Anthems be to Thee addressed,
God in flesh made manifest.

Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord, Present in Thy holy Word;
Grace to imitate Thee now And be pure, as pure art thou;
That we might become like Thee At Thy great epiphany,
And may praise Thee, ever blest,
God in flesh made manifest.

Blessed Assurance

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

Refrain:

This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight!
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending bring from above,
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Refrain

Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blest;
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

Refrain

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.

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

What a friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear;
And what a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit,
Oh, what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged:
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful,
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness,
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy-laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge;
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In His arms He'll take and shield thee,
Thou wilt find a solace there.