

Oh, how great are God's riches and wisdom
and knowledge! How impossible it is for us
to understand his decisions and his ways!

Romans II: 33

THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE FESTIVAL OF PENTECOST

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

Prelude**Shirlene Everhart****Welcome and Announcements****The 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.*

People: **Amen.**

The Confession of Sins & Absolution

[Before we can praise or enter into the presence of God, we confess our sins and for Christ's sake, our Heavenly Father forgives, inviting us to enter into His Holy Presence.]

Pastor: *Let us confess our sins to God, our Father, asking forgiveness through His Son, Jesus, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.*

(A moment of silence for personal confession is observed)

Pastor: *Now let us confess together:*

People: **We admit that we have not always shared the faith in Christ as the Apostles have taught us. We rejoice in having the gift of faith, but recognize that we, like Job and Peter,, question God's will and wisdom. Forgive us and open our eyes to see the opportunities to tell of our faith. Give us compassionate hearts to care for those around us. Have mercy on us, because of the Lamb of God, Jesus Christ. Forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Pastor: *Almighty God has had mercy upon you and has given His only Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. Because of the person, life, suffering, death and resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ, Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I 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 in you bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

All: **Amen**

Hymn of the Day*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name, #174***Children's Sermonette:**

"What Is My Purpose In Life?"
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.

The Old Testament:***Psalms 138 [ESV]***

[King David teaches us to always thank God for His care and guidance in life.]

¹ I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise;
² I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness, for you have exalted above all things your name and your word. ³ On the day I called, you answered me; my strength of soul you increased. ⁴ All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O LORD, for they have heard the words of your mouth, ⁵ and they shall sing of the ways of the LORD, for great is the glory of the LORD. ⁶ For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly, but the haughty he knows from afar. ⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life; you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies, and your right hand delivers me. ⁸ The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Everyone: Thanks be to God.

The Epistle Lesson:***Romans 11:33-12:8 [ESV]***

[The Apostle Paul reminds us that God's ways are above and beyond our understanding.]

³³ Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! ³⁴ "For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?" ³⁵ "Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?" ³⁶ For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen. ~~~ ¹ I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ² Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. ³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to

think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴ For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, ⁵ so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. ⁶ Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; ⁷ if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; ⁸ the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Everyone: Thanks be to God.

[If you are able, please stand for the reading of the Gospel]

Holy Gospel Lesson:

Matthew 16:13-20 [ESV]

[Peter Confesses Jesus as the Christ, the Promised Messiah.]

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 16th chapter.

Everyone: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴ And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵ He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶ Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." ²⁰ Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord

Everyone: 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 Fa-

Message Notes cont'd: _____

General Prayer

Communion Hymn

Just As I Am, Without One Plea, #417

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

Sent Forth by God's Blessing, #284

Pastor: Go In Peace and Serve the Lord!

Everyone: Thanks be to God

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## **Postlude**

## **TODAY:**

FYI - Pastor Droegemueller will be leading a 30-minute Bible Study after Fellowship time this Sunday,

**Subject:** "What Does the Bible Say About What Happens When We Die and/or At The End of The World?"

We will begin after worship service and fellowship time [a chance to visit and have refreshments]. Everyone is invited to stay for the Bible Study.

## **Things going on during the week:**

**Monday-Friday:** 7:15 am to 5 pm Little Blessings Christian School

**Thursday:** Choir practice is on vacation until after Labor Day

## **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!**

**September 4, Labor Day**

**September 9, Saturday - Women's Bible Study**

**November 5, 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) 378-7973**

**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**  
                      11:30 am    **Council Meeting, Usually, Third Sunday of each month**
- Thursdays:**    5:00 pm      **Choir Practice**
- Saturdays:**    10:00 am     **Women's Bible Study, Second Saturday each month**

For more information, please visit:

**Website:** [www.cloceanside.com](http://www.cloceanside.com)

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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.

