

Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar
and to God what belongs to God.



THE TWENTY-FIRST 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: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

People: **Who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: With confidence I will confess my sins unto the Lord.

People: **For the Lord is gracious and compassionate and rich in forgiveness.**

(A moment of silence for personal confession is observed)

Pastor: *Let us then confess our sins together unto our gracious Lord.*

People: **Father, we confess to You that in these troubled times in our world, we have doubts about Your care for us, our families, our Country and our world. You have gathered us together and entrusted us as one people in Your Church. Yet often, we fail to use the gifts You have given each of us to find meaning and purpose with our lives. Forgive us our sins of self-centeredness and not trusting in You, and enable us to see the world as You do---filled with people who need to know the grace, love, and forgiveness of Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

Pastor: *Because of substitutionary person and work of our Lord Jesus Christ, who paid the penalty for our sins, by dying physically and undergoing Hell on our behalf, thus making payment for our sins, I therefore, as one of the servants of Christ in this place, announce unto you the forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

People: Amen.

Hymn of the Day*America, the Beautiful, #630***Children's Sermonette:***"Follow the Leader"
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:***Isaiah 45:1–7 [ESV]**[God foretells through Isaiah, about 200 years before it happens, that He will raise up a Persian King, Cyrus, to free Israel from the Babylonian Captivity and return to Israel.]*

¹ Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped, to subdue nations before him and to loose the belts of kings, to open doors before him that gates may not be closed: ² "I will go before you and level the exalted places, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron" ³ I will give you the treasures of darkness and the hoards in secret places, that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. ⁴ For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I name you, though you do not know me. ⁵ I am the LORD, and there is no other, besides me there is no God; I equip you, though you do not know me, ⁶ that people may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is none besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other. ⁷ I form light and create darkness, I make well-being and create calamity, I am the LORD, who does all these things.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Everyone: Thanks be to God.**The Epistle Lesson:***1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 [ESV]**[The Apostle Paul gives thanks for the Christians in Thessalonica and reminds us that Christians set the example for others in following and living for Christ.]*

¹ Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. ² We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, ³ remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵ because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy

Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶ And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, ⁷ so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸ For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. ⁹ For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, ¹⁰ and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

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 22:15-22 [ESV]

[Jesus teaches us about God's order in our world, who is in charge, and how He works.]

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 22nd chapter.

Everyone: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁵ Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle him in his words. ¹⁶ And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone's opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. ¹⁷ Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?" ¹⁸ But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹ Show me the coin for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰ And Jesus said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" ²¹ They said, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." ²² When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.

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 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,

Message Notes cont'd: _____

Prayers of the Church

Communion Hymn

Be Present At Our Table Lord, #393

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

God Be With You Till We Meet Again, #251

Pastor: Go In Peace and Serve the Lord!

Everyone: Thanks be to God

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### ***Postlude***

## **TODAY:**

**Bible Class:** About 10-15 minutes after the conclusion of worship, you are invited to join us for a brief Bible study on “What Does The Bible Say About Gender Dysphoria?”.

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

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

**Thursday:** 5 pm Choir practice

## **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!**

### **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.

### **November 11, Saturday - Women’s Bible Study**



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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)

**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.

