

I AM COME  
that they  
might have *Life*  
and that they might have it  
**MORE**  
Abundantly

JOHN 10:10

**Fifth Sunday after Epiphany**

*The purpose of our Community is:  
 ❀❀❀ "Building Committed Followers of Jesus Christ" ❀❀❀*

**Prelude**

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.**

**Prayer of Confession of Sin**

**[Everyone]:** Gracious Heavenly Father, we truly appreciate and value the life, both physical and spiritual, that You have given to each of us. For years, You have protected us and our families from physical harm and danger; You have miraculously granted us the spiritual life of faith through baptism; and we thank you for both. Yet, we must also come before You today admitting that we are sinful human beings, and that we cannot work or earn our way to eternal life with You. We have often sinned in weakness, and given in to temptation in situations that we knew were wrong and sinful. We have also sinned through pride and indifference, and have done and said things of which we are ashamed. Thus, we come before You with a penitent heart, seeking Your pardon and peace for our past. Please pardon and forgive our many sins for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, and His merits won for us on the cross. In Jesus' name. Amen.

**Declaration of Grace**

*[Pastor]: As we have now begun a new month this past week, we desire only to confess our sins. Having done so in faith, we now humbly seek God's pardon. Christ has promised to us His forgiveness because of His suffering and death at Calvary. Thus, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, and in the stead and by command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I announce the forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. Peace be with you. Amen.*

**Opening Hymn**

*Crown Him with Many Crowns, #172*

**Children's Sermonette:** "Who has given us life?" Pastor McDonald

## **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**

**Genesis 1:1, 3, 5, 26-28; 2:7 [NKJV]**

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. ~~~ <sup>3</sup> Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. ~~~ <sup>5</sup> God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. So the evening and the morning were the first day. ~~~ <sup>26</sup> Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." <sup>27</sup> So God created man in His *own* image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. <sup>28</sup> Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth." ~~~ <sup>2:7</sup> And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.

### **Epistle Lesson**

**Romans 12:1-5 [NKJV]**

<sup>1</sup> I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is* your reasonable service. <sup>2</sup> And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God. <sup>3</sup> For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think *of himself* more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith. <sup>4</sup> For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, <sup>5</sup> so we, *being* many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another.

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

### **Gospel Lesson**

**John 10:9-15 [NKJV]**

<sup>9</sup> I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup> The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have *it* more abundantly. <sup>11</sup> "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup> But a hire-

ling, *he who is* not the shepherd, one who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf catches the sheep and scatters them. <sup>13</sup>The hireling flees because he is a hireling and does not care about the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd; and I know My *sheep*, and am known by My own. <sup>15</sup>As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep.

### ***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:**

*Beautiful Savior, #177*

**Sermon:**

*‘The Sanctity of Human Life!’*

*John 10:10*

*Pastor Robert McDonald*

**Message Notes:**

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**Communion Hymn***Create in Me a Clean Heart, #392***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****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 Music**

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

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

**Choir Practice is on vacation.**

## ***Mark Your Calendars!***

### ***February 4, 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 2023 on the first Sunday in February, May, August & November.

**February 14 - 6 pm, Ash Wednesday**

**February 21, Wednesday - 6 pm. Lenten Service**

**February 26, Monday - 9 am, Women's Bible Study**

**February 26, Monday - 10 am, Council meeting**

**February 28, Wednesday - 6 pm. Lenten Service**

## ***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.

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## Building Committed Followers of Jesus Christ

**Little Blessings Christian Preschool: (760) 378-7973**

**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**

**Mondays: 9:00 am Women's Bible Study, usually 3rd Monday each month**  
**10:00 am Council Meeting, usually 3rd Monday each month**

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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.

