

James in a jiffy

A quick summary of JAMES 2:1-17

JAMES 2:1-4

DON'T PLAY FAVORITES

BECAUSE GOD DOESN'T.



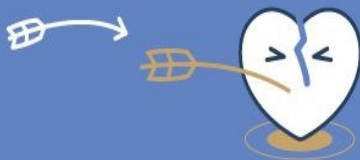
JAMES 2:5-7

STOP FAVORING —the rich—



JAMES 2:8-11

FAVORING SOME OVER OTHERS BREAKS GOD'S LAW OF LOVE



JAMES 2:12-13

Want mercy? SHOW MERCY

JAMES 2:14-17

LET YOUR DEEDS

PROVE your faith.



The purpose of our Community is:

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

Prelude

Aretta Englehardt or 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 silent personal confession is observed)

Pastor: *Now let us confess together:*

People: *We admit that we have not always lived and shared the faith in Christ as the Apostles have taught us. We rejoice in having the gift of faith, but recognize that we often question God's will and wisdom in our lives. Forgive us and open our eyes to see the opportunities to tell and apply 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

Holy, Holy, Holy, #134

Children's Sermonette: *“Doing All Things Well”* **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 Lesson

Isaiah 35:1-10 [ESV]

[The Prophet Isaiah foretells of the time when the exiled shall be returned and when the Promised Messiah will bring God's blessings..]

¹ The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus; ² it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. ³ Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. ⁴ Say to those who have an anxious heart, "Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you." ⁵ Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; ⁶ then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; ⁷ the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. ⁸ And a highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Way of Holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it. It shall belong to those who walk on the way; even if they are fools, they shall not go astray. ⁹ No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. ¹⁰ And the ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Everyone: Thanks be to God.

The Epistle Lesson:

James 2:1-17 [ESV]

[The Apostle James teaches us that we are saved by faith in Christ, but that faith is to be applied.]

¹ My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. ² For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, ³ and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, "You sit here in a good place," while you say to the poor man, "You stand over there," or, "Sit down at my feet," ⁴ have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵ Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those

who love him? ⁶ But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? ⁷ Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called? ⁸ If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well. ⁹ But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰ For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it. ¹¹ For he who said, "Do not commit adultery," also said, "Do not murder." If you do not commit adultery but do murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. ¹² So speak and so act as those who are to be judged under the law of liberty. ¹³ For judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment. ¹⁴ What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? ¹⁵ If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, ¹⁶ and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? ¹⁷ So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

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:

Mark 7:24-37 [ESV]

[The accounts of the Syrophenician woman's faith and the healing of the deaf man.]

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 7thth chapter.

Everyone: Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁴ And from there he arose and went away to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And he entered a house and did not want anyone to know, yet he could not be hidden. ²⁵ But immediately a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit heard of him and came and fell down at his feet. ²⁶ Now the woman was a Gentile, a Syrophenician by birth. And she begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷ And he said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." ²⁸ But she answered him, "Yes, Lord; yet even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." ²⁹ And he said to her, "For this statement you may go your way; the demon has left your daughter." ³⁰ And she went home and found the child lying in bed and the demon gone. ³¹ Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³² And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³ And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. ³⁴ And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." ³⁵ And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶ And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷ And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has

Message Notes cont'd: _____

Prayers of the Church

Communion Hymn

Rock of Ages, #398

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

In the Garden, #548

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 **"St. Bartholomew, Apostle"**

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

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

**Choir practice is on vacation.**

## **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 16, Monday - 9 am, Women's Bible Study  
-10 am, Council Meeting**

**November 3, 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       |
|            | ~ 11:15 am | 30-minute Bible Study           |
| 3rd Monday | 9:00 am    | Usually Women's Bible           |
|            | 10:00 am   | Usually Council Meeting         |

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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.

