

AND EVEN THE VERY HAIRS OF  
YOUR HEAD ARE ALL NUMBERED. SO  
DON'T BE AFRAID; YOU ARE WORTH  
MORE THAN MANY SPARROWS.

MATTHEW 10:30-31

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

### **Prelude**

*Aretta Engelhardt or Shirlene Everhart*

### **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Prayer of Confession of Sin**

**(Everyone):** Gracious Heavenly Father, as we are now approaching the winter season, we know the weather is getting cooler and even cold! As our Gospel lesson reminds us, we know that we are often timid about witnessing to others, especially those in our own families! Give us the courage to be bold with the use of Jesus' name, and to share that name with those around us. We also understand that, as sinful human beings, we have said things and done things for which we are sorry, and we have reacted in situations in ways which were not appropriate. For all these weaknesses, we come now in sincere and complete confession, and humbly seek Your pardon and mercy. Please forgive us our failure to share the Gospel with others, those who might desire to learn about Christ because of our possible witness! May our walk in life continue to serve our Savior in great joy and peace. In Jesus' name. Amen.

### **Declaration of Grace**

*(Pastor): The Bible tells us that we are to take every opportunity that God provides to share our faith! Let us be bold in our witness and simply be willing to tell a friend that Jesus is the only Savior of mankind, there is no other. We now humbly seek God the Father's pardon, for Jesus' sake. Christ has promised to us His forgiveness because of His suffering and death at Calvary. May the Gospel of the cross bring us to Calvary in confession and repentance. 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.*

### **Opening Hymn**

*Take My Life and Let It Be, #453*

### **Children's Sermonette:**

*“Are we ever nervous about witnessing?...”  
 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**

*Daniel 3:24-30 [NKJV]*

<sup>24</sup> Then King Nebuchadnezzar was astonished; and he rose in haste *and* spoke, saying to his counselors, “Did we not cast three men bound into the midst of the fire?” They answered and said to the king, “True, O king.” <sup>25</sup> “Look!” he answered, “I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire; and they are not hurt, and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God.” <sup>26</sup> Then Nebuchadnezzar went near the mouth of the burning fiery furnace *and* spoke, saying, “Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego, servants of the Most High God, come out, and come *here*.” Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego came from the midst of the fire. <sup>27</sup> And the satraps, administrators, governors, and the king’s counselors gathered together, and they saw these men on whose bodies the fire had no power; the hair of their head was not singed nor were their garments affected, and the smell of fire was not on them. <sup>28</sup> Nebuchadnezzar spoke, saying, “Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego, who sent His Angel and delivered His servants who trusted in Him, and they have frustrated the king’s word, and yielded their bodies, that they should not serve nor worship any god except their own God! <sup>29</sup> Therefore I make a decree that any people, nation, or language which speaks anything amiss against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego shall be cut in pieces, and their houses shall be made an ash heap; because there is no other God who can deliver like this.” <sup>30</sup> Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego in the province of Babylon.

### **Second Lesson**

*Hebrews 7:20-27 [NKJV]*

<sup>20</sup> And inasmuch as *He* was not *made* priest without an oath <sup>21</sup> (for they have become priests without an oath, but He with an oath by Him who said to Him: “The Lord has sworn And will not relent, ‘You *are* a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek’ ”), <sup>22</sup> by so much more Jesus has become a surety of a better covenant. <sup>23</sup> Also there were many priests, because they were prevented by death from continuing. <sup>24</sup> But He, because He continues forever, has an unchangeable priesthood. <sup>25</sup> Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them. <sup>26</sup> For such a High Priest was fitting for us, *who is* holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens; <sup>27</sup> who does not need daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins and then for the people’s, for this He did once for all when He offered up Himself.

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

## Gospel Lesson

Matthew 10:27-39 [NKJV]

<sup>27</sup> “Whatever I tell you in the dark, speak in the light; and what you hear in the ear, preach on the housetops. <sup>28</sup> And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. <sup>29</sup> Are not two sparrows sold for a copper coin? And not one of them falls to the ground apart from your Father’s will. <sup>30</sup> But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. <sup>31</sup> Do not fear therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. <sup>32</sup> “Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. <sup>33</sup> But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven. <sup>34</sup> “Do not think that I came to bring peace on earth. I did not come to bring peace but a sword. <sup>35</sup> For I have come to ‘set a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law’; <sup>36</sup> and ‘a man’s enemies *will be* those of his *own* household.’ <sup>37</sup> He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. <sup>38</sup> And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me. <sup>39</sup> He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for My sake will find it.

## 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:**

*In the Garden, #548*

**Sermon:**

*“Closet Christians?”*

*Matthew 10:30-31  
Pastor Robert McDonald*

**Message Notes:**

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**Communion Hymn***Sun of My Soul! Thou Savior Dear, #250***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***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 Music**

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

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

**Choir 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!***

***October 22, Tuesday - 9 am Church Bible Study, all women & men are invited.  
10 or 10:30 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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## 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**  
                      ~ 11:15 am    **30-minute Bible Study**

**3rd Monday**    9:00 am    **All Church Bible Study**  
                          10:00 or 10:30 am    **Council Meeting**

**Choir practice is on vacation.**

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.

