

I know who You are  
— the Holy One of  
God!

∞ Luke 4:34 (NKJV)



**THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD**

**The purpose of our Community is:**

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

**Prelude**

*Aretta Englehardt or Shirlene Everhart*

**Welcome and Announcements**

**THE INVOCATION** [*Invocation -Latin: “To Call Upon”*]: (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:**

*Pastor: The Almighty God will wipe away the tears from all faces; He will remove the sins and wrongdoing of His people from all the earth. Isaiah 25:8b*

**People: Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable- if anything is excellent or praiseworthy-think about such things. Philippians 4:8**

*Pastor: God calls us to confess our sins and repent of them.*

*(A moment of silent personal confession is observed)*

*Pastor: Almighty and all-merciful God, You know us intimately. You are present everywhere and know all things.*

**People: We confess before You that we are sinful and in need of forgiveness. We have sinned in our thoughts, words, and actions. Our thoughts have often been focused only on earthly things. We have cowered in fear of our mortality. We have often refused to partake of the strength and joy You provide by not trusting in Your knowledge, power, and love for us.**

*Pastor: I, as one of the servants of Christ in this place, because of the substitutionary person, life, work, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, 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 within you bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

**People: Amen.**

**Hymn of the Day**     *Brightest and Best are the Stars of the Morning, #58*

## **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**

**Jeremiah 1:4-19 [ESV]**

(The Lord calls the Prophet Jeremiah and gives him God's Word to proclaim.)

<sup>4</sup> Now the word of the Lord came to me, saying, <sup>5</sup> "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." <sup>6</sup> Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Behold, I do not know how to speak, for I am only a youth." <sup>7</sup> But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a youth'; for to all to whom I send you, you shall go, and whatever I command you, you shall speak. <sup>8</sup> Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, declares the Lord." <sup>9</sup> Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth. And the Lord said to me, "Behold, I have put my words in your mouth. <sup>10</sup> See, I have set you this day over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to break down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant." <sup>11</sup> And the word of the Lord came to me, saying, "Jeremiah, what do you see?" And I said, "I see an almond branch." <sup>12</sup> Then the Lord said to me, "You have seen well, for I am watching over my word to perform it." <sup>13</sup> The word of the Lord came to me a second time, saying, "What do you see?" And I said, "I see a boiling pot, facing away from the north." <sup>14</sup> Then the Lord said to me, "Out of the north disaster shall be let loose upon all the inhabitants of the land. <sup>15</sup> For behold, I am calling all the tribes of the kingdoms of the north, declares the Lord, and they shall come, and every one shall set his throne at the entrance of the gates of Jerusalem, against all its walls all around and against all the cities of Judah. <sup>16</sup> And I will declare my judgments against them, for all their evil in forsaking me. They have made offerings to other gods and worshiped the works of their own hands. <sup>17</sup> But you, dress yourself for work; arise, and say to them everything that I command you. Do not be dismayed by them, lest I dismay you before them. <sup>18</sup> And I, behold, I make you this day a fortified city, an iron pillar, and bronze walls, against the whole land, against the kings of Judah, its officials, its priests, and the people of the land. <sup>19</sup> They will fight against you, but they shall not prevail against you, for I am with you, declares the Lord, to deliver you."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**Everyone: Thanks be to God.**

**The Psalms:****Psalm 71: 1-6 [ESV]**

(The Lord calls the Prophet Jeremiah and gives him God's Word to proclaim.)

<sup>1</sup>In you, O Lord, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame! <sup>2</sup>In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me, and save me! <sup>3</sup>Be to me a rock of refuge, to which I may continually come; you have given the command to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress. <sup>4</sup>Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel man. <sup>5</sup>For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O Lord, from my youth. <sup>6</sup>Upon you I have leaned from before my birth; you are he who took me from my mother's womb. My praise is continually of you.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**Everyone: Thanks be to God.****The Epistle Lesson:****1 Corinthians 13:1-13 [ESV]**

(Paul teaches about the greatest of all spiritual gifts, the function and power of love )

<sup>1</sup>If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup>And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup>If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. <sup>4</sup>Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant <sup>5</sup>or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; <sup>6</sup>it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. <sup>7</sup>Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. <sup>8</sup>Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. <sup>9</sup>For we know in part and we prophesy in part, <sup>10</sup>but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. <sup>11</sup>When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. <sup>12</sup>For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known. <sup>13</sup>So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

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:****Luke 4:31-44 [ESV]**

(Jesus continues His public ministry with healing many and driving out demons.)

*Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 4th chapter.***Everyone: Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>31</sup>And he went down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee. And he was teaching them on the Sabbath, <sup>32</sup>and they were astonished at his teaching, for his word possessed authority. <sup>33</sup>And in the synagogue there was a man who had the spirit of an unclean demon, and he cried out with a loud voice, <sup>34</sup>“Ha! What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God.” <sup>35</sup>But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent and come out of him!” And when the demon had thrown him down in their midst, he came out of him, having done him no

harm. <sup>36</sup> And they were all amazed and said to one another, "What is this word? For with authority and power he commands the unclean spirits, and they come out!" <sup>37</sup> And reports about him went out into every place in the surrounding region. <sup>38</sup> And he arose and left the synagogue and entered Simon's house. Now Simon's mother-in-law was ill with a high fever, and they appealed to him on her behalf. <sup>39</sup> And he stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her, and immediately she rose and began to serve them. <sup>40</sup> Now when the sun was setting, all those who had any who were sick with various diseases brought them to him, and he laid his hands on every one of them and healed them. <sup>41</sup> And demons also came out of many, crying, "You are the Son of God!" But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew that he was the Christ. <sup>42</sup> And when it was day, he departed and went into a desolate place. And the people sought him and came to him, and would have kept him from leaving them, <sup>43</sup> but he said to them, "I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns as well; for I was sent for this purpose."<sup>44</sup> And he was preaching in the synagogues of Judea.

*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, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

***Sermon Hymn***

*What Child Is This, #26*

***Sermon***

***"Power & Authority"***

***Pastor Droegemueller***

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## **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!**

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### **Benediction**

*A blessing we receive to send us out into the world once again.*

### **Sending Hymn**

*Savior, Again To Thy Dear Name We Raise, #246*

*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: **“The Power of Love”**

## **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!**

**February 2, 2025, Sunday - Voter’s Meeting**

**February 2, 2025, 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 2024 on the first Sunday in February, May, August & November.

**February 17, 2025, Monday - 9 am—Bible Study  
-10 am—Council Meeting**



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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:

|            |            |                                 |
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| 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 All Church Bible Study  |
|            | 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.

