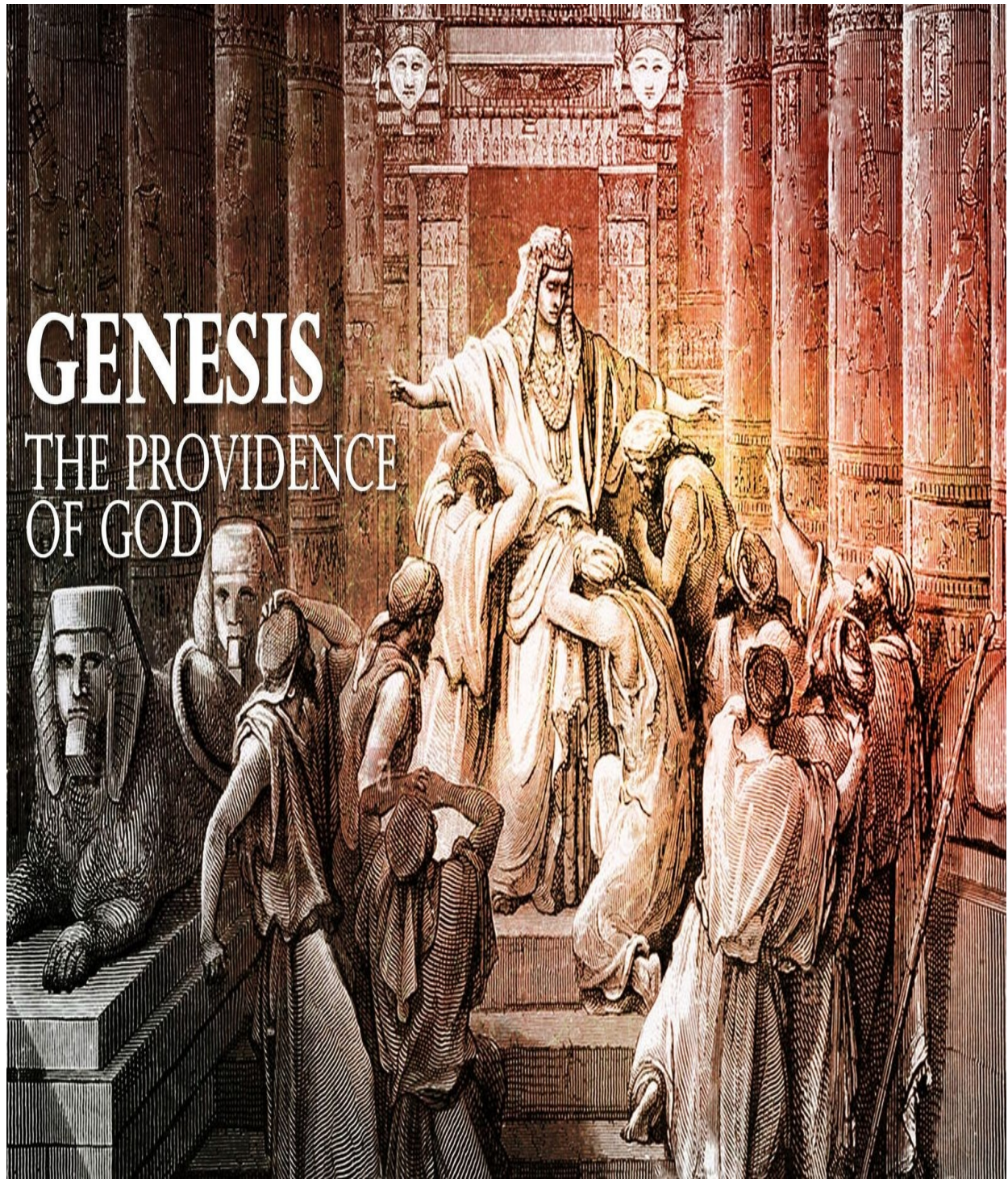


GENESIS

THE PROVIDENCE OF GOD



THE SEVENTH 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

Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now, #227

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

Genesis 45:1-15 [ESV]

(After being sold into slavery, Joseph forgives his brothers.)

¹ Then Joseph could not control himself before all those who stood by him. He cried, "Make everyone go out from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. ² And he wept aloud, so that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. ³ And Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed at his presence. ⁴ So Joseph said to his brothers, "Come near to me, please." And they came near. And he said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵ And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶ For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are yet five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷ And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸ So it was not you who sent me here, but God. He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹ Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; do not tarry. ¹⁰ You shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, and your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹ There I will provide for you, for there are yet five years of famine to come, so that you and your household, and all that you have, do not come to poverty.' ¹² And now your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see, that it is my mouth that speaks to you. ¹³ You must tell my father of all my honor in Egypt, and of all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." ¹⁴ Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, and Benjamin wept upon his neck. ¹⁵ And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them. After that his brothers talked with him.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Everyone: Thanks be to God.

The Psalmody:

Psalm 103 [ESV]

(The Psalmist, King David praises God for His goodness and forgiveness.)

¹ Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name! ² Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, ³ who forgives all your iniquity,

who heals all your diseases,⁴ who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,⁵ who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.⁶ The Lord works righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed.⁷ He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.⁸ The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.⁹ He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever.¹⁰ He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.¹¹ For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;¹² as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.¹³ As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.¹⁴ For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust.¹⁵ As for man, his days are like grass; he flourishes like a flower of the field;¹⁶ for the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place knows it no more.¹⁷ But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children,¹⁸ to those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments.¹⁹ The Lord has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all.²⁰ Bless the Lord, O you his angels, you mighty ones who do his word, obeying the voice of his word!²¹ Bless the Lord, all his hosts, his ministers, who do his will!²² Bless the Lord, all his works, in all places of his dominion. Bless the Lord, O my soul!

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Everyone: Thanks be to God.

The Epistle Lesson:

1 Corinthians 15:35-50 [ESV]

(Paul the resurrection of Jesus and the resurrection of believer, and how these bodies will be different from our current bodies.)

³⁵ But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?"³⁶ You foolish person! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies.³⁷ And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain.³⁸ But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.³⁹ For not all flesh is the same, but there is one kind for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish.⁴⁰ There are heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is of one kind, and the glory of the earthly is of another.⁴¹ There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory.⁴² So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable.⁴³ It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power.⁴⁴ It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body.⁴⁵ Thus it is written, "The first man Adam became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit.⁴⁶ But it is not the spiritual that is first but the natural, and then the spiritual.⁴⁷ The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven.⁴⁸ As was the man of dust, so also are those who are of the dust, and as is the man of heaven, so also are those who are of heav-

en. ⁴⁹ Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven. ⁵⁰ I tell you this, brothers: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

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 6:27-38 [ESV]

(Jesus teaches the true meaning of love and forgiveness.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 6th chapter.

Everyone: Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁷ “But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹ To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic^[a] either. ³⁰ Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. ³¹ And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them. ³² “If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³ And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴ And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount. ³⁵ But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. ³⁶ Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful. ³⁷ “Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸ give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.”

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

Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus, #456

Sermon

“Better Than The Golden Rule?”

Pastor Droegemueller

Message Notes:

Prayers of the Church

Communion Hymn

I Lay My Sins On Jesus” #396

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

O That The Lord Would Guide My Ways, #455

Pastor: Go In Peace and Serve the Lord!

Everyone: Thanks be to God

Postlude

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***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 Happens When You Die And At The End of The World?"

## ***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!***

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

**March 5, 2025, Ash Wednesday**

**April 21, 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:

|            |            |                                 |
|------------|------------|---------------------------------|
| 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)

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.

