



THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

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. We worship in the name of the One who saved us; The Lamb of God.

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: During this Lenten season, let us confess our sins to God, our Father, asking forgiveness through His Son, Jesus, the eternal Son of God, who takes away the sins of the world.

(A moment of silence for personal confession is observed)

Pastor: Let us confess together:

All: O Lord, Jesus Christ, You who take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us and forgive us our sins of thought, word, and deed---the things we have done and those we have left undone; for we have often not loved You with our whole heart or loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not always been a light to all peoples. 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 Jesus 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

The Old Rugged Cross, #78

Children's Sermonette:

"I Never Thought of That"
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

Isaiah 55:1-9 [ESV]

(Isaiah reminds us of the compassion of the Lord.)

¹ "Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³ Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴ Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵ Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. ⁶ "Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; ⁷ let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. ⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. ⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Everyone: Thanks be to God.

The Psalmody:

Psalm 63 [ESV]

(A psalm of David when he was in the Desert of Judah.)

¹ O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. ² So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory. ³ Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. ⁴ So I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands. ⁵ My soul will be satisfied as with fat and rich food, and my mouth will praise you with joyful lips, ⁶ when I remember you upon my bed, and meditate on you in the watches of the night; ⁷ for you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I will sing for joy. ⁸ My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me. ⁹ But those who seek to destroy my life shall go down into the depths of the earth;

¹⁰ they shall be given over to the power of the sword; they shall be a portion for jackals.

¹¹ But the king shall rejoice in God; all who swear by him shall exult, for the mouths of liars will be stopped.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

Everyone: Thanks be to God.

The Epistle Lesson:

1 Corinthians 10:1–13 [ESV]

(The Apostle Peter warns against idolatry,)

1 For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ² and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³ and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴ and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. ⁵ Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness. ⁶ Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷ Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play.” ⁸ We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹ We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, ¹⁰ nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. ¹¹ Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. ¹² Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. ¹³ No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

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 13:1-9 [ESV]

(Jesus uses contemporary tragedies to illustrate the need for repentance,)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 13th chapter.

Everyone: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹ There were some present at that very time who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ² And he answered them, “Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way? ³ No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. ⁴ Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? ⁵ No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.” ⁶ And he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, he said to the vinedresser, ‘Look, for three years now I

Message Notes cont'd: _____

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

In The Cross of Christ I Glory, #64

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 Customs & History of Lent”*

## **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!**

**April 21, 2025, Monday - 9 am—Bible Study**  
**- 10 am—Council Meeting**

**May 18, 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

**May 19, 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.

