



Why Are You Weeping?

John 20:1-18

THE FESTIVAL OF THE RESURRECTION

The purpose of our Community is:

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

Prelude

Aretta Englehardt or Shirlene Everhart

Welcome and Announcements

The Easter Invocation & Acclamattion

Pastor: Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

People: Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor: In the name of the Father—who creates and re-creates new life in the kingdom of resurrection,

People: Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor: and of X Jesus—who redeems and resurrects new life in the kingdom of resurrection,

People: Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor: and of the Holy Spirit—who sanctifies and breathes new life in the kingdom of resurrection.

People: Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the X Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

The Confession of Sins & Absolution:

Pastor: Let us confess our sins before God our Father, and Christ, our risen King!

People: Resurrected Lord and Savior, we confess before You that our Easter faith is meager; we have not acted decisively in sharing Your love. Our forgiveness for others is tepid. We fail to be gracious in conflict and forget that all believers belong to You—the crucified and risen Lord. Although we are undeserving, You have crowned us with resurrection certainty by Your life-changing grace and mercy. Death is destroyed. Easter life flourishes, now and forever!

Pastor: Christ has died. We, too, shall die. Christ has risen. We, too, shall rise, because we are more than conquerors in and through Christ Jesus. Our eternal confidence and unwavering faith are in Him alone! 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.

People: Amen. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Amen.

Hymn of the Day:

³*Christ The Lord Is Risen Today, #104*

Children's Sermonette:

“The Easter Lily”

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 65:17-25 [ESV]

(Isaiah foretells how God will re-create all things new! —the heavens, the earth, Jerusalem, the chosen—upending a sin-broken world, preparing all believers for new life in resurrection.)

¹⁷“For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth, and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind. ¹⁸But be glad and rejoice forever in that which I create; for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy, and her people to be a gladness. ¹⁹I will rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in my people; no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping and the cry of distress. ²⁰No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not fill out his days, for the young man shall die a hundred years old, and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed. ²¹They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. ²²They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. ²³They shall not labor in vain or bear children for calamity, for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the Lord, and their descendants with them. ²⁴Before they call I will answer; while they are yet speaking I will hear. ²⁵The wolf and the lamb shall graze together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox, and dust shall be the serpent's food. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain,” says the Lord.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Everyone: Thanks be to God.

The Epistle Lesson:

1 Corinthians 15:1-14 [ESV]

(The Apostle Paul teaches the Church in Corinth the evidence and importance of Christ being raised from the dead.)

¹ Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, ² and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. ³ For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the

Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶ Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸ Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹ For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹ Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed. ¹² Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³ But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁴ And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain.

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 for the Festival of the Resurrection: John 20:1-18 [ESV]

(The account of the events surrounding Christ's resurrection on Easter Sunday.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 20th chapter.

Everyone: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹ Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. ² So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." ³ So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. ⁴ Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, ⁷ and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. ⁸ Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹ for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰ Then the disciples went back to their homes. ¹¹ But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. ¹² And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. ¹³ They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." ¹⁴ Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell

me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.”¹⁶ Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned and said to him in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means Teacher).¹⁷ Jesus said to her, “Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’”¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”—and that he had said these things to her.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord

Everyone: Praise to You, O Christ!

The Verse of Praise:

2 Timothy 1:10b [ESV]

Pastor: our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel

People: Alleluia

Pastor: Christ Jesus abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

People: Alleluia.

The Apostles' Creed:

[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:

I Know That My Redeemer Lives, #97

Sermon:

*“Easter Drives Away Fears and Tears”
Pastor Droegemueller*

Message Notes: _____

Message Notes cont'd: _____

Prayers of the Church

Communion Hymn

Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray, #286

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.

The Easter Acclamation:

People: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Sending Hymn

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing, #105

Crucifixion

Pastor: Go In Peace and Serve the Lord!

Everyone: Thanks be to God



Postlude

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 20, 2025, Sunday - Easter

April 21, 2025, Monday - 9 am—NO** 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—NO** 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

Choir practice is on vacation.

For more information, please visit:

Website: www.cloceanside.com

Facebook Page: Community Lutheran Oceanside

*AFLC [Association of Free Lutheran Congregations]: 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.

