



**THE FIFTH 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, Therefor, 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.*

**Hymn of the Day**

*All Glory, Laud, and Honor, #95*

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**Children's Sermonette:**      Where Are We Going?"      *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 the people of God's faithfulness in the past and His ability to do new things.)

<sup>1</sup> "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. <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> 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. <sup>4</sup> Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. <sup>5</sup> 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. <sup>6</sup> "Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; <sup>7</sup> 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. <sup>8</sup> For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. <sup>9</sup> 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 126 [ESV]***

(A psalm of gratitude for God's restoration and a prayer for furtherance of that work.)

<sup>1</sup> When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream. <sup>2</sup> Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then they said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them." <sup>3</sup> The Lord has done great things for us; we are glad. <sup>4</sup> Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like streams in the Negeb! <sup>5</sup> Those who sow in tears shall reap with shouts of joy! <sup>6</sup> He who goes out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, bringing his sheaves with him.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**Everyone: Thanks be to God.**

## ***The Epistle Lesson:***

***Philippians 3:4-14 [ESV]***

(The Apostle Paul teaches the Church that it's Christ's work that saves us and not our efforts.)

<sup>4</sup> though I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh also. If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup> circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup> as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. <sup>7</sup> But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. <sup>8</sup> Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup> and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— <sup>10</sup> that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup> that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. <sup>12</sup> Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup> Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup> I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

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:***

***John 12:1-11 [ESV]***

(Mary anoints Jesus' feet at Bethany.)

*Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 12th chapter.*

**Everyone: Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> Six days before the Passover, Jesus therefore came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup> So they gave a dinner for him there. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those reclining with him at table. <sup>3</sup> Mary therefore took a pound of expensive ointment made from pure nard, and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. <sup>4</sup> But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (he who was about to betray him), said, <sup>5</sup> "Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" <sup>6</sup> He said, this, not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief, and having charge of the moneybag he used to help himself to what was put into it. <sup>7</sup> Jesus said, "Leave her alone, so that she may keep it for the day of my burial. <sup>8</sup> For the poor you always have with you, but you do not always have me." <sup>9</sup> When the large crowd of the Jews learned that Jesus was there, they came, not only on account of him but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. <sup>10</sup> So the chief priests made plans to

**Everyone: Praise to You, O Christ!**

*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.*

**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.**

## *We Give Thee But Thine Own, #391*

Pastor *Droegemueller*

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## ***Prayers of the Church***

### ***Communion Hymn***

*Just As I Am Without One Plea, #417*

### ***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***

*To God Be The Glory, #509*

*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:

*"John 19:16-30 - "Jesus Crucifixion"*

## **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 13, 2025, Sunday - Palm Sunday**

**April 17, 2025, Thursday - Maundy Thursday Service, 7 pm**

**April 18, 2025, Friday - Good Friday Service Noon, 12 pm**

**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](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.