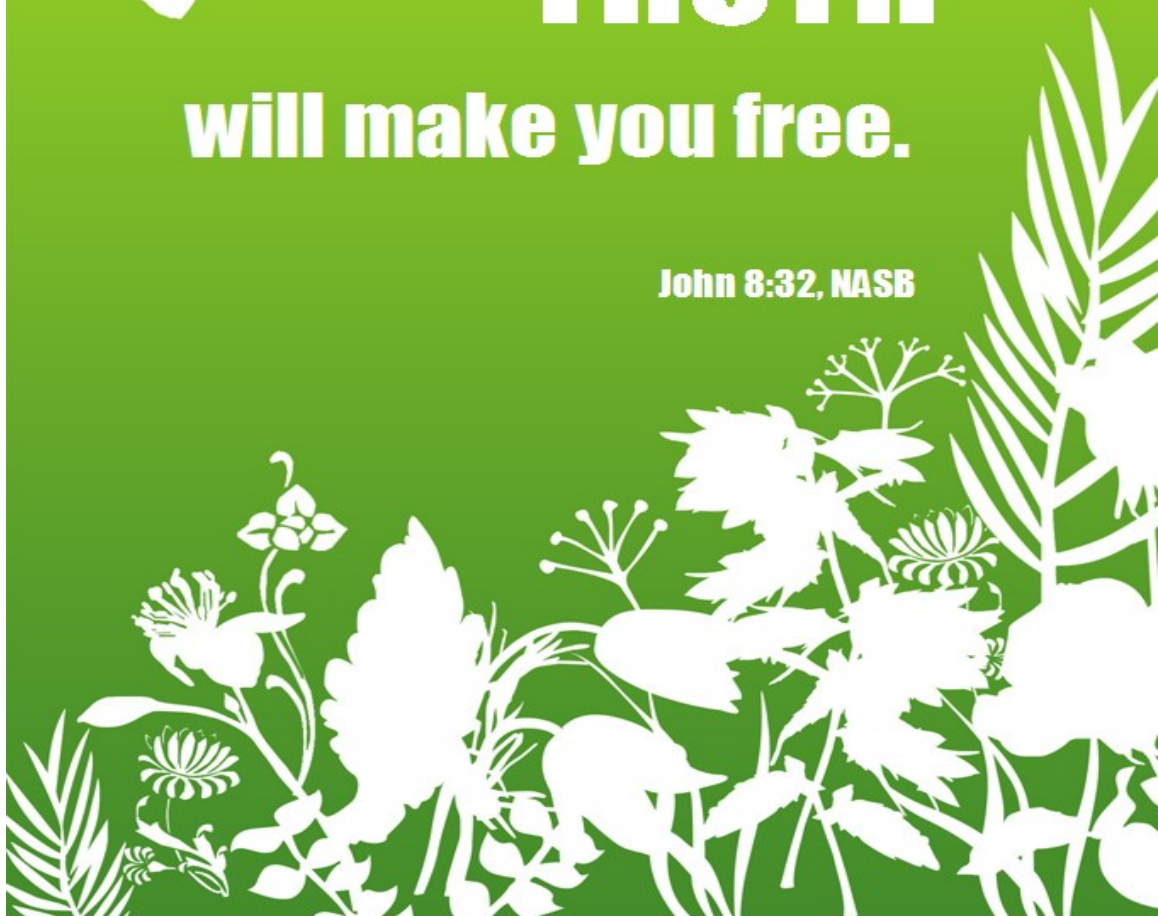


**... and you will know
the TRUTH, and
the TRUTH
will make you free.**



John 8:32, NASB



*The purpose of our Community is:
"Building Committed of Jesus Christ"*

Prelude

Pianist: Aretta Engelhardt

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation

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.

(Everyone) Amen.

Prayer of Confession

We pray to confess our sin to God and ask His forgiveness to remain humble before Him.

(Everyone): Purify me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Make me to hear joy and gladness, Let the bones which You have broken rejoice. ⁹ Hide Your face from my sins And blot out all my iniquities. [Psalm 51:7-9]

Declaration of Grace

We remember the Good News that God forgives our sin because of Jesus.

(Pastor) "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. . [1 John 1.9]

Hymn of the Day

Under His Wings, # 356

Children's Sermonette:

"E Cube"

Pastor J. Rasmussen

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.

Old Testament Lesson

2 Samuel 22.1-7 [NASB]

¹ And David spoke the words of this song to the LORD in the day that the LORD delivered him from the hand of all his enemies and from the hand of Saul. ² He said, "The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; ³ My God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold and my refuge; My savior, You save me from violence. ⁴ "I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised, And I am saved from my enemies. "For the waves of death encompassed me; The torrents of destruction overwhelmed me; ⁶ The cords of Sheol surrounded me; The snares of death confronted me. ⁷ "In my distress I called upon the LORD, Yes, I cried to my God; And from His temple He heard my voice, And my cry for help *came* into His ears.

Epistle Lesson

Revelation 2.1-7 [NASB]

¹ "To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: The One who holds the seven stars in His right hand, the One who walks among the seven golden lampstands, says this: ² 'I know your deeds and your toil and perseverance, and that you cannot tolerate evil men, and you put to the test those who call themselves apostles, and they are not, and you found them *to be* false; ³ and you have perseverance and have endured for My name's sake, and have not grown weary. ⁴ But I have *this* against you, that you have left your first love. ⁵ Therefore remember from where you have fallen, and repent and do the deeds you did at first; or else I am coming to you and will remove your lampstand out of its place—unless you repent. ⁶ Yet this you do have, that you hate the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. ⁷ He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, I will grant to eat of the tree of life which is in the Paradise of God.'

(Please stand for the reading of the Gospel)

Gospel Reading

John 8.31-42 [NASB]

³¹ So Jesus was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, "If you continue in My word, *then* you are truly disciples of Mine; ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." ³³ They answered Him, "We are Abraham's descendants and have never yet been enslaved to anyone; how is it that You say, 'You will become free'?" ³⁴ Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is the slave of sin. ³⁵ The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son does remain forever. ³⁶ So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed. ³⁷ I know that you are Abraham's descend-

ants; yet you seek to kill Me, because My word has no place in you. ³⁸ I speak the things which I have seen with My Father; therefore you also do the things which you heard from *your* father.” ³⁹ They answered and said to Him, “Abraham is our father.” Jesus *said to them, “If you are Abraham’s children, do the deeds of Abraham. ⁴⁰ But as it is, you are seeking to kill Me, a man who has told you the truth, which I heard from God; this Abraham did not do. ⁴¹ You are doing the deeds of your father.” They said to Him, “We were not born of fornication; we have one Father: God.” ⁴² Jesus said to them, “If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I proceeded forth and have come from God, for I have not even come on My own initiative, but He sent Me.

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

Breathe on Me, Breath of God, # 259

Sermon

“The Truth = Freedom”

*John 8.31-42 [NASB]
Pastor Jim Rasmussen*

Communion Hymn

Let Us Break Bread Together, # 323

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

He Touched Me, # 504

Go In Peace and Serve the Lord!

(Everyone) Thanks be to God

Postlude



Birthdays and Anniversaries: March 2020

Please share your name, birthday and anniversary via the Connection Card and place it in the offering plate. [PS] denotes our Preschool staff.

Birthdays: Birthdays: 26-Ruth Oehm; 31-Debbie Giles

Things going on during the week:

Please pick up Food Bags today to use or to distribute to others.

Monday-Friday: 7 am to 6 pm Little Blessings Christian Preschool:

Theme: Plants & Flowers; Review Letters: Ss, Tt, Uu; Bible: Mary & Martha

Wednesday: 6:00 pm Potluck; 7:00 pm Lenten Service

Thursday: 5:15 pm: Call Committee meeting
5:30 pm Choir

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 21, Saturday -- Free Food Distribution--At the Shack from 9 to 10 am. If you know of someone who could benefit from the free food distribution, please let them know. Also, if you can help with set-up, please come at 8:30 am. If you can come later and stay until about 11:00 am to help with putting away leftover food, tables and chairs, your help will be greatly appreciated. *Join us in thanking God for the continuation of this ministry!* The Blue bin on the North wall of the Church is for the collection of can goods for the Food Distribution.

March 15,- April 8, Wednesdays, 6 pm-potluck; 7 pm-Lenten Services

April 4, Saturday - Women's Bible Study, at church 10:00 am.

March 31—April 1 AFLC-Bible School Concert Choir

May 3, 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 2019 on the first Sunday in February, May, August & November.

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Little Blessings Christian Preschool: (760) 722-1705

Preschool Schedule: Monday – Friday ... 7:00 am to 6:00 pm

Kristen Erwin, Preschool Director



Weekly Schedule:

Sundays:

10:00 am	Worship Service & Sunday School
11:00 am	Community Fellowship Time
12:00 pm	Council Meeting, The <u>Third</u> Sunday of each month

Wednesdays: March 18-April 8, Lenten Services 7 pm; 6 pm potluck

Thursdays:

5:15 pm	Call Committee Meeting
5:30 pm	Choir

Saturdays:

10:00 am	Women’s Bible Study The <u>First</u> Saturday of each month.
9:00 am	Free Food Distribution The <u>Third</u> Saturday of each month, 9:00-10:00 am

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.