



“The Festival of the Ascension of Our Lord”

The purpose of our Community is:

“Building Committed Followers of Jesus Christ”

Prelude

Pianist: Shirlene Everhart

Opening Dialog for Ascension Day

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ has gone up with a shout!

Everyone: The Lord with the sound of a trumpet. Alleluia!

Pastor: Sing praises to God, sing praises!

Everyone: Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

Pastor: The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand."

Everyone: The Lord is high above all nations; His glory above the heavens!

Pastor: He came forth from the Father, and has come into the world.

Everyone: Again He leaves the world and goes to the Father.

Pastor: Alleluia! He ascends to the Father, to my God and your God.

**Everyone: He will come in the same way as you saw Him go into heaven.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Pastor: We worship in the Name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

Everyone: Amen.

Hymn of the Day

Come Thou Almighty King, #267

Children's Sermonette:

*“A Spirit of Wisdom”
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.

New Testament Lesson

Acts 1:1-11 (NIV)

¹In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach ²until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. ³After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. ⁴On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. ⁵For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.” ⁶Then they gathered around him and asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” ⁹After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight. ¹⁰They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. ¹¹“Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Everyone: THANKS BE TO GOD.

Epistle Lesson

Ephesians 1:15-23 (NIV)

¹⁵For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God’s people, ¹⁶I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. ¹⁷I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. ¹⁸I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, ¹⁹and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength ²⁰he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, ²¹far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present

age but also in the one to come. ²² And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Everyone: THANKS BE TO GOD.

(Please stand for the reading of the Gospel)

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 28:16-20 (NIV)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the 28th chapter

Everyone: GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.

¹⁶ Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

People: 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

Rejoice, the Lord Is King, #228

Sermon

*"Christians Don't Stand Around Looking Up"
Pastor Droegemueller*

Communion Hymn

Rock of Ages, #204

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

Crown Him With Many Crowns, #234

Pastor: Go in Peace and Serve the Lord.

(Everyone): Thanks be to God

Postlude



Things going on during the week:

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

Monday-CLOSED, Little Blessings Christian Preschool

Tuesday-Friday: 7:15 am to 5 pm Little Blessings Christian Preschool:

Theme: Pond animals & habitat; Letter review: a-h; Bible: Phillip & the Ethiopian.

Thursdays: Until further notice, there will be **NO meetings of Call Committee, Chior, Potluck, Bible Study**

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!

May 16, 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.](#)

August 2, 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 2020 on the first Sunday in February, May, August & November.



Birthdays and Anniversaries: May 2020

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

Birthdays: 6-Della Welemirov; 23-Pastor Dan Giles;

Anniversaries: 3-Bob & Sharlene Miller and Kathy & Dan Shattuck

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Little Blessings Christian Preschool: (760) 722-1705

Preschool Schedule: Tuesday – Friday ... 7:15 am to 5:00 pm

Kristen Erwin, Preschool Director



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### Weekly Schedule:

- Sundays:**            10:00 am    **Worship Service & Sunday School**  
                             11:00 am    **Community Fellowship Time**  
                             12:00 pm    **Council Meeting, The Third Sunday of each month**
- Thursdays:**        **Until further notice, **NO meetings** of Call Committee Meeting, Choir, Bible Study**
- Saturdays:**        10:00 am    **Women's Bible Study**  
                                                                                 **Normally the First Saturday of each month.**  
                             9:00 am    **Free Food Distribution**  
                                                                                 **The Third Saturday of each month, 9:00-10:00 am**

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.