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# **Community Lutheran Church**



Prelude

Pianist: Shirlene Everhart

#### 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 of Sin

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

(Everyone) Gracious Heavenly Father, on this fourth Sunday in August, once again we come before You in confession of our sins. Our message today is on forgiveness, and that is something that we often have difficulty practicing. When someone wrongs us, we are often tempted to hold a grudge, and that is not God pleasing. We realize that we are poor sinners in need of Your mercy and grace. Please forgive our many sins for Jesus' sake, as we look to His suffering and death for mercy and pardon. Give us the strength and spiritual zeal to follow Your guidance in our lives, and motivate us to forgive others as Christ has first forgiven us at Calvary, for we pray this all in Jesus' Name. Amen.

#### **Declaration of Grace**

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

(Pastor) The Bible tells us that we are to penitently and sincerely confess our sins. Having done so in faith, we now humbly seek God the Father's pardon. Christ has promised to us His forgiveness because of His suffering and death at Calvary. Thus, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, and in the stead and by command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

## Hymn of the Day

Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word, # 232

#### 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

Genesis 50:15-26 (NKJV)

<sup>15</sup> When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "Perhaps Joseph will hate us, and may actually repay us for all the evil which we did to him."<sup>16</sup> So they sent messengers to Joseph, saying, "Before your father died he commanded, saying, <sup>17</sup> 'Thus you shall say to Joseph: "I beg you, please forgive the trespass of your brothers and their sin; for they did evil to you." ' Now, please, forgive the trespass of the servants of the God of your father." And Joseph wept when they spoke to him. <sup>18</sup> Then his brothers also went and fell down before his face, and they said, "Behold, we *are* your servants." <sup>19</sup> Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid, for *am* I in the place of God?<sup>20</sup> But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive.<sup>21</sup> Now therefore, do not be afraid; I will provide for you and your little ones." And he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.<sup>22</sup> So Joséph dwelt in Egypt, he and his father's household. And Joseph lived one hundred and ten years.<sup>23</sup> Joseph saw Ephraim's children to the third generation. The children of Machir, the son of Manasseh, were also brought up on Joseph's knees.<sup>24</sup> And Joseph said to his brethren, "I am dying; but God will surely visit you, and bring you out of this land to the land of which He swore to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob." <sup>25</sup> Then Joseph took an oath from the children of Israel, saying, "God will surely visit you, and you shall carry up my bones from here." <sup>26</sup> So Joseph died, *being* one hundred and ten years old; and they embalmed him, and he was put in a coffin in Egypt.

#### Epistle

#### Romans 12:1-8 (NKJV)

<sup>1</sup> I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. <sup>2</sup> And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God. <sup>3</sup>For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith. <sup>4</sup> For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, <sup>5</sup> so we, *being* many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. <sup>6</sup> Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, *let us use them:* if prophecy, *let us prophesy* in proportion to our faith; <sup>7</sup> or ministry, *let us use it* in *our* ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; <sup>8</sup> he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

(Please stand for the reading of the Gospel)

## Gospel Reading

## Matthew 16:13-20 (NKJV)

<sup>13</sup> When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, "Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?" <sup>14</sup> So they said, "Some *say* John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." <sup>15</sup> He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" <sup>16</sup> Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." <sup>17</sup> Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed *this* to you, but My Father who is in heaven. <sup>18</sup> And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. <sup>19</sup> And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." <sup>20</sup> Then He commanded His disciples that they should tell no one that He was Jesus the 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 Fa-ther 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

What a Friend We Have in Jesus, # 173

Sermon: 'Joseph, who points us forward to Christ!' Genesis 50:20 Pastor Robert McDonald

Message Notes:	
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**General Prayer** 

#### 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

I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus, # 576

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

Theme: God made me/Good manners; Bible: Creation/ Jesus knows my name. **Thursdays:** Until further notice, there will be No **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!

**September 19, 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.

#### November 1, 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.

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## Birthdays and Anniversaries: August 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: 22-Duane Ericson

Anniversaries: July 28-Gene & Kristen Erwin [PS] August 9-Tricia & Ed Vergara

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#### **Building Committed Followers of Jesus Christ**

Little Blessings Christian Preschool: (760) 722-1705 *Preschool Schedule:* Tuesday – Friday ... 7:15 am to 5:00 pm Kristen Erwin, Preschool Director



## Weekly Schedule:

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

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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.