

The purpose of our Community is:

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.

Opening Hymn

A Mighty Fortress, # 141 [v. 1 & 2]

A Reformation Day Call to Worship

Pastor: On this Reformation Sunday,

People: we believe and rejoice that salvation comes only by grace through

faith!

Pastor: Today, to the glory of God, we remember the courage and wisdom of the re-

formers

People: whose only goal, by the grace of God, was to restore the pure teachings of the apostles.

Pastor: Today we remember the rallying cry of the Reformation movement:

People: Faith alone, Grace alone, Scripture alone!

Pastor: Let us then celebrate God's infallible Word, the Bible, empowered by the Holy Spirit.

People: which is able to save our souls, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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, as today we celebrate the Reformation Festival, we thank You for Your continued blessings and faithfulness. We thank you for the gift of faith alone, grace alone, and Scripture alone, granted by the Holy Spirit, which is the Reformation legacy of the church. Yet, we un-

derstand that, as 21st century Christians, we have not lived perfect lives and instead have sinfully wandered from your path of Christian living. We have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have said things for which we are sorry, and reacted in ways that were not God pleasing. For all these sins we come now in confession, and humbly seek Your pardon and mercy. Please forgive us for the sake of Christ's suffering and death on our behalf, and may our forgiven lives continue to serve our Savior in great joy and peace. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Declaration of Grace

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

(Pastor) The Reformation movement reminded us that we are to penitently and sincerely confess our sins. It also comforted us with the fact that Christ has promised 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.

Opening Hymn cont'd

A Mighty Fortress, # 141 [v. 4]

Children's Sermonette:

'Bound!'

Pastor McDonald

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.

First Lesson

Revelations 14:6-7 (NKJV)

Epistle

Romans 3:19-28 (NKJV)

⁶ Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth—to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people— ⁷ saying with a loud voice, "Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water."

¹⁹ Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. ²⁰ Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the

law *is* the knowledge of sin. ²¹ But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, ²² even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference; ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God set forth *as* a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed, ²⁶ to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. ²⁷ Where *is* boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? Of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸ Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith apart from the deeds of the law.

Choir

He Will Heal Our Land

arr. By Tom Fetke

(Please stand for the reading of the Gospel)

Gospel Reading

John 8:31-36 (NKJV)

³¹ Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. ³² And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." ³³ They answered Him, "We are Abraham's descendants, and have never been in bondage to anyone. How *can* You say, 'You will be made free'?" ³⁴ Jesus answered them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin. ³⁵ And a slave does not abide in the house forever, *but* a son abides forever. ³⁶ Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.

We Respond to God's Word by Confessing Our Faith As we recite together the words of the Nicene Creed, we join the worldwide chorus of followers of Jesus, who, for

As we recite together the words of the Nicene 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 one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look

for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Sermon Hymn

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord, # 296

Sermon: 'Reformation freedom in Christ!' John 8: 31-32
Pastor Robert McDonald

Message Notes:

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

Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise, # 246

(Pastor): Go in Peace and Serve the Lord.

(Everyone): Thanks be to God

Postlude



Turn clocks back one hour on Saturday, October 31.

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 my family & fall: Letters: Gg; Bible: Hannah prays for a son /

God speaks to Samuel

Wednesday: 5:00 pm Choir practice

Thursdays: There will be No Potluck, nor Bible Study, until further notice.

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!

November 1, Sunday - ALL SAINTS DAY

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 reqular giving. In planning ahead, we will repeat the Love Offerings in 2020 on the first Sunday in February, May, August & November.

November 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.

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Birthdays and Anniversaries: October 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: 10-Alice Gallagher; 16-Marjie Ericson; 25-Shirlene Everhart

Anniversaries: 27-Marsha & John Leichner

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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 Worship Service & Sunday School

11:00 am Community Fellowship Time

12:00 pm Council Meeting, The Third Sunday of each month

Wednesdays:

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

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.

A Mighty Fortress

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing; our helper He, amid the flood Of mortal ills prevailing. For still our ancient foe Doth seek to work us woe; His craft and power are great, And armed with cruel hate, On earth is not His equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, Our striving would be losing, Were not the right Man on our side, The Man of God's own choosing.

Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He;

Lord Sabaoth His name, From age to age the same;

And He must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, Should threaten to undo us, We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us.

The prince of darkness grim, We tremble not for him;

His rage we can endure, For lo! his doom is sure;

One little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly powers No thanks to them abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours Thro' Him who with us sideth.

Let goods and kindred go, This mortal life also;
The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still;
His kingdom is forever.

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

I love Thy kingdom, Lord, The house of Thine abode, The church our blest Redeemer saved With His own precious blood.

I love Thy church, O God! Her walls before Thee stand, Dear as the apple of Thine eye, And graven on Thy hand.

For her my tears shall fall;
For her my prayers ascend;
To her my cares and toils be giv'n,
Till toils and cares shall end.

Beyond my highest joy I prize her heav'nly ways, Her sweet communion, solemn vows, Her hymns of love and praise.

Sure as Thy truth shall last,
To Zion shall be giv'n
The brightest glories earth can yield,
And brighter bliss of heav'n.

Let Us Break Bread Together

Let us break bread together on our knees, Let us break bread together on our knees. When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees, Let us drink wine together on our knees. When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees, Let us praise God together on our knees. When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise

Savior, again to thy dear name we raise With one accord our parting hymn of praise; Once more we bless Thee ere our worship cease, Then, lowly bending, wait Thy word of peace.

Grant us Thy peace upon our homeward way; With Thee began, with Thee shall end the day; Guard Thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame, That in this house have called upon Thy name.

Grant us Thy peace, Lord, through the coming night,
Turn Thou for us its darkness into light;
From harm and danger keep Thy children free,
For dark and light are both alike to Thee.

Grant us Thy peace throughout our earthly life, Our balm in sorrow, and our stay in strife; Then, when Thy voice shall bid our conflict cease, Call us, O Lord, to Thine eternal peace.