

A photograph of a room filled with Christmas gifts and a lit Christmas tree. The gifts are wrapped in various patterns and colors, and some are unwrapped, showing toys and books. The Christmas tree is decorated with lights and ornaments. The text "CHRISTMAS IS OVER; NOW WHAT?" is overlaid in a white, brush-stroke font.

CHRISTMAS IS OVER;
NOW WHAT?

The purpose of our Community is:

“Building Committed Followers of Jesus Christ”

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 & Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: On this the sixth day of Christmas, as another year draws to a close, we come together before God and with one another, confessing

[Everyone] the ways in which we have been caught up in the frenzied spirit of the holidays and turned away from Your Spirit of Peace; the times we have focused so much on our own lives and desires, that we have neglected the voices of your children who cry out for Justice; in our focus on making the season perfect, we have turned away from the hurting people and broken places in our world in need of Healing; in the times we have dismissed Christmas as a time only for children, and we have stubbornly closed our hearts to your amazing gift of Love.

Pastor: O Holy Child of Bethlehem, Word Become Flesh, our Savior and King, hear us as we humbly pray,

[Everyone] Cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today. Amen.

Prayer of Forgiveness

Pastor: Hear the good news of Christmas. Today God reveals to us the wonders of divine love.

[Everyone] For unto us a Child is born; unto us a Son is given. His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.

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 for the Day

Isaiah 61:10—62:3 ((NLT))

¹⁰ I am overwhelmed with joy in the LORD my God! For he has dressed me with the clothing of salvation and draped me in a robe of righteousness. I am like a bridegroom dressed for his wedding or a bride with her jewels. ¹¹ The Sovereign LORD will show his justice to the nations of the world. Everyone will praise him! His righteousness will be like a garden in early spring, with plants springing up everywhere. ~~~

¹ Because I love Zion, I will not keep still. Because my heart yearns for Jerusalem, I cannot remain silent. I will not stop praying for her until her righteousness shines like the dawn, and her salvation blazes like a burning torch. ² The nations will see your righteousness. World leaders will be blinded by your glory. And you will be given a new name by the LORD's own mouth. ³ The LORD will hold you in his hand for all to see—a splendid crown in the hand of God.

Epistle Lesson

Galatians 4: 4-7 (NLT)

⁴ But when the right time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, subject to the law. ⁵ God sent him to buy freedom for us who were slaves to the law, so that he could adopt us as his very own children. ⁶ And because we are his children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, prompting us to call out, "Abba, Father." ⁷ Now you are no longer a slave but God's own child. And since you are his child, God has made you his heir.

[Please Stand for the reading of the Gospel]

Gospel Lesson

Luke 2: 22-40 (NLT)

²² Then it was time for their purification offering, as required by the law of Moses after the birth of a child; so his parents took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord.

²³ The law of the Lord says, "If a woman's first child is a boy, he must be dedicated to the LORD." ²⁴ So they offered the sacrifice required in the law of the Lord—"either a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons." ²⁵ At that time there was a man in Jerusalem named Simeon. He was righteous and devout and was eagerly waiting for the Messiah to come and rescue Israel. The Holy Spirit was upon him ²⁶ and had re-

vealed to him that he would not die until he had seen the Lord's Messiah. ²⁷ That day the Spirit led him to the Temple. So when Mary and Joseph came to present the baby Jesus to the Lord as the law required, ²⁸ Simeon was there. He took the child in his arms and praised God, saying, ²⁹ "Sovereign Lord, now let your servant die in peace, as you have promised. ³⁰ I have seen your salvation, ³¹ which you have prepared for all people. ³² He is a light to reveal God to the nations, and he is the glory of your people Israel!" ³³ Jesus' parents were amazed at what was being said about him. ³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them, and he said to Mary, the baby's mother, "This child is destined to cause many in Israel to fall, and many others to rise. He has been sent as a sign from God, but many will oppose him. ³⁵ As a result, the deepest thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your very soul." ³⁶ Anna, a prophet, was also there in the Temple. She was the daughter of Phanuel from the tribe of Asher, and she was very old. Her husband died when they had been married only seven years. ³⁷ Then she lived as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the Temple but stayed there day and night, worshiping God with fasting and prayer. ³⁸ She came along just as Simeon was talking with Mary and Joseph, and she began praising God. She talked about the child to everyone who had been waiting expectantly for God to rescue Jerusalem. ³⁹ When Jesus' parents had fulfilled all the requirements of the law of the Lord, they returned home to Nazareth in Galilee. ⁴⁰ There the child grew up healthy and strong. He was filled with wisdom, and God's favor was on him.

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

Go, Tell It on the Mountain, # 258

Sermon

"The Day After Christmas"

Pastor Buchhorn

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

As with Gladness Men of Old, # 290

Pastor: Go In Peace and Serve the Lord!

(Everyone) Thanks be to God

Postlude

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## **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: Happy New Year; Letter: No Letter; Bible: Simeon & Ann.

**Wednesdays: 5:00 pm Choir**

**Thursdays:** Until further notice, **NO committee meetings**

## **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!**

**January 2, Saturday, Normally, Women's Bible Study, 10 am.**

**January 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.

**February 7, 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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**Little Blessings Christian Preschool: (760) 722-1705**

**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**  
**11:15 am Community Fellowship Time**

**Wednesdays: 5:00 pm Choir resumes January 6, 2021**

**Thursday: Until further notice, No other meetings.**

**Saturdays: 9:00 am Free Food Distribution**  
The Third Saturday of each month, 9:00-10:00 am  
**10:00 am Normally Women's Bible Study**  
The First Saturday of each month.

**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.





# King of Kings

King of kings and Lord of lords,  
Glory hallelujah!

King of kings and Lord of lords,  
Glory hallelujah!

Jesus, Prince of peace,  
Glory hallelujah!

Jesus, Prince of peace,  
Glory hallelujah!

# Go Tell It on the Mountain

Refrain:

Go, tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and everywhere;  
Go, tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born!

While shepherds kept their watching  
O'er silent flocks by night,  
Behold! thro'out the heavens  
There shone a holy light.  
[Refrain]

The shepherds feared and trembled  
When, lo! above the earth  
Rang out the angel chorus  
That hailed our Savior's birth.  
[Refrain]

Down in a lowly manger  
The humble Christ was born,  
And brought us God's salvation  
That blessed Christmas morn.  
[Refrain]

# Joy to the World!

Joy to the world, the Lord is come;  
Let earth receive her King.  
Let every heart prepare Him room,  
And heav'n and nature sing,  
And heav'n and nature sing,  
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the world! the Savior reigns;  
Let men their songs employ,  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sin and sorrow grow,  
Nor thorns infest the ground.  
He comes to make His blessings flow  
Far as the curse is found,  
Far as the curse is found,  
Far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness  
And wonders of His love,  
And wonders of His love,  
And wonders, wonders of His love.

# As with Gladness Men of Old

As with gladness men of old  
Did the guiding star behold;  
As with joy they hailed its light,  
Leading onward, beaming bright;  
So, most gracious Lord, may we  
Evermore be led to Thee.

As with joyful steps they sped  
To that lowly manger bed;  
There to bend the knee before  
Him whom heav'n and earth adore;  
So, may we with willing feet  
Ever seek thy mercy seat.

As they offered gifts most rare  
At that manger rude and bare,  
So may we with holy joy,  
Pure and free from sin's alloy,  
All our costliest treasures bring,  
Christ, to Thee, our heav'nly King.

Holy Jesus, every day  
Keep us in the narrow way;  
And, when earthly things are past,  
Bring our ransomed souls at last  
Where they need no star to guide,  
Where no clouds Thy glory hide.