

# The purpose of our Community is:

Prelude Pianist: Aretta Engelhardt or 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

[Everyone] Loving God,

Today we confess that we have more golden calves in our lives than we are willing to name. Forgive us, Lord, for the many times we have substituted trust in family, trust in money, or trust in things for trust in you. Forgive us, Lord, for the times we have set our affections more upon our children or upon our lifestyle than upon you. Forgive us Lord, for being distracted when we thought we perceived your absence or for running back to old habits when we feared that we were on our own. Remind us, Lord, that we are never alone and need not find our own solutions. Remind us that you are our God, and that you are always at work for our good. Amen.

### Prayer of Forgiveness

[Pastor] If we walk in the light as He Himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

## Opening Hymn

Great Is Thy Faithfulness, # 139

### 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

Deuteronomy 18:15-20 ((NLT)

<sup>15</sup> Moses continued, "The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your fellow Israelites. You must listen to him. <sup>16</sup> For this is what you yourselves requested of the LORD your God when you were assembled at Mount Sinai. You said, 'Don't let us hear the voice of the LORD our God anymore or see this blazing fire, for we will die.' <sup>17</sup> "Then the LORD said to me, 'What they have said is right. <sup>18</sup> I will raise up a prophet like you from among their fellow Israelites. I will put my words in his mouth, and he will tell the people everything I command him. <sup>19</sup> I will personally deal with anyone who will not listen to the messages the prophet proclaims on my behalf. <sup>20</sup> But any prophet who falsely claims to speak in my name or who speaks in the name of another god must die.'

### **Epistle Lesson**

I Corinthians 8: 1-13 (NLT)

Now regarding your question about food that has been offered to idols. Yes, we know that "we all have knowledge" about this issue. But while knowledge makes us feel important, it is love that strengthens the church. <sup>2</sup> Anyone who claims to know all the answers doesn't really know very much. <sup>3</sup> But the person who loves God is the one whom God recognizes. 4So, what about eating meat that has been offered to idols? Well, we all know that an idol is not really a god and that there is only one God. <sup>5</sup> There may be so-called gods both in heaven and on earth, and some people actually worship many gods and many lords. <sup>6</sup> But for us, There is one God, the Father, by whom all things were created, and for whom we live. And there is one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom all things were created, and through whom we live. <sup>7</sup> However. not all believers know this. Some are accustomed to thinking of idols as being real, so when they eat food that has been offered to idols, they think of it as the worship of real gods, and their weak consciences are violated. 8 It's true that we can't win God's approval by what we eat. We don't lose anything if we don't eat it, and we don't gain anything if we do. <sup>9</sup> But you must be careful so that your freedom does not cause others with a weaker conscience to stumble. <sup>10</sup> For if others see you—with your "superior" knowledge"—eating in the temple of an idol, won't they be encouraged to violate their conscience by eating food that has been offered to an idol? <sup>11</sup> So because of your superior knowledge, a weak believer for whom Christ died will be destroyed. 12 And when you sin against other believers by encouraging them to do something they believe is wrong, you are sinning against Christ. <sup>13</sup> So if what I eat causes another believer to sin, I will never eat meat again as long as I live—for I don't want to cause another believer to stumble.

[Please Stand for the reading of the Gospel]

## Gospel Lesson

Mark 1: 21-28 (NLT)

<sup>21</sup> Jesus and his companions went to the town of Capernaum. When the Sabbath day came, he went into the synagogue and began to teach. <sup>22</sup> The people were amazed at his teaching, for he taught with real authority—quite unlike the teachers of religious law. <sup>23</sup> Suddenly, a man in the synagogue who was possessed by an evil spirit cried out, <sup>24</sup> "Why are you interfering with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!" <sup>25</sup> But Jesus reprimanded him. "Be quiet! Come out of the man," he ordered. <sup>26</sup> At that, the evil spirit screamed, threw the man into a convulsion, and then came out of him. <sup>27</sup> Amazement gripped the audience, and they began to discuss what had happened. "What sort of new teaching is this?" they asked excitedly. "It has such authority! Even evil spirits obey his orders!" <sup>28</sup> The news about Jesus spread quickly throughout the entire region of Galilee.

### 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.

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Sermon Hymn		How Great Thou Art, # 147
Sermon	"Authority"	Pastor Buchhorn
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## General Prayer

Communion Hymn

We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer, # 68

## 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.

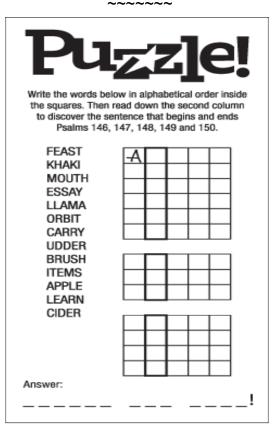
## Sending Hymn

What a Mighty God We Serve, # 672

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: Valentines, Love & Friendship; Letters: Ss; Bible: Sermon on the Mount.

Wednesdays: NO CHOIR until further notice.

Thursdays: Until further notice, NO other 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!

February 6, Saturday - Normally Women's Bible Study, 10 am.

#### 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.

**February 20, 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. <u>Join us in thanking God for the continuation of this ministry!</u> 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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## Building Committed Followers of Jesus Christ

Little Blessings Christian Preschool: (760) 722-1705

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

Kristen Erwin, Preschool Director



Sundays: 10:00 am Worship Service & Sunday School

11:15 am Community Fellowship Time

Wednesdays: 5:00 pm NO choir until further notice.

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

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.

## **Great Is Thy Faithfulness**

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see:
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided-Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above Join with all nature in manifold witness To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. [Refrain]

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!
[Refrain]

## **How Great Thou Art**

O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder Consider all the \*worlds thy hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the \*rolling thunder, Thy pow'r thro'out the universe displayed.

## Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee; How great thou art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee; How great thou art! How great thou art!

When thro' the woods and forest glades I wander And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees, When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur, And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; Refrain

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing, Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in; That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, He bled and died to take away my sin.

Refrain

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!

Then I shall bow in humble adoration And there proclaim: my God, how great Thou art!

Refrain

## We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer

We praise Thee, O God, our Redeemer, Creator; In grateful devotion our tribute we bring. We lay it before Thee; we kneel and adore Thee; We bless Thy holy name, glad praises we sing.

We worship Thee, God of our fathers, we bless Thee; Thro' life's storm and tempest our guide Thou has been. When perils o'ertake us, Thou wilt not forsake us, And with Thy help, O Lord, life's battles we win.

With voices united our praises we offer, And gladly our songs of true worship we raise. Thy strong arm will guide us; our God is beside us. To Thee, our great Redeemer, forever be praise.

## What a Mighty God We Serve

What a mighty God we serve. What a mighty God we serve; Angels bow before Him, Heaven and earth adore Him, What a mighty God we serve.

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