



JESUS

IN THE MIDST

The purpose of our Community is:
☪☪☪ *“Building Committed Followers of Jesus Christ”* ☪☪☪

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 life-style 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

My Faith Looks Up to Thee, # 539

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

Psalms 148 ((NLT))

¹ Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens! Praise him from the skies!
² Praise him, all his angels! Praise him, all the armies of heaven! ³ Praise him, sun and moon! Praise him, all you twinkling stars! ⁴ Praise him, skies above! Praise him, vapors high above the clouds! ⁵ Let every created thing give praise to the LORD, for he issued his command, and they came into being. ⁶ He set them in place forever and ever. His decree will never be revoked. ⁷ Praise the LORD from the earth, you creatures of the ocean depths, ⁸ fire and hail, snow and clouds, wind and weather that obey him, ⁹ mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars, ¹⁰ wild animals and all livestock, small scurrying animals and birds, ¹¹ kings of the earth and all people, rulers and judges of the earth, ¹² young men and young women, old men and children. ¹³ Let them all praise the name of the LORD. For his name is very great; his glory towers over the earth and heaven! ¹⁴ He has made his people strong, honoring his faithful ones—the people of Israel who are close to him. Praise the LORD!

[Please Stand for the reading of the Gospel]

Gospel Lesson

John 20:19-29 (NLT)

¹⁹ That Sunday evening the disciples were meeting behind locked doors because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders. Suddenly, Jesus was standing there among them! “Peace be with you,” he said. ²⁰ As he spoke, he showed them the wounds in his hands and his side. They were filled with joy when they saw the Lord! ²¹ Again he said, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you.” ²² Then he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive anyone’s sins, they are forgiven. If you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.” ²⁴ One of the twelve disciples, Thomas (nicknamed the Twin), was not with the others when Jesus came. ²⁵ They told him, “We have seen the Lord!” But he replied, “I won’t believe it unless I see the nail wounds in his hands, put my fingers into them, and place my hand into the wound in his side.” ²⁶ Eight days later the disciples were together again, and this time Thomas was with them. The doors were locked; but suddenly, as before, Jesus was standing among them. “Peace be with you,” he said. ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and look at my hands. Put your hand into the wound in my side. Don’t be faithless any longer. Believe!” ²⁸ “My Lord and my God!” Thomas exclaimed. ²⁹ Then Jesus told him, “You believe because you have seen me. Blessed are those who believe without seeing me.”

[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

O How He Loves You and Me, # 349

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: Insects & Bugs; Numbers: 3; Bible: The Great Commission

**Wednesdays: 5:00 pm** Choir practice

**Thursdays: 6:00 pm** Pot Luck; **7:00 pm** 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 1, Saturday - Women's Bible study, 10 am, *Book of Acts***

***May 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.

***May 15, 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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*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

## Weekly Schedule:

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|--------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Sundays:</b>    | <b>10:00 am</b> | <b>Worship Service &amp; Sunday School</b>                    |
|                    | <b>11:00 am</b> | <b>Community Fellowship Time</b>                              |
|                    | <b>12:00 pm</b> | <b>Council Meeting, The <u>Third</u> Sunday of each month</b> |
| <b>Wednesdays:</b> | <b>5:00 pm</b>  | <b>Choir practice</b>                                         |
| <b>Thursdays:</b>  | <b>6:00 pm</b>  | <b>Pot Luck;</b>                                              |
|                    | <b>7:00 pm</b>  | <b>Bible Study</b>                                            |
| <b>Saturdays:</b>  | <b>10:00 am</b> | <b>Women's Bible Study</b>                                    |
|                    |                 | The <u>First</u> Saturday of each month.                      |
|                    | <b>9:00 am</b>  | <b>Free Food Distribution</b>                                 |
|                    |                 | The <u>Third</u> 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.





## My Faith Looks Up to Thee

My faith looks up to Thee,  
Thou Lamb of Calvary,  
Savior divine!  
Now hear me while I pray, Take all my guilt away,  
O let me from this day Be wholly thine.

May Thy rich grace impart  
Strength to my fainting heart,  
My zeal inspire;  
As Thou hast died for me, O may my love to Thee  
Pure, warm, and changeless be, A living fire.

While life's dark maze I tread,  
And griefs around me spread,  
Be Thou my guide;  
Bid darkness turn to day, Wipe sorrow's tears away,  
Nor let me ever stray From Thee aside.

When ends life's passing dream,  
When death's cold, threatening stream  
Shall o'er me roll,  
Blest Savior, then, in love, Fear and distrust remove;  
O lift me safe above, A ransomed soul!

# He Lives

I serve a risen Savior, He's in the world today;  
I know that He is living, whatever men may say.  
I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer,  
And just the time I need Him, He's always near.

## Refrain

He lives, (He lives), He lives! (He lives), Christ Jesus lives today!  
He walks with me and talks with me Along life's narrow way,  
He lives, (He lives), He lives, (He lives), Salvation to impart!  
You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within my heart!

In all the world around me I see His loving care;  
And tho' my heart grows weary, I never will despair.  
I know that He is leading, thro' all the stormy blast;  
The day of His appearing will come at last.

## Refrain

Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, Lift up your voice and sing  
Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ, the King!  
The Hope of all who seek Him, the Help of all who find,  
None other is so loving, so good and kind.

## Refrain

# Our God Reigns

How lovely on the mountains are the feet of Him,  
Who brings good news, good news,  
Announcing peace, proclaiming news of happiness.  
Our god reigns, our god reigns!  
Our God Reigns! Our God Reigns!  
Our God Reigns! Our God Reigns!

He had no stately form; He had no majesty,  
That we should be drawn to Him.  
He was despised, and we took no account of Him,  
Yet now He reigns with the Most High.  
Our God Reigns! Our God Reigns!  
Our God Reigns! Our God Reigns!

Out of the tomb He came with grace and majesty;  
He is alive, He is alive.  
God loves us so- see here His hands, His feet, His side.  
Yes, we know, He is alive.  
Our God Reigns! Our God Reigns!  
Our God Reigns! Our God Reigns!

# O How He Loves You and Me

O how He loves you and me!  
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He gave his life; what more could he give?  
O how He loves you; O how he loves me;  
O how he loves you and me!

Jesus to Calvary did go;  
His love for sinners to show.  
What He did there bro't hope from despair.  
O how He loves you; O how he loves me;  
Oh, how he loves you and me!