

May 16, 2021

# 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.

### Prayers of Confession on the Ascension

Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from death to life, and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him, or acknowledges his rule in our lives. We have gone along with the ways of the world, and failed to give him glory. Forgive us, and raise us from sin, that we may be your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the church, his body.

#### **Absolution**

Isaiah writes: "Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken." I declare that all your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father + and the Son + and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

#### **Opening Hymn**

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name, # 43

### 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 [NLT]

Acts 1:1-11

<sup>1</sup> In my first book [Luke] I told you, Theophilus, about everything Jesus began to do and teach <sup>2</sup> until the day he was taken up to heaven after giving his chosen apostles further instructions through the Holy Spirit. <sup>3</sup> During the forty days after he suffered and died, he appeared to the apostles from time to time, and he proved to them in many ways that he was actually alive. And he talked to them about the Kingdom of God. 4 Once when he was eating with them, he commanded them, "Do not leave Jerusalem until the Father sends you the gift he promised, as I told you before. 5 John baptized with water, but in just a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." <sup>6</sup>So when the apostles were with Jesus, they kept asking him, "Lord, has the time come for you to free Israel and restore our kingdom?" He replied, "The Father alone has the authority to set those dates and times, and they are not for you to know. 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere-in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." After saying this, he was taken up into a cloud while they were watching, and they could no longer see him. <sup>10</sup> As they strained to see him rising into heaven, two white-robed men suddenly stood among them. 11 "Men of Galilee," they said, "why are you standing here staring into heaven? Jesus has been taken from you into heaven, but someday he will return from heaven in the same way you saw him go!"

#### **Epistle Lesson**

Ephesians 1:15-23 [NLT]

<sup>15</sup> Ever since I first heard of your strong faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for God's people everywhere, <sup>16</sup> I have not stopped thanking God for you. I pray for you constantly, <sup>17</sup> asking God, the glorious Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, to give you spiritual wisdom and insight so that you might grow in your knowledge of God. <sup>18</sup> I pray that your hearts will be flooded with light so that you can understand the confident hope he has given to those he called—his holy people who are his rich and glorious inheritance. <sup>19</sup> I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God's power for us who believe him. This is the same mighty power <sup>20</sup> that raised Christ from the dead and seated him in the place of honor at God's right hand in the heavenly realms. <sup>21</sup> Now he is far above any ruler or authority or power or leader or anything else—not only in this world but also in the world to come. <sup>22</sup> God has put all things under the authority of Christ and has made him head over all things for the benefit of the church. <sup>23</sup> And the church is his body; it is made full and complete by Christ, who fills all things everywhere with himself.

#### Gospel Lesson

Luke 24:44-53 [NLT]

<sup>44</sup> Then he said, "When I was with you before, I told you that everything written about me in the law of Moses and the prophets and in the Psalms must be fulfilled." <sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. <sup>46</sup> And he said, "Yes, it was written long ago that the Messiah would suffer and die and rise from the dead on the third day. <sup>47</sup> It was also written that this message would be proclaimed in the authority of his name to all the nations, beginning in Jerusalem: 'There is forgive-ness of sins for all who repent.' <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of all these things. <sup>49</sup> "And now I will send the Holy Spirit, just as my Father promised. But stay here in the city until the Holy Spirit comes and fills you with power from heaven." <sup>50</sup> Then Jesus led them to Bethany, and lifting his hands to heaven, he blessed them. <sup>51</sup> While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up to heaven. <sup>52</sup> So they worshiped him and then returned to Jerusalem filled with great joy. <sup>53</sup> And they spent all of their time in the Temple, praising God.

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

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Sermon "Ascension" Pastor Buchhorn

General Prayer

**Communion Hymn** 

There's Something About That Name, #83

### 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

O How I Love Jesus, #92

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: Plants & Planting; Numbers: #7; Bible: The Good Samaritan

Wednesdays: 5 pm Choir practice; 6 pm Pot Luck; 7 pm Bible Study - John

#### 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!

June 5, Saturday - Women's Bible study, 10 am, Book of Acts

June 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.

#### August 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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# 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:

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: 5 pm Choir practice; 6 pm Pot Luck; 7 pm Bible Study - John

Thursdays: 6:00 pm Pot Luck; 7:00 pm Bible Study

Saturdays: 10:00 am Women's Bible Study

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

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#### **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.

### All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name!

Let angels prostrate fall;

Bring forth the royal diadem,

And crown Him Lord of all;

Bring forth the royal diadem,

And crown Him Lord of all!

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,
Ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail Him who saves you by His grace,
And crown Him Lord of all;
Hail Him who saves you by His grace,
And crown Him Lord of all!

On this terrestrial ball,
To Him all majesty ascribe,
And crown Him Lord of all;
To Him all majesty ascribe,
And crown Him Lord of all!

O that with yonder sacred throng
We at Hs feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song,
And crown Him Lord of all;
We'll join the everlasting song,
And crown Him Lord of all!

# We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer

We praise you, 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 hast been. When perils o'er take 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.

# There's Something About That Name

Jesus, Jesus! There's just something about that name! Master, Savior, Jesus! Like the fragrance after the rain. Jesus, Jesus, Jesus! Let all heaven and earth proclaim: Kings and kingdoms will all pass away, But there's something about that name!

# O How I Love Jesus

There is a name I love to hear,
I love to sing its worth;
It sounds like music in my ear,
The sweetest name on earth.
O, how I love Jesus! O, how I love Jesus!
O, how I love Jesus, Because He first loved me!

It tells me of a Savior's love,
Who died to set me free;
It tells me of His precious blood,
The sinner's perfect plea.
O, how I love Jesus! O, how I love Jesus!
O, how I love Jesus, Because He first loved me!

It tells me what my Father hath
In store for every day
And tho' I tread a darksome path,
Yields sunshine all the way.
O, how I love Jesus! O, how I love Jesus!
O, how I love Jesus, Because He first loved me!

It tells of One whose loving heart
Can feel my deepest woe,
Who in each sorrow bears a part
That none can bear below.
O, how I love Jesus! O, how I love Jesus!
O, how I love Jesus, Because He first loved me!