



TRADITION?

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:

Merciful Lord, we are so fearful these days. We encounter economic situations which threaten to destroy our lives; we encounter anger, fear and hostility, and we feel as though we are about to drown. We want to place our trust in you, but so many times before, when we have trusted others, we have been let down. Help us to truly trust your mercy and love. Heal and forgive our fears and sins. Open our hearts to receive your mercy and help us to become your disciples. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

Words of Assurance:

Feel the touch of Christ on your heart! You are healed and forgiven! Rejoice! God is with you now and always! AMEN.

Opening Hymn

The Battle Belongs to the Lord, #732

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.

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 29:11-19 [NLT]

¹¹ All the future events in this vision are like a sealed book to them. When you give it to those who can read, they will say, "We can't read it because it is sealed." ¹² When you give it to those who cannot read, they will say, "We don't know how to read." ¹³ And so the Lord says, "These people say they are mine. They honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. And their worship of me is nothing but man-made rules learned by rote. ¹⁴ Because of this, I will once again astound these hypocrites with amazing wonders. The wisdom of the wise will pass away, and the intelligence of the intelligent will disappear." ¹⁵ What sorrow awaits those who try to hide their plans from the LORD, who do their evil deeds in the dark! "The LORD can't see us," they say. "He doesn't know what's going on!" ¹⁶ How foolish can you be? He is the Potter, and he is certainly greater than you, the clay! Should the created thing say of the one who made it, "He didn't make me"? Does a jar ever say, "The potter who made me is stupid"? ¹⁷ Soon—and it will not be very long—the forests of Lebanon will become a fertile field, and the fertile field will yield bountiful crops. ¹⁸ In that day the deaf will hear words read from a book, and the blind will see through the gloom and darkness. ¹⁹ The humble will be filled with fresh joy from the LORD. The poor will rejoice in the Holy One of Israel.

Epistle Lesson

Ephesians 5:22-33 [NLT]

²² For wives, this means submit to your husbands as to the Lord. ²³ For a husband is the head of his wife as Christ is the head of the church. He is the Savior of his body, the church. ²⁴ As the church submits to Christ, so you wives should submit to your husbands in everything. ²⁵ For husbands, this means love your wives, just as Christ loved the church. He gave up his life for her ²⁶ to make her holy and clean, washed by the cleansing of God's word. ²⁷ He did this to present her to himself as a glorious church without a spot or wrinkle or any other blemish. Instead, she will be holy and without fault. ²⁸ In the same way, husbands ought to love their wives as they love their own bodies. For a man who loves his wife actually shows love for himself. ²⁹ No one hates his own body but feeds and cares for it, just as Christ cares for the church. ³⁰ And we are members of his body. ³¹ As the Scriptures say, "A man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one." ³² This is a great mystery, but it is an illustration of the way Christ and the church are one. ³³ So again I say, each man must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

[Please Stand for the reading of the Gospel]

¹ One day some Pharisees and teachers of religious law arrived from Jerusalem to see Jesus. ² They noticed that some of his disciples failed to follow the Jewish ritual of hand washing before eating. ³ (The Jews, especially the Pharisees, do not eat until they have poured water over their cupped hands, as required by their ancient traditions. ⁴ Similarly, they don't eat anything from the market until they immerse their hands in water. This is but one of many traditions they have clung to—such as their ceremonial washing of cups, pitchers, and kettles.) ⁵ So the Pharisees and teachers of religious law asked him, “Why don't your disciples follow our age-old tradition? They eat without first performing the hand-washing ceremony.” ⁶ Jesus replied, “You hypocrites! Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you, for he wrote, ‘These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. ⁷ Their worship is a farce, for they teach man-made ideas as commands from God.’ ⁸ For you ignore God's law and substitute your own tradition.” ⁹ Then he said, “You skillfully sidestep God's law in order to hold on to your own tradition. ¹⁰ For instance, Moses gave you this law from God: ‘Honor your father and mother,’ and ‘Anyone who speaks disrespectfully of father or mother must be put to death.’ ¹¹ But you say it is all right for people to say to their parents, ‘Sorry, I can't help you. For I have vowed to give to God what I would have given to you.’ ¹² In this way, you let them disregard their needy parents. ¹³ And so you cancel the word of God in order to hand down your own tradition. And this is only one example among many others.”

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*Jesus, Lover of My Soul, #710***Sermon***“Tradition”**Pastor Buchhorn*

Communion Hymn

Crown Him with Many Crowns, #45

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

We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer #68

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**

**Wednesdays: No Choir until after Labor Day. Potluck & Bible Study resume on Wednesday, August 25.**

## **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!**

**September 4, Saturday - Women's Bible study, 10 am, *Book of Acts***

**September 18, 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.

**November 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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*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

**Saturdays:**  
10:00 am Women's Bible Study  
Usually 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](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.



# The Battle Belongs to the Lord

In heavenly armor we'll enter the land  
The battle belongs to the Lord  
No weapon that's fashioned against us shall stand  
The battle belongs to the Lord

## Refrain:

And We sing glory, honor, Power and strength to the Lord  
We sing glory, honor, Power and strength to the Lord

When the power of darkness comes in like a flood  
The battle belongs to the Lord  
He's raised up a standard, the power of His blood  
The battle belongs to the Lord  
[Refrain]

When your enemy presses in hard do not fear  
The battle belongs to the Lord  
Take courage my friend, your redemption is near  
The battle belongs to the Lord  
[Refrain]

# Jesus, Lover of My Soul

Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to thy bosom fly,  
While the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high;  
Hide me, O my Savior, hide, till the storm of life is past;  
Safe into the haven guide, O receive my soul at last!

Other refuge have I none; hangs my helpless soul on thee;  
Leave, ah! leave me not alone, still support and comfort me.  
All my trust on thee is stayed, all my help from thee I bring;  
Cover my defenseless head with the shadow of thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, art all I want; More than all in Thee I find:  
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, Heal the sick and lead the blind:  
Just and holy is Thy name, I am all unrighteousness;  
False and full of sin I am, Thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with thee is found, grace to cover all my sin;  
Let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within.  
Thou of life the fountain art; freely let me take of thee;  
Spring thou up within my heart, rise to all eternity.

# Crown Him with Many Crowns

Crown Him with many crowns, The Lamb upon His throne,  
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns All music but its own!  
Awake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee,  
And hail Him as thy matchless King Thro' all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of love! Behold his hands and side,--  
Rich wounds, yet visible above, In beauty glorified.  
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For Thou hast died for me:  
Thy praise and glory shall not fail thro'out eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave;  
Who rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save.  
His glories now we sing, Who died and rose on high,  
Who died eternal life to bring, And lives that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of heaven! One with the Father known,  
One with the Spirit, thro' Him giv'n From yonder glorious throne.  
To Thee be endless praise, For Thou for us hast died.  
Thou , O Lord, thro' endless days Adored and magnified!

# 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 hast 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.