



“THE FESTIVAL OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF OUR LORD”

The purpose of our Community is:
"Building Committed Followers of Jesus Christ"

Prelude

Pianists: Aretta Engelhardt or Shirlene Everhart

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation [Invocation -Latin:To Call Upon"]

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.*

Confession of Sins and Absolution

Pastor: The Almighty God will wipe away the tears from all faces; He will remove the sins and wrongdoing of His people from all the earth. Isaiah 25:8b

People: Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable-if anything is excellent or praiseworthy-think about such things. Philippians 4:8

Pastor: In the fullness of time, God sent forth His Son.

People: God calls us to confess our sins and repent of them.

(A moment of silent, personal confession is observed)

Pastor: Almighty and all-merciful God,

People: We admit before You that we are sinful and in need of You. We have sinned in our thoughts, words, and actions. Our thoughts have often been impure, focused on earthly things. We have cowered in fear of our mortality. We have often refused to partake of the strength and joy You provide by neglecting Your Word, the bread of life. In the name of Jesus, forgive us our sins. Amen.

Pastor: I, as one of the servants of Christ in this place, because of the substitutionary person, life, work, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, announce unto you the forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. May He who began this good work within you bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Amen.

Hymn of the Day

A Great and Mighty Wonder, #47

Children's Sermonette: "Inheritance" Pastor Droegemueller

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 7:10-14, part 1 [ESV]

(About 700 years before the birth of Christ, the Prophet Isaiah His miraculous

¹⁰ Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz: ¹¹ "Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven." ¹² But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test." ¹³ And he said, "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? ¹⁴ Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

Isaiah 9:1-7, part 2 [ESV]

(For to Us a Child Is Born. Isaiah foretells the Kingdom the Messiah will bring.)

¹ But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. ² The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. ³ You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. ⁴ For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. ⁵ For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire. ⁶ For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon ^[d] his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷ Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

Everyone: Thanks be to God.

Epistle Lesson

Galatians 4:4-7 [ESV]

(The Apostle Paul reminds us that through Christ, we receive adoption as our Father's children)

⁴ But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might re-

ceive adoption as sons. ⁶ And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" ⁷ So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

Everyone: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand for the reading of the Gospel)

Gospel Reading

Luke 1:39-55 [ESV]

(Mary Visits her cousin, Elizabeth, and Elizabeth's unborn son, John, leaps in womb in the presence of the Messiah. Mary sings her Song of Praise: The Magnificat.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 1st chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

³⁹ In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, ⁴⁰ and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹ And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, ⁴² and she exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! ⁴³ And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? ⁴⁴ For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵ And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord." *Mary's Song of Praise: The Magnificat* ⁴⁶ And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, ⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, ⁴⁸ for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; ⁴⁹ for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. ⁵⁰ And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. ⁵¹ He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts; ⁵² he has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate; ⁵³ he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. ⁵⁴ He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, ⁵⁵ as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his offspring forever."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ!

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.

Communion Hymn

Angels From the Realms of Glory, #25

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

Go Tell It On The Mountain, #44

Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord with gladness.

People: 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

**Wednesdays: No Choir until after Labor Day.
No Potluck nor Bible Study until 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!

August 21, 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 25, Wednesday—Potluck and Bible Study resume

August 29, Sunday, - Council meeting

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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Little Blessings Christian Preschool: (760) 722-1705

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

Kristen Erwin, Preschool Director



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### 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**

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**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](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.



# A Great and Mighty Wonder

A great and mighty wonder  
Our Christmas festal brings;  
On earth, a lowly Infant,  
Behold the King of kings!

The Word is made incarnate,  
Descending from on high;  
And cherubim sing anthems  
To shepherds from the sky.

And we with them, triumphant,  
Repeat the hymn again:  
"To God on high be glory,  
And peace on earth to men! "

Since all He comes to ransom,  
By all be He adored,  
The Infant born in Bethlehem,  
The Savior and the Lord!

All idol forms shall perish,  
And error shall decay,  
And Christ shall wield His scepter,  
Our Lord and God for aye.

# What Child Is This?

What child is this, who, laid to rest,  
On Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet  
While shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this is Christ the King,  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:  
Haste, haste, To bring Him, laud,  
The babe, the son of Mary!

Why lies He in such mean estate  
Where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here  
The silent Word is pleading.  
Nails, spear shall pierce Him through,  
The cross be borne for me, for you;  
Hail, hail the Word made flesh,  
The babe, the Son of Mary!

So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh;  
Come, peasant, king to own Him.  
The King of kings salvation brings;  
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.  
Raise, raise the song on high;  
The virgin sings her lullaby;  
Joy, joy for Christ is born,  
The babe, the Son of Mary!

# Angels, from the Realms of Glory

Angels from the realms of glory,  
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
Ye who sang creation's story  
Now proclaim Messiah's birth.  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
Worship Christ, the newborn King.

Shepherds, in the field abiding,  
Watching o'er your flocks by night,  
God with man is now residing;  
Yonder shines the Infant Light:  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
Worship Christ, the newborn King.

Saints, before the altar bending,  
Watching long in hope and fear,  
Suddenly the Lord, descending,  
In His temple shall appear;  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
Worship Christ, the newborn King.

# Go Tell It On the Mountain

Refrain

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

While shepherds kept their watching  
O'er silent flocks by night,  
Behold, throughout 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 God sent us salvation  
That blessed Christmas morn.

Refrain