



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

**Prelude**

*Pianists: 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.*

**Confession of Sins**

*(Everyone) Gracious Heavenly Father, on this first Sunday in September, as the summer season is coming to a close and tomorrow we celebrate Labor Day, we are comforted by the divine Labor which Christ accomplished for us on the cross that has provided our salvation by grace through faith. It is also appropriate that we come before You now in confession of our sins. We sought only to serve You in faith this past week, but we failed to follow Your will and instead went our own selfish way. We realize that we are poor sinners in need of Your mercy. Please forgive our many sins for Jesus' sake, as we look to His suffering and death for pardon. Give us the strength and spiritual zeal to follow Your guidance in our lives, and grant us a joyful life in service to You, as we plead the merits of our Savior Jesus Christ for forgiveness. In His Name we pray. Amen.*

**Declaration of Grace**

*(Pastor) The Bible tells us that we are to penitently and sincerely confess our sins. Having done so in faith, we now humbly seek God the Father's pardon. Christ has promised to us His forgiveness because of His suffering and death at Calvary. Thus, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, and in the stead and by command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

**Opening Hymn**

*O, Worship the King, # 178*

**Children's Sermonette:**

*'Saved by grace...'*

*Pastor McDonald*

## **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**

*Genesis 3:17-23 [NKJV]*

<sup>17</sup> Then to Adam He said, “Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, ‘You shall not eat of it’: “Cursed *is* the ground for your sake; In toil you shall eat *of* it. All the days of your life. <sup>18</sup> Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you, And you shall eat the herb of the field. <sup>19</sup> In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread Till you return to the ground, For out of it you were taken; For dust you *are*, And to dust you shall return.” <sup>20</sup> And Adam called his wife’s name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. <sup>21</sup> Also for Adam and his wife the LORD God made tunics of skin, and clothed them. <sup>22</sup> Then the LORD God said, “Behold, the man has become like one of Us, to know good and evil. And now, lest he put out his hand and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever”— <sup>23</sup> therefore the LORD God sent him out of the garden of Eden to till the ground from which he was taken.

### **Epistle**

*James 2:14-23 [NKJV]*

<sup>14</sup> What *does it* profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him? <sup>15</sup> If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food, <sup>16</sup> and one of you says to them, “Depart in peace, be warmed and filled,” but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what *does it* profit? <sup>17</sup> Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. <sup>18</sup> But someone will say, “You have faith, and I have works.” Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. <sup>19</sup> You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe—and tremble! <sup>20</sup> But do you want to know, O foolish man, that faith without works is dead? <sup>21</sup> Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered Isaac his son on the altar? <sup>22</sup> Do you see that faith was working together with his works, and by works faith was made perfect? <sup>23</sup> And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, “Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.” And he was called the friend of God.

(Please stand for the reading of the Gospel)

### **Gospel Reading**

*Mark 7:24-37 [NKJV]*

<sup>24</sup> From there He arose and went to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And He entered a house and wanted no one to know *it*, but He could not be hidden. <sup>25</sup> For a woman whose young daughter had an unclean spirit heard about Him, and she came and fell

at His feet. <sup>26</sup> The woman was a Greek, a Syro-Phoenician by birth, and she kept asking Him to cast the demon out of her daughter. <sup>27</sup> But Jesus said to her, "Let the children be filled first, for it is not good to take the children's bread and throw *it* to the little dogs." <sup>28</sup> And she answered and said to Him, "Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs under the table eat from the children's crumbs." <sup>29</sup> Then He said to her, "For this saying go your way; the demon has gone out of your daughter." <sup>30</sup> And when she had come to her house, she found the demon gone out, and her daughter lying on the bed. <sup>31</sup> Again, departing from the region of Tyre and Sidon, He came through the midst of the region of Decapolis to the Sea of Galilee. <sup>32</sup> Then they brought to Him one who was deaf and had an impediment in his speech, and they begged Him to put His hand on him. <sup>33</sup> And He took him aside from the multitude, and put His fingers in his ears, and He spat and touched his tongue. <sup>34</sup> Then, looking up to heaven, He sighed, and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." <sup>35</sup> Immediately his ears were opened, and the impediment of his tongue was loosed, and he spoke plainly. <sup>36</sup> Then He commanded them that they should tell no one; but the more He commanded them, the more widely they proclaimed *it*. <sup>37</sup> And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well. He makes both the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

## ***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***

*This Is My Father's World, # 191*

***Sermon***

*'Laboring in the Lord!'*

*Genesis 3:19a [NKJV]  
Pastor Robert McDonald*

**Message Notes:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**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**

*Blessed Assurance, #511*

*(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.  
6 pm Potluck & 7 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!***

### ***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.

### ***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.

### ***September 19, Sunday—Council zmeeting***



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## Building Committed Followers of Jesus Christ

**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

**Wednesdays:**    **No Choir until after Labor day.**  
   **6 pm Potluck & 7 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](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.



# Oh, Worship the King

Oh, worship the King, all glorious above.  
Oh, gratefully sing His pow'r and His love,  
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,  
Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

Oh, tell of His might; oh, sing of His grace,  
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;  
His chariots of wrath the deep thunder-clouds form,  
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold,  
Almighty, Your pow'r has founded of old;  
Established it fast by a changeless decree,  
And round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Your bountiful care what tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;  
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,  
And sweetly distills, in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
In You do we trust, not find You to fail;  
Your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,  
Our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend.

O measureless Might, ineffable love,  
While angels delight to hymn You above,  
The humbler creation, though feeble their lays,  
With true adoration shall sing to Your praise.

# This Is My Father's World

This is my Father's world,  
And to my listening ears  
All nature sings, and round me rings  
The music of the spheres.  
This is my Father's world!  
I rest me in the thought  
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas  
His hand the wonders wrought.

2 This is my Father's world  
The birds their carols raise;  
The morning light, the lily white,  
Declare their Maker's praise.  
This is my Father's world!  
He shines in all that's fair;  
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass,  
He speaks to me everywhere.

3 This is my Father's world  
O let me ne'er forget  
That though the wrong seems oft so strong,  
God is the Ruler yet.  
This is my Father's world!  
The battle is not done;  
Jesus who died shall be satisfied,  
And earth and heaven be one.

# Sweet Hour of Prayer

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]

# Blessed Assurance

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

Refrain:

This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior, all the day long;  
This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
Angels descending, bring from above  
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Refrain:

Perfect submission, all is at rest,  
I in my Savior am happy and blest,  
Watching and waiting, looking above,  
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

Refrain: