

A photograph of a sunset over a body of water. The sky and water are filled with warm, golden-orange light. Vertical reflections of the sun create a pattern of light and dark stripes on the water's surface. In the lower right foreground, a dark silhouette of a seagull stands on a sandy beach, looking out towards the water.

**Come to me, all you that
labor and are heavy
laden, and I will give you
rest.**

—Matthew 11:28

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:

[Everyone] We confess that we do not follow Jesus in all that we do.

We love with condition.

We judge and condemn.

We cast the first stone, and keep the logs in our own eyes.

We do not turn to You as the source of our healing.

Forgive us, we pray. Forgive our sin, and empower us to be imitators of Christ in love and service. Amen

Words of Assurance:

[Pastor] Jesus said: Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.

Receive the good news of the gospel:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Opening Hymn

Come, Thou Almighty King, #8

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

Psalm 3 [NLT]

¹ O LORD, I have so many enemies; so many are against me. ² So many are saying, “God will never rescue him!” *Interlude* ³ But you, O LORD, are a shield around me; you are my glory, the one who holds my head high. ⁴ I cried out to the LORD, and he answered me from his holy mountain. *Interlude* ⁵ I lay down and slept, yet I woke up in safety, for the LORD was watching over me. ⁶ I am not afraid of ten thousand enemies who surround me on every side. ⁷ Arise, O LORD! Rescue me, my God! Slap all my enemies in the face! Shatter the teeth of the wicked! ⁸ Victory comes from you, O LORD. May you bless your people. *Interlude*

Epistle Lesson

Romans 8:38-39 [NLT]

³⁸ And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God’s love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons,^[a] neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God’s love. ³⁹ No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.

[Please Stand for the reading of the Gospel]

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 11:25-30 [NLT]

²⁵ At that time Jesus prayed this prayer: “O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, thank you for hiding these things from those who think themselves wise and clever, and for revealing them to the childlike. ²⁶ Yes, Father, it pleased you to do it this way! ²⁷ “My Father has entrusted everything to me. No one truly knows the Son except the Father, and no one truly knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.” ²⁸ Then Jesus said, “Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light.” ³⁶ “Now which of these three would you say was a neighbor to the man who was attacked by bandits?” Jesus asked. ³⁷ The man replied, “The one who showed him mercy.” Then Jesus said, “Yes, now go and do the same.”

Benediction

A blessing we receive to send us out into the world once again.

Sending Hymn

Come, Let Us Worship and Bow Down, #227

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: 5 pm - No Choir until further notice;  
6:15 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 6, Saturday - Women's Bible study, 10 am, *Book of Acts***

**November 6, Saturday -Turn clocks back 1 hour**

**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.

**November 20, 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 28 - First Sunday in Advent







# Come, Thou Almighty King

Come, Thou Almighty King, Help us Thy name to sing,  
Help us to praise. Father, all glorious,  
O'er all victorious, Come and reign over us,  
Ancient of Days.

Come, Thou Incarnate Word, Gird on Thy mighty sword,  
Our prayer attend. Come, and Thy people bless,  
And give Thy word success. Spirit of holiness,  
On us descend.

Come, Holy Comforter, Thy sacred witness bear  
In this glad hour. Thou who almighty art,  
Now rule in ev'ry heart, And ne'er from us depart,  
Spirit of power.

To Thee, great One in Three, Eternal praises be,  
Hence evermore; Thy sov'reign majesty  
May we in glory see, And to eternity  
Love and adore.

# Glorify Thy Name

Father, we love You,  
We worship and adore You  
Glorify Thy name in all the earth  
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Glorify Thy name  
Glorify Thy name in all the earth

Jesus, we love You  
We worship and adore You  
Glorify Thy name in all the earth  
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Spirit, we love You,  
We worship and adore You  
Glorify Thy name in all the earth  
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## Just As I Am

Just as I am, without one plea  
But that Thy blood was shed for me  
And that Thou bid'st me come to Thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come! I come!

Just as I am, and waiting not  
To rid my soul of one dark blot  
To Thee whose blood can cleanse each spot,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

Just as I am, though tossed about  
With many a conflict, many a doubt  
Fighting and fears within, without,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

Just as I am, Thou wilt receive  
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve,  
Because Thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

# Come, Let US Worship and Bow Down

Come let us worship and bow down,  
Let us kneel before the Lord, our God, our Maker.  
Come let us worship and bow down  
Let us kneel before the Lord, our God, our Maker.

For He is our God  
And we are the people of His pasture,  
And the sheep of His hand,  
Just the sheep of his hand.