

The purpose of our Community is:

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 last Sunday of the church year, as we begin a new church year in seven days, we realize that we are now approaching the season of Advent, and we appreciate Your constant and continuous blessings and faithfulness. We know that during Your earthly pilgrimage, You accomplished your suffering and death for our sins. We also understand that we have wandered from Your desired path of Christian living. We have sinned in what we think, what we do, and how we act. We have said things for which we are sorry and reacted in ways that were not appropriate. For all these sins we come now in sincere confession, and humbly seek Your pardon and mercy. Please forgive us our many sins for the sake of Christ's suffering and death on our behalf, and may our walk in life during this new church year continue to serve our Savior in great joy and peace. In Jesus' name. 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

I Am Trusting You, Lord Jesus, #376

Children's Sermonette: 'Our highest value...' 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

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 [NKJV]

⁹ "I watched till thrones were put in place, And the Ancient of Days was seated; His garment *was* white as snow, And the hair of His head *was* like pure wool. His throne *was* a fiery flame, Its wheels a burning fire; ¹⁰ A fiery stream issued And came forth from before Him. A thousand thousands ministered to Him; Ten thousand times ten thousand stood before Him. The court was seated, And the books were opened. ~~ ¹³ "I was watching in the night visions, And behold, *One* like the Son of Man, Coming with the clouds of heaven! He came to the Ancient of Days, And they brought Him near before Him. ¹⁴ Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, That all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion *is* an everlasting dominion, Which shall not pass away, And His kingdom *the one* Which shall not be destroyed.

Epistle Lesson [Second Lesson]

Revelation 1:4-8 [NKJV]

⁴ John, to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, ⁶ and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him *be* glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. ⁷ Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, Amen. ⁸ "I am the Alpha and the Omega, *the* Beginning and *the* End," says the Lord, "who is and who was and who is to come, he Almighty."

(Please stand for the reading of the Gospel)

Gospel Reading

Matthew 16: 21-26 [NKJV]

²¹ From that time Jesus began to show to His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day. ²² Then Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, "Far be it from You, Lord; this shall not happen to You!" ²³ But He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind Me, Satan! You are an offense to Me, for you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men." ²⁴ Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and fol-

low Me. ²⁵ For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. ²⁶ For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?

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 Hymr

Softly and Tenderly, #431

Sermon

"The value of our immortal souls!" Matthew 16:26

Pastor Robert McDonald

Message Notes:			

Message Notes cont'd:		
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General Prayer

Communion Hymn

Let Us Break Bread Together, #285

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 welome 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!

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Distribution

#### Benediction

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

Sending Hymn

Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise, #246

(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 is closed for Thanksgiving, November 25 & 26.

Theme: Praise & Thanksgiving; No Letter; Bible: Praise the Lord.

Wednesdays: 5 pm - Choir

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 25, Thursday - Happy Thanksgiving!

**November 26, Friday** - Decorating the church for Advent, 10 am [& November 27, if needed. Also 10 am.]

November 28 - First Sunday in Advent

December 1-22, Wednesdays - Potluck, 6 pm; Mid-week Advent Services, 7 pm; .

December 4, Saturday - Women's Bible Study, 10 am. Book of Acts

**December 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. <u>Join us in thanking God for the continuation of this ministry!</u> The Blue bin on the North wall of the Church is for the collection of can goods for the Food Distribution.

#### February 6, 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: Tuesday - 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

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

Facebook Page: Community Lutheran Oceanside

AFLC [Association of Free Lutheran Congregations]: 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.

# I Am Trusting You, Lord Jesus

I am trusting You, Lord Jesus, Trusting only You; Trusting You for full salvation, Free and true..

I am trusting You for pardon;
At Your feet I bow,
For Your grace and tender mercy
Trusting now.

I am trusting You for cleansing In the crimson flood; Trusting You to make me holy By Your blood.

I am trusting You to guide me; You alone shalt lead, Ev'ry day and hour supplying All my need.

# **Softly and Tenderly**

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,
Calling for you and for me;
See, on the portals He's waiting and watching,
Watching for you and for me.

## Refrain:

Come home, come home Ye who are weary, come home; Earnestly, tenderly Jesus is calling Calling, O sinner come home!

Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,
Pleading for you and for me?
Why should we linger and heed not His mercies,
Mercies for you and for me?
[Refrain]

Time is now fleeting, the moments are passing,
Passing from you and me;
Shadows are gathering, deathbeds are coming,
Coming for you and for me.
[Refrain]

O for the wonderful love He has promised,
Promised for you and for me!
Though we have sinned, He has mercy and pardon
Pardon for you and for me.
[Refrain]

# Let Us Break Bread Together

Let us break bread together on our knees, Let us break bread together on our knees. When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees, Let us drink wine together on our knees. When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees, Let us praise God together on our knees. When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

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