



"AND BEHOLD, YOU WILL CONCEIVE IN  
YOUR WOMB AND BEAR A SON AND YOU  
SHALL CALL HIS NAME JESUS."

Luke 1:31

*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 fourth Sunday in Advent, we look forward to the celebration of Your Son’s birth in just six days! Yet we must realize that, during Advent, repentance is a central theme of the season, and thus we also come before You this morning in true contrition and sorrow over our sins. Our hearts are filled with joy as we shall soon anticipate and experience the incarnation and birth of Jesus Christ! As we draw closer to the Christmas celebration of the birth of Your Son, we would also praise You for our Advent faith which has prepared our hearts for Your Son’s entrance at Bethlehem. But we also sadly admit that we have lived imperfect lives and have wandered from your path of Christian living. In fact, the realization of our sinful lives reminds of the sober truth that our past lives and actions are strewn with sin. For all these transgressions we come now in 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 lives in this Advent season serve our Savior as we joyfully await His entrance once again. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.**

**Declaration of Grace**

**(Pastor) Especially in the season of Advent, the Bible tells us that we are to penitently and sincerely confess our sins. Having done so in faith, we now humbly seek God’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***Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come!, #18***Children's Sermonette:** *'That's hard to believe!'* 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***Micah 5:2-4 [NKJV]*

<sup>2</sup>“But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, *Though* you are little among the thousands of Judah, *Yet* out of you shall come forth to Me The One to be Ruler in Israel, Whose goings forth *are* from of old, From everlasting.” <sup>3</sup>Therefore He shall give them up, Until the time *that* she who is in labor has given birth; Then the remnant of His brethren Shall return to the children of Israel. <sup>4</sup>And He shall stand and feed *His flock* In the strength of the LORD, In the majesty of the name of the LORD His God; And they shall abide, For now He shall be great To the ends of the earth;

**Epistle Lesson***Philippians 4:4-7 [NKJV]*

<sup>4</sup>Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice! <sup>5</sup>Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord *is* at hand. <sup>6</sup>Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; <sup>7</sup>and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

(Please stand for the reading of the Gospel)

**Gospel Reading***Luke 1:26-38 [NKJV]*

<sup>26</sup>Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, <sup>27</sup>to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name *was* Mary. <sup>28</sup>And having come in, the angel said to her, “Rejoice, highly favored *one*, the Lord *is* with you; blessed *are* you among women!” <sup>29</sup>But when she saw *him*, she was troubled at his saying, and considered what manner of greeting this was. <sup>30</sup>Then the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup>And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name JESUS. <sup>32</sup>He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. <sup>33</sup>And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end.” <sup>34</sup>Then Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I do not know a





**Communion Hymn***What Child Is This?, #26***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***Angels We Have Heard on High, #22**(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 School  
**Theme: Happy Birthday Jesus!; Letter: Mm; Bible: Angel visits Mary  
 & Mary visits her cousin Elizabeth.**

**Wednesdays: 5 pm - Choir**  
**6:00 pm - Potluck**  
**7:00 pm - Advent Services**

## ***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!***

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

**January 8, 2nd Saturday** - Women's Bible Study, 10 am. Book of Acts

**January 15, 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.

**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



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## Weekly Schedule:

<b>Sundays:</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Worship Service &amp; Sunday School</b>
	<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Community Fellowship Time</b>
	<b>12:00 pm</b>	<b>Council Meeting, The <u>Third</u> Sunday of each month</b>
<b>Wednesdays:</b>	<b>5 pm</b>	<b>Choir</b>
	<b>6 pm</b>	<b>Potluck</b>
	<b>7 pm</b>	<b>Advent Service</b>
<b>Saturdays:</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Women's Bible Study</b>
		The <b><u>First</u></b> Saturday of each month.
	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Free Food Distribution</b>
		The <b><u>Third</u></b> 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.





# Joy to the World! The Lord Has Come!

Joy to the world! The Lord is come;  
Let earth receive her King;  
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room,  
And heav'n and nature sing,  
And heav'n and nature sing,  
And heav'n and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the world! The Savior reigns;  
Let men their songs employ,  
While fields and floods,  
Rocks, hills, and plains,  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,  
Nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make His blessings flow  
Far as the curse is found,  
Far as the curse is found,  
Far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness  
And wonders of His love,  
And wonders of His love,  
And wonders, wonders of His love.

# Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Hark the herald angels sing,  
“Glory to the newborn King;  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled.”  
Joyful all ye nations rise,  
Join the triumph of the skies;  
With th' angelic hosts proclaim,  
“Christ is born in Bethlehem.”  
Hark! The herald angels sing.  
“Glory to the newborn King.”

Christ by highest heav'n adored  
Christ the everlasting Lord  
Late in time behold Him come  
Offspring of the Virgin's womb  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see  
Hail th'incarnate Deity  
Pleased as man with men to dwell  
Jesus our Emmanuel  
Hark! The herald angels sing.  
“Glory to the newborn King.”

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace  
Hail the Sun of Righteousness  
Light and life to all He brings  
Ris'n with healing in His wings  
Mild He lays His glory by  
Born that man no more may die  
Born to raise the sons of earth  
Born to give them second birth  
Hark! The herald angels sing.  
“Glory to the newborn King.”

# 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 We Have Heard on High

Angels we have heard on high,  
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply,  
Echoing their joyous strains.

Chorus

Gloria in excelsis Deo;  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be  
Which inspire your heav'nly song?

Chorus

Come to Bethlehem and see  
Him whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee  
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

Chorus