

Matthew 1:20–21

But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because her child is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.'



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 second Sunday in Advent, we realize that repentance is a central theme of the Advent season, and thus we come before You this morning in true contrition and sorrow over our sins. But today is also the first Sunday of a new month, during which we will soon anticipate and experience the joy of the Christmas season and the birth of our Savior! Yet our joy in Advent must be tempered by the realization that we are also sinners and that we have often transgressed Your will and fallen in weakness. We have sinned in our words, thoughts and actions. Our language has not always been God pleasing, and our thoughts have not always been pure. For all these sins we come now in confession, and humbly seek Your pardon and mercy. Please forgive us for the sake of Christ’s suffering and death on our behalf, and may our lives in this Advent season serve our Savior in great joy and peace! In Jesus’ name. 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*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, #2***Children’s Sermonette:**

Sign in a library: “*Q_____ , P_____ !*”
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

Malachi 3:1-4 [NKJV]

¹ “Behold, I send My messenger, And he will prepare the way before Me. And the Lord, whom you seek, Will suddenly come to His temple, Even the Messenger of the covenant, In whom you delight. Behold, He is coming,” Says the LORD of hosts. ² “But who can endure the day of His coming? And who can stand when He appears? For He *is* like a refiner’s fire And like launderers’ soap. ³ He will sit as a refiner and a purifier of silver; He will purify the sons of Levi, And purge them as gold and silver, That they may offer to the LORD An offering in righteousness. ⁴ “Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem Will be pleasant to the LORD, As in the days of old, As in former years.

Epistle Lesson

Philippians 1: 2-11 [NKJV]

² Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ³ I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, ⁴ always in every prayer of mine making request for you all with joy, ⁵ for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now, ⁶ being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete *it* until the day of Jesus Christ; ⁷ just as it is right for me to think this of you all, because I have you in my heart, inasmuch as both in my chains and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel, you all are partakers with me of grace. ⁸ For God is my witness, how greatly I long for you all with the affection of Jesus Christ. ⁹ And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment, ¹⁰ that you may approve the things that are excellent, that you may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ, ¹¹ being filled with the fruits of righteousness which *are* by Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

(Please stand for the reading of the Gospel)

Gospel Reading

Matthew 1: 18-25 [NKJV]

¹⁸ Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ Then Joseph her husband, being a just *man*, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly. ²⁰ But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. ²¹ And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins.” ²² So all this was done that it might

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

The First Noel, #33

(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; .

**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. *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:

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



O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.

Chorus

Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, O come, Thou Lord of Might,
Who to Thy tribes, on Sinai's height,
In ancient times didst give the law
In cloud, and majesty, and awe. Chorus

O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell Thy people save
And give them victory o'er the grave. Chorus

O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight. Chorus

O come, Thou Key of David, come,
And open wide our heavenly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery. Chorus

O Little Town of Bethlehem

O little town of Bethlehem, How still we see thee lie;
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep The silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth The everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary; And gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, The angels keep
Their watch of wondering love.

O morning stars, together Proclaim the holy birth;
And praises sing to God our King And peace to men on earth.

How silently, how silently The wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts The blessings of His heav'n.
No ear may hear His coming, But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him still, The dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem, Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in, Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels The great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Immanuel.

O Come, All Ye Faithful

O come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant;
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold Him,
Born the King of angels:

Chorus

O come, let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him,
Christ, the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation;
Sing all ye bright
Hosts of heav'n above;
Glory to God, all
Glory in the highest:

Chorus

Yea, Lord we greet Thee,
Born this happy morning;
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n;
Word of the Father,
Now in flesh appearing:

Chorus

The First Noel

The first Noel the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds In fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay, keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain

*Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
Born is the King of Israel.*

They lookèd up and saw a star
Shining in the east, Beyond them far;
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night. *Refrain*

And by the light of that same star
Three wise men came From country far;
To seek for a king was their intent,
And to follow the star wherever it went. *Refrain*

This star drew near to the northwest,
Over Bethlehem It took its rest;
And there it did both stop and stay,
Right over the place where Jesus lay. *Refrain*

Then entered in those Wise Men three
Full reverently upon their knee,
And offered there in His presence
Their gold, and myrrh, and frankincence. *Refrain*