



Jesus Teaches Nicodemus

The purpose of our Community is:

“Building Committed Followers of Jesus Christ”

Music today is provided by Pastor Buchhorn with his Guitar.

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.

Opening Song

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.

First Lesson

Psalm 121 [NLT]

¹ I look up to the mountains—does my help come from there? ² My help comes from the LORD who made heaven and earth! ³ He will not let you stumble; the one who watches over you will not slumber. ⁴ Indeed, he who watches over Israel never slumbers or sleeps. ⁵ The LORD himself watches over you! The LORD stands beside you as your protective shade. ⁶ The sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon at night. ⁷ The LORD keeps you from all harm and watches over your life. ⁸ The LORD keeps watch over you as you come and go, both now and forever.

[Please Stand for the reading of the Gospel]

Gospel Lesson

John 3:1-15 [NLT]

¹ There was a man named Nicodemus, a Jewish religious leader who was a Pharisee. ² After dark one evening, he came to speak with Jesus. “Rabbi,” he said, “we all

know that God has sent you to teach us. Your miraculous signs are evidence that God is with you.”³ Jesus replied, “I tell you the truth, unless you are born again, you cannot see the Kingdom of God.”⁴ “What do you mean?” exclaimed Nicodemus. “How can an old man go back into his mother’s womb and be born again?”⁵ Jesus replied, “I assure you, no one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and the Spirit.”⁶ Humans can reproduce only human life, but the Holy Spirit gives birth to spiritual life.⁷ So don’t be surprised when I say, ‘You must be born again.’⁸ The wind blows wherever it wants. Just as you can hear the wind but can’t tell where it comes from or where it is going, so you can’t explain how people are born of the Spirit.”⁹ “How are these things possible?” Nicodemus asked.¹⁰ Jesus replied, “You are a respected Jewish teacher, and yet you don’t understand these things?”¹¹ I assure you, we tell you what we know and have seen, and yet you won’t believe our testimony.¹² But if you don’t believe me when I tell you about earthly things, how can you possibly believe if I tell you about heavenly things?¹³ No one has ever gone to heaven and returned. But the Son of Man has come down from heaven.¹⁴ And as Moses lifted up the bronze snake on a pole in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up,¹⁵ so that everyone who believes in him will have eternal life.

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 Song

Sermon

‘A Teaching Moment’

Pastor Buchhorn

Message Notes: _____

Communion Song

Words of Brokenness

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Pastor: Most merciful God,

People: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Words of Healing

Pastor: Almighty God in his mercy has given his Son to die for you and for his sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

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 Song

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**

**Wednesdays: 5:30 pm - Potluck; 6:30 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!**

### **August 6, Saturday - Women's Bible Study - 10 am**

*About 11:00-11:15 am, start lunch [bring your own]; after lunch we will start making New Chrismons for the Christmas tree. Please bring your sharp scissors.*

### **August 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.

**August 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.



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**Little Blessings Christian Preschool: (760) 722-1705**

**Preschool Schedule: Monday – Friday ... 7:15 am to 5:00 pm**

Kristen Erwin, Preschool Director

## Weekly Schedule:

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| <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>11:30 pm</b> | <b>Council Meeting, The <u>Third</u> Sunday of each month</b> |
| <b>Wednesdays:</b>                                             | <b>5:30 pm</b>  | <b>Potluck</b>                                                |
|                                                                | <b>6:30 pm</b>  | <b>Potluck</b>                                                |
| <b>[Choir is on Summer break. Will resume after Labor Day]</b> |                 |                                                               |
| <b>Saturdays:</b>                                              | <b>10:00 am</b> | <b>Women's Bible Study</b>                                    |
|                                                                |                 | Usually the <b><u>First</u> Saturday</b> of each month.       |
|                                                                | <b>9:00 am</b>  | <b>Free Food Distribution</b>                                 |
|                                                                |                 | The <b><u>Third</u> Saturday</b> 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.





# Have Thine Own Way Lord

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!  
Thou art the Potter, I am the clay.  
Mold me and make me after Thy will,  
While I am waiting, yielded and still.

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!  
Search me and try me, Master, today!  
Whiter than snow, Lord, wash me just now,  
As in Thy presence humbly I bow.

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!  
Wounded and weary, help me, I pray!  
Power, all power, surely is Thine!  
Touch me and heal me, Savior divine.

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!  
Hold o'er my being absolute sway!  
Fill with Thy Spirit till all shall see  
Christ only, always, living in me.

# I've Been Redeemed

I've been redeemed [I've been redeemed]  
by the blood of the Lamb. [by the blood of the Lamb.]

I've been redeemed [I've been redeemed]  
by the blood of the Lamb,  
I've been redeemed by the blood of the Lamb,  
filled with the Holy Ghost I am.

All my sins are washed away,  
I've been redeemed.

# Spring Up, O Well

I've got a river of life flowing out of me  
Makes the lame to walk and the blind to see,  
Opens prison doors, sets the captive free.  
I've got a river of life flowing out of me.

Chorus:

Spring up, O well, within my soul.  
Spring up, O well, and make me whole  
Spring up, O well, and give to me  
That life abundantly  
[Repeat]

# Thy Loving Kindness

[Maranatha!](#)

Thy loving kindness  
Is better than life  
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Is better than life  
My lips shall praise Thee  
Thus will I bless Thee  
I will lift up my hands unto Thy name.

I lift my hands up  
Unto Thy name  
I lift my hands up  
Unto Thy name  
My lips shall praise Thee  
Thus will I bless Thee  
I will lift up my hands unto Thy name.