



*The purpose of our Community is:*

❧❧❧ *“Building Committed Followers of Jesus Christ”* ❧❧❧

**Prelude**

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.*

**Prayer of Confession of Sin**

**[Everyone]:** Gracious Heavenly Father, as this morning we continue our Easter season walk with the risen Christ, we also rejoice today as we celebrate the Ascension of our Savior! Yet we must also pause this morning to recognize our sinful condition and seek our Savior’s forgiveness. We understand that we have not lived perfect lives and instead have often sinned in weakness. We have said and done things of which we are ashamed. We have not always treated our family and loved ones in a way that is God pleasing; and we have not always been consistent in our walk of faith.

Therefore, as today we rejoice in the Ascension of Christ, we also come before You with a penitent heart, and seek Your pardon and peace, for the sake of Your Son’s suffering and death. Please forgive us through the merits of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who paid the price for our sins on the cross. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

**Declaration of Grace**

*[Pastor]: The Easter season focuses our hearts and minds on our sins and our risen and ascended Savior! In that regard, the Bible tells us that we are to penitently confess our sins. Having done so in faith, we now humbly and sincerely 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***I Am Trusting You, Lord Jesus, #376***Children's Sermonette:***'What goes up ...'*

Pastor McDonald

**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***Acts 1:4-11 [NKJV]*

<sup>4</sup> And being assembled together with *them*, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," *He said*, "you have heard from Me; <sup>5</sup> for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." <sup>6</sup> Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" <sup>7</sup> And He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. <sup>8</sup> But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth." <sup>9</sup> Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup> And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, <sup>11</sup> who also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This *same* Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven."

**Epistle Lesson***Ephesians 1:15-23 [NKJV]*

<sup>15</sup> Therefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, <sup>16</sup> do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers: <sup>17</sup> that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, <sup>18</sup> the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, <sup>19</sup> and what *is* the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power <sup>20</sup> which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated *Him* at His right hand in the heavenly *places*, <sup>21</sup> far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come. <sup>22</sup> And He put all *things* under His feet, and gave Him *to be* head over all *things* to the church, <sup>23</sup> which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.



Message Notes cont'd:

***Prayers of the Church***

***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 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***

***Sending Hymn***

*Children of the Heavenly Father, #560*

*Pastor: Go in Peace and Serve the Lord.*

**Everyone: Thanks be to God**

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***Postlude Music***

## ***Things going on during the week:***

***Monday-Friday: 7:15 am to 5 pm Little Blessings Christian School***

***Thursdays: 5 pm, Choir practice***

## ***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!***

***May 21, Council meeting today, after fellowship time.***

***June 10, Saturday - Women's Bible Study, 10 am.***

***June 18, Council meeting today, after fellowship time.***

***July 8, Saturday - Women's Bible Study, 10 am.***

***July 16, Council meeting today, after fellowship time.***

***August 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.

***August 12, Saturday - Women's Bible Study, 10 am.***

***August 20, Council meeting today, after fellowship time.***

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## Building Committed Followers of Jesus Christ



**Little Blessings Christian Preschool: (760) 378-7973**

**Preschool Schedule: Monday – 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 Third Sunday of each month**

**Thursdays:** 5:00 pm **Choir practice**

**Saturdays:** 10:00 am **Women's Bible Study**  
**Second Saturday of each month**

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.

