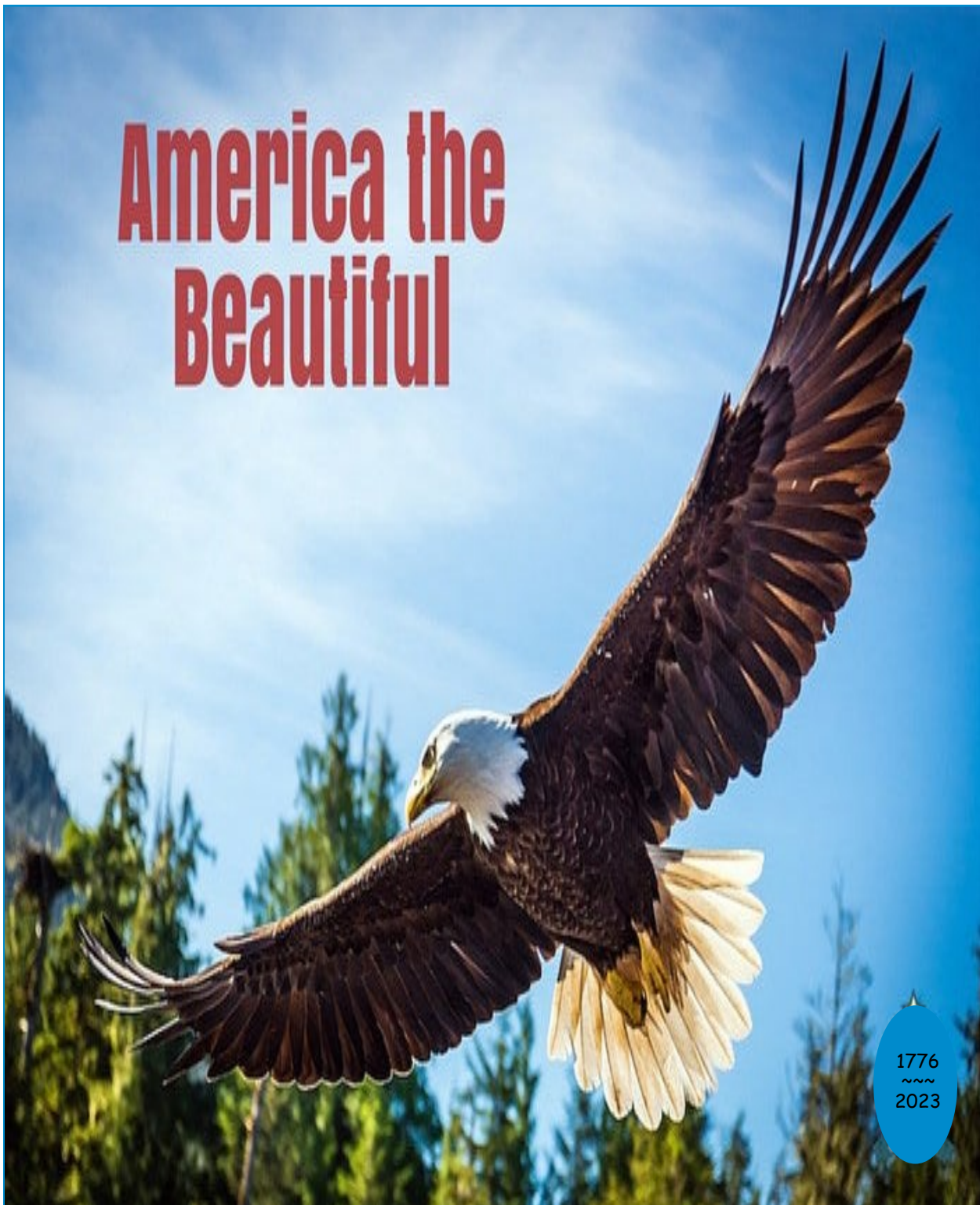


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The purpose of our Community is:  
 ❀❀❀ *“Building Committed Followers of Jesus Christ”* ❀❀❀

## **Prelude**

**Aretta Englehardt**

## **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 Sins**

*Chaplain: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.*

**Everyone: Almighty God, Before you all hearts are opened, all desires known, and no secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You, and worthily magnify Your Holy Name. I acknowledge and confess that I am by nature sinful. I have omitted doing good, and have done evil in thought, word, and deed. I have offended You, my God and Savior, and desire Your forgiveness and mercy. I repent of all my sins, in Jessus’ Name, and for His sake, Amen.**

## **Declaration of Grace**

*Chaplain: 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 Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

**Everyone: Amen.**

## **Opening Hymn**

*Take Up Thy Cross, the Savior Said, #432*

## **Children’s Sermonette**

*‘Family Strife’*

*Chaplain Neider*

## **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**

*Jeremiah 28:5-9 [ESV]*

<sup>5</sup> Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to Hananiah the prophet in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD, <sup>6</sup> and the prophet Jeremiah said, “Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD make the words that you have prophesied come true, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. <sup>7</sup> Yet hear now this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. <sup>8</sup> The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. <sup>9</sup> As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes to pass, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet.”

#### **Epistle Lesson**

*Romans 7:1-13 [ESV]*

<sup>1</sup> Or do you not know, brothers—for I am speaking to those who know the law—that the law is binding on a person only as long as he lives? <sup>2</sup> For a married woman is bound by law to her husband while he lives, but if her husband dies she is released from the law of marriage. <sup>3</sup> Accordingly, she will be called an adulteress if she lives with another man while her husband is alive. But if her husband dies, she is free from that law, and if she marries another man she is not an adulteress. <sup>4</sup> Likewise, my brothers, you also have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God. <sup>5</sup> For while we were living in the flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the law, were at work in our members to bear fruit for death. <sup>6</sup> But now we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive, so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit and not in the old way of the written code. <sup>7</sup> What then shall we say? That the law is sin? By no means! Yet if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin. For I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, “You shall not covet.” <sup>8</sup> But sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, produced in me all kinds of covetousness. For apart from the law, sin lies dead. <sup>9</sup> I was once alive apart from the law, but when the commandment came, sin came alive and I died. <sup>10</sup> The very commandment that promised life proved to be death to me. <sup>11</sup> For sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, deceived me and through it killed me. <sup>12</sup> So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good. <sup>13</sup> Did that which is good, then, bring death to me? By no means! It was sin, producing death in me through what is good, in order that sin might be shown to be sin, and through the commandment might become sinful beyond measure.

#### **Choir Anthem**

*His Prayer*

*[Please stand for the reading of the Holy Gospel]*

## **Gospel Reading**

*Matthew 10:34-42 [ESV]*

<sup>34</sup> “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. <sup>35</sup> For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. <sup>36</sup> And a person’s enemies will be those of his own household. <sup>37</sup> Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. <sup>38</sup> And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. <sup>39</sup> Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. <sup>40</sup> “Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me. <sup>41</sup> The one who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and the one who receives a righteous person because he is a righteous person will receive a righteous person’s reward. <sup>42</sup> And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward.”

## **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 Hymn:**

*America the Beautiful, #630*

**Sermon:**

*‘A Family at War’*

*Chaplain Erik Neider*

**Message Notes:**

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*Pastor: The Words of Our Lord...*

**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!**

***Benediction***

***Sending Hymn***

*Onward Christian Soldiers, #461*

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

**Everyone: Thanks be to God**

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Postlude Music

Little Blessings Pre-school:

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

Weekly Schedule:

***Sundays:* 10:00 am Worship Service
11:00 am Community Fellowship Time**

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

***Saturdays:* Next Women's Bible Study, 10 am, July 8th**

Looking ahead:

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.

August 6 - 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 2023 on the first Sunday in February, May, August & November.

Important Notice: The thermostats have been repaired and both are now working. PLEASE DO NOT TURN THE THERMOSTATS OFF. Just adjust temperature up or down [depending on the weather] til the

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

Kristen Erwin, Preschool Director

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**Sundays:**      10:00 am    **Worship Service & Sunday School**  
                      11:00 am    **Community Fellowship Time**

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

**Saturday, July 8, 10 am— Women’s Bible Study**

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.

