

THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE FESTIVAL OF PENTECOST

# The purpose of our Community is:

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#### Welcome and Announcements

#### The 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.

People: Amen.

#### The Confession & Absolution

[Before we can praise or enter into the presence of God, we confess our sins and for Christ's sake, our Heavenly Father forgives, inviting us to enter into His Holy Presence.]

Pastor: Let us confess our sins to God, our Father, asking forgiveness through His Son, Jesus, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.

(A moment of silence for personal confession is observed)

Pastor: Now let us confess together:

People: We admit that we have not always shared the faith in Christ as the Apostles have taught us. We rejoice in having the gift of faith, but recognize that we, like Job and Peter,, question God's will and wisdom. Forgive us and open our eyes to see the opportunities to tell of our faith. Give us compassionate hearts to care for those around us. Have mercy on us, because of the Lamb of God, Jesus Christ. Forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Pastor: Almighty God has had mercy upon you and has given His only Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. Because of the person, life, suffering, death and resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ, Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I announce unto you the forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. May He who began this good work in you bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: Amen

#### Hymn of the Day

Come Thou Almighty King, #135

Children's Sermonette: "Listening Ears" Pastor Droegemueller

## 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.

#### The Old Testament:

Job 38:4-18 [ESV]

[When Job questions God about His decisions, Job is told he was a mortal and cannot understand God's wisdom and actions.]

<sup>4</sup> "Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. <sup>5</sup> Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? <sup>6</sup> On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone, <sup>7</sup> when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy? <sup>8</sup> "Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb, <sup>9</sup> when I made clouds its garment and thick darkness its swaddling band, <sup>10</sup> and prescribed limits for it and set bars and doors, <sup>11</sup> and said, 'Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stayed'? <sup>12</sup> "Have you commanded the morning since your days began, and caused the dawn to know its place, <sup>13</sup> that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth, and the wicked be shaken out of it? <sup>14</sup> It is changed like clay under the seal, and its features stand out like a garment. <sup>15</sup> From the wicked their light is withheld, and their uplifted arm is broken. <sup>16</sup> "Have you entered into the springs of the sea, or walked in the recesses of the deep? <sup>17</sup> Have the gates of death been revealed to you, or have you seen the gates of deep darkness? <sup>18</sup> Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth? Declare, if you know all this.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**Everyone: Thanks be to God.** 

#### The Epistle Lesson:

Romans 10:5-17 [ESV]

[The Apostle Paul teaches us that Christ's salvation is for all people and that each generation needs to communicate it so people can believe in Him...]

<sup>5</sup>For Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. <sup>6</sup>But the righteousness based on faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) <sup>7</sup> "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). <sup>8</sup>But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); <sup>9</sup> because, if you confess with your

mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. <sup>11</sup> For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." <sup>12</sup> For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. <sup>13</sup> For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." <sup>14</sup> How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? <sup>15</sup> And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" <sup>16</sup> But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?" <sup>17</sup> So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord. **Everyonr: Thanks be to God.** 

[Please stand for the reading of the Gospel]

#### Holy Gospel Lesson:

Matthew 14:22-33 [ESV]

[Christ walks on water during a storm and rescues Peter when he tries and doubts.]

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter.

Everyone: Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>22</sup> Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. <sup>23</sup> And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, <sup>24</sup> but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. <sup>25</sup> And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. <sup>26</sup> But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" and they cried out in fear. <sup>27</sup> But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid." <sup>28</sup> And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." <sup>29</sup> He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. <sup>30</sup> But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." <sup>31</sup> Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" <sup>32</sup> And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. <sup>33</sup> And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord Everyone: Praise to You, O Christ!

## 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
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My Faith Looks Up To Thee, #397

Sermon	"Keeping Your Focus"	Pastor Droegemueller
Message Notes:		

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## General Prayer

#### **Communion Hymn**

I Lay My Sins On Jesus" #396

## 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!

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Distribution

#### Benediction

A blessing we receive to send us out into the world once again.

Sending Hymn

Savior, Again To Thy Dear Name We Raise, #246

Pastor: Go In Peace and Serve the Lord!

**Everyone: Thanks be to God** 

Postlude

# Things going on during the week:

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

Thursday: Choir practice is on vacation until after Labor Day

# 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!

September 4, Labor Day

September 9, Saturday - Women's Bible Study

November 5, Sunday - Love Offering ... for Missions

Once a quarter, we will be collecting a special offering in he '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) 378-7973

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

Kristen Erwin, Preschool Director



Sundays: 10:00 am Worship Service & Sunday School

11:00 am Community Fellowship Time

11:30 am Council Meeting, Usually, Third Sunday of each month

Thursdays: 5:00 pm Choir Practice

Saturdays: 10:00 am Women's Bible Study, <u>Second</u> Saturday each month

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.