

A photograph of a waterfall cascading through a dense forest of green trees. The water is white and frothy as it falls, surrounded by lush green foliage. The text is overlaid on the center of the image.

*John 2:11 KJV*

This beginning of  
miracles did Jesus in  
Cana of Galilee, and  
manifested forth his  
glory; and his disciples  
believed on him.

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 today is the first Sunday in August, we recognize Your Hand of protection and providence during the warmth and heat of summer and we thank You for it. We have sought only to serve You in faith this past week, but we failed to follow Your will and instead went our own selfish way. We realize that we are poor sinners in need of Your mercy and grace. Please forgive our many sins for Jesus' sake, as we look to His suffering and death for mercy and pardon. Give us the strength and spiritual zeal to follow Your guidance in our lives, and grant us a joyful life in service to You, as we plead the merits of our Savior Jesus Christ for forgiveness. In His Name. Amen.

**Declaration of Grace**

*[Pastor]: The Bible encourages us to patiently, penitently and sincerely confess our sins on a regular basis. Having done so in faith, we now humbly seek God's pardon and forgiveness of our sins. 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 Love to Tell the Story, #304*

**Children's Sermonette:**

*'Water into Wine!...'*

*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**

*Isaiah 55:1-5 [NKJV]*

<sup>1</sup>“Ho! Everyone who thirsts, Come to the waters; And you who have no money, Come, buy and eat. Yes, come, buy wine and milk Without money and without price. <sup>2</sup>Why do you spend money for *what is* not bread, And your wages for *what does* not satisfy? Listen carefully to Me, and eat *what is* good, And let your soul delight itself in abundance. <sup>3</sup>Incline your ear, and come to Me. Hear, and your soul shall live; And I will make an everlasting covenant with you—The sure mercies of David. <sup>4</sup>Indeed I have given him as a witness to the people, A leader and commander for the people. <sup>5</sup>Surely you shall call a nation you do not know, And nations *who* do not know you shall run to you, Because of the LORD your God, And the Holy One of Israel; For He has glorified you.”

### **Epistle Lesson**

*Romans 8:1-5 [NKJV]*

<sup>1</sup> *There is* therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. <sup>2</sup>For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death. <sup>3</sup>For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God *did* by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh, <sup>4</sup>that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. <sup>5</sup>For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those *who live* according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit.

### **Choir Anthem**

*“Go Now in Peace”*

*[If you are able, please stand for the reading of the Gospel]*

### **Gospel Reading**

*John 2:1-11 [NKJV]*

<sup>1</sup>On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. <sup>2</sup>Now both Jesus and His disciples were invited to the wedding. <sup>3</sup>And when they ran out of wine, the mother of Jesus said to Him, “They have no wine.” <sup>4</sup>Jesus said to her, “Woman, what does your concern have to do with Me? My hour has not yet come.” <sup>5</sup>His mother said to the servants, “Whatever He says to you, do *it*.” <sup>6</sup>Now there were set there six waterpots of stone, according to the manner of

purification of the Jews, containing twenty or thirty gallons apiece. <sup>7</sup> Jesus said to them, "Fill the waterpots with water." And they filled them up to the brim. <sup>8</sup> And He said to them, "Draw *some* out now, and take *it* to the master of the feast." And they took *it*. <sup>9</sup> When the master of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and did not know where it came from (but the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom. <sup>10</sup> And he said to him, "Every man at the beginning sets out the good wine, and when the *guests* have well drunk, then the inferior. You have kept the good wine until now!" <sup>11</sup> This beginning of signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and manifested His glory; and His disciples believed in Him.

## ***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:**

*O Master Let Me Walk with Thee, #448*

**Sermon:**

***“Christ’s divine purpose at a wedding!”***

*John 2:11*

*Pastor Robert McDonald*

**Message Notes:**

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**Communion Hymn***Softly and Tenderly, #431***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***Great Is Thy Faithfulness, #559**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: Choir will begin their vacation after service today**

## ***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, 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 2023 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, usually 3rd Sunday of each month

Thursdays:   Choir is on vacation until after Labor Day, September 4, 2023

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.

