

# The purpose of our Community is: ৯৯৯ "Buíldíng Commítted Followers of Jesus Chríst<u>"</u> ৰুৰুৰ

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#### 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**

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah, #682

## 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.

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

#### Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 85 [NLT]

<sup>1</sup>LORD, you poured out blessings on your land! You restored the fortunes of Israel. You forgave the guilt of your people— yes, you covered all their sins. *Interlude* <sup>3</sup> You held back your fury. You kept back your blazing anger. <sup>4</sup> Now restore us again, O God of our salvation. Put aside your anger against us once more. <sup>5</sup> Will you be angry with us always? Will you prolong your wrath to all generations? <sup>6</sup> Won't you revive us again, so your people can rejoice in you? <sup>7</sup> Show us your unfailing love, O LORD, and grant us your salvation. <sup>8</sup> I listen carefully to what God the LORD is saying, for he speaks peace to his faithful people. But let them not return to their foolish ways. <sup>9</sup> Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him, so our land will be filled with his glory. <sup>10</sup> Unfailing love and truth have met together. Righteousness and peace have kissed! <sup>11</sup> Truth springs up from the earth, and righteousness smiles

down from heaven. <sup>12</sup> Yes, the LORD pours down his blessings. Our land will yield its bountiful harvest. <sup>13</sup> Righteousness goes as a herald before him, preparing the way for his steps.

#### Gospel Lesson

Matthew 14:22-33 [NLT]

<sup>22</sup> Immediately after this, Jesus insisted that his disciples get back into the boat and cross to the other side of the lake, while he sent the people home. <sup>23</sup> After sending them home, he went up into the hills by himself to pray. Night fell while he was there alone. <sup>24</sup> Meanwhile, the disciples were in trouble far away from land, for a strong wind had risen, and they were fighting heavy waves. <sup>25</sup> About three o'clock in the morning Jesus came toward them, walking on the water. <sup>26</sup> When the disciples saw him walking on the water, they were terrified. In their fear, they cried out, "It's a ghost!" <sup>27</sup> But Jesus spoke to them at once. "Don't be afraid," he said. "Take courage. I am here!" <sup>28</sup> Then Peter called to him, "Lord, if it's really you, tell me to come to you, walking on the water." <sup>29</sup> "Yes, come," Jesus said. So Peter went over the side of the boat and walked on the water toward Jesus. <sup>30</sup> But when he saw the strong wind and the waves, he was terrified and began to sink. "Save me, Lord!" he shouted. <sup>31</sup> Jesus immediately reached out and grabbed him. "You have so little faith," Jesus said. "Why did you doubt me?" <sup>32</sup> When they climbed back into the boat, the wind stopped. <sup>33</sup> Then the disciples worshiped him. "You really are the Son of God!" they exclaimed.

#### 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

The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want, #694

Sermon 'Storms in Life' Pastor Buchhorn

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## General Prayers

## **Communion Song**

Thy Loving Kindness, #706

#### 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

Jesus, Lover of My Soul, #710

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

Thursdays: Choir will resume on September 21

## 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!

October 14, Saturday - Women's Bible Study, 10 am.

#### 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 2023 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 pm Council Meeting, Usually, <u>3rd Sunday</u> of each month

Thursdays: 5:00 pm Choir resumes September 21

Saturdays: 10:00 am Women's Bible Study

Usually the **Second Saturday** of 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.