

*All that*  
**THE FATHER**  
**GIVES ME WILL**  
**COME TO ME, AND**

WHOEVER  
COMES TO ME I  
WILL NEVER CAST OUT.



JOHN 6:37 ESV



***Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost***

*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, on this next to last Sunday of the church year, as we begin a new church year in just 14 days, we realize that we are now approaching the season of Advent, and we appreciate Your constant and continuous blessings and faithfulness. We know that during Your earthly pilgrimage, You accomplished your suffering and death for our sins. We also understand that we have occasionally wandered from Your desired path of Christian living. We have sinned in what we think, what we do, and how we act. We have said things for which we are sorry and reacted in ways that were not appropriate.

For all these sins we come now in sincere confession, and humbly seek Your pardon and mercy. Please forgive us our many sins for the sake of Christ's suffering and death on our behalf, and may our walk in life during this new church year continue to serve our Savior in great joy and peace. In Jesus' name. Amen.

**Declaration of Grace**

*[Pastor]:* The Bible tells us that we are to penitently and sincerely confess our sins. Having done so in faith, we now humbly seek God the Father's pardon. Next Sunday is the end of another church year. Yet, Christ has continuously 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***O That the Lord Would Guide My Ways, #455***Children's Sermon***'Our acceptance by Christ!'*

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.***First Lesson***Isaiah 42:1-8 [NKJV]*

<sup>1</sup>“Behold! My Servant whom I uphold, My Elect One *in whom* My soul delights! I have put My Spirit upon Him; He will bring forth justice to the Gentiles. <sup>2</sup>He will not cry out, nor raise *His voice*, Nor cause His voice to be heard in the street. <sup>3</sup>A bruised reed He will not break, And <sup>4</sup>smoking flax He will not quench; He will bring forth justice for truth. <sup>4</sup>He will not fail nor be discouraged, Till He has established justice in the earth; And the coastlands shall wait for His law.” <sup>5</sup>Thus says God the LORD, Who created the heavens and stretched them out, Who spread forth the earth and that which comes from it, Who gives breath to the people on it, And spirit to those who walk on it: <sup>6</sup>“I, the LORD, have called You in righteousness, And will hold Your hand; I will keep You and give You as a covenant to the people, As a light to the Gentiles, <sup>7</sup>To open blind eyes, To bring out prisoners from the prison, Those who sit in darkness from the prison house. <sup>8</sup>I *am* the LORD, that *is* My name; And My glory I will not give to another, Nor My praise to carved images.

**Epistle Lesson***I Thessalonians 4:13-18 [NKJV]*

<sup>13</sup>But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. <sup>14</sup>For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus. <sup>15</sup>For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive *and* remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. <sup>16</sup>For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup>Then we who are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. <sup>18</sup>Therefore comfort one another with these words.

**Choir Anthem***Cannon of Thanks**[If you are able, please stand for the reading of the Gospel]*





**Communion Hymn***Children of the Heavenly Father, #560***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***Take My Life and Let It Be, #453**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***

***Wednesdays: 5:00 pm Choir practice. Day change from November 15 through Advent.***

## ***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!***

***November 5, 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.

***November 20, Monday - 10 am, Council Meeting***

## ***Save the Date & Mark your Calendars... December 1, 2023***

***Everyone [that includes you] is invited and asked to come and help decorate the church for Advent and Christmas. Many hands will lighten the work load.***

***Even if you don't think you can be helpful, come and see what you can do. We will try to meet your skill level with a helpful task.***

***December 9, Saturday - NO Women's Bible Study. It will resume January 13.***

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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**

**Monday** 10:00 am **Council Meeting, usually 3rd Monday of each month**

**Wednesdays:** 5:00 pm **Choir practice.**  
 6:30 pm **Advent services beginning December 6th.**

**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.