



**Then Joseph, being aroused from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took to him his wife, and did not know her till she had brought forth her first born Son. And he called His name **JESUS.****

**Matthew 1:24-25 [NKJV]**

*“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 we begin a new church year, we rejoice that our Advent King Jesus Christ is coming once again into our hearts! Yet we also come before You this morning admitting that we are poor sinners and cannot earn or work our way to heaven. We have sinned in weakness and have done and said things of which we are truly ashamed. We have allowed sinful anger to invade our minds and impure thoughts to taint our soul; we have not always treated our family in a way that is God pleasing; we have not always kept Your holy Word. Therefore, we come before You with a penitent heart, seeking Your pardon and peace. Please forgive us for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, and His merits won for us on the cross. Amen.

**Declaration of Grace**

*[Pastor]: Especially in Advent, the Bible tells us that we are to penitently and sincerely confess our sins. Having done so in faith, we now humbly seek God's pardon. 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. Peace be with you. Amen.*

**Opening Hymn**

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, #2*

**Children's Sermonette:**

*'What is Advent?'*

*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 61:1-3, 10-11 [NKJV]*

<sup>1</sup>“The Spirit of the Lord GOD *is* upon Me, Because the LORD has anointed Me To preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, And the opening of the prison to *those who are* bound; <sup>2</sup>To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, And the day of vengeance of our God; To comfort all who mourn, <sup>3</sup>To console those who mourn in Zion, To give them beauty for ashes, The oil of joy for mourning, The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; That they may be called trees of righteousness, The planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified.” ~~~ <sup>10</sup>I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, My soul shall be joyful in my God; For He has clothed me with the garments of salvation, He has covered me with the robe of righteousness, As a bridegroom decks *himself* with ornaments, And as a bride adorns *herself* with her jewels. <sup>11</sup>For as the earth brings forth its bud, As the garden causes the things that are sown in it to spring forth, So the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations.

## **Epistle Lesson**

*I Corinthians 1:3-9 [NKJV]*

<sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>I thank my God always concerning you for the grace of God which was given to you by Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup>that you were enriched in everything by Him in all utterance and all knowledge, <sup>6</sup>even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you, <sup>7</sup>so that you come short in no gift, eagerly waiting for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>8</sup>who will also confirm you to the end, *that you may be* blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>God *is* faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

## **Gospel Reading**

*Matthew 1:18-25 [NKJV]*

<sup>18</sup>Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup>Then Joseph her husband, being a just *man*, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly. <sup>20</sup>But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph,





**Communion Hymn***O Come, All Ye Faithful, #19***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***Hark! The Herald Angels Sing, #20*

*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.**

## ***Mark Your Calendars!***

**Advent Services: Wednesdays at 6:30 pm; December 6th, 13th, & 20th.**

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

**December 18, Monday - 10 am, Council Meeting**

**January 13, Saturday - 10 am, Women's Bible Study**

**January 15, Monday - 10 am, Council Meeting**

**February 4, 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.

## ***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.

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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: December 6th, 13th, & 20th.**

**Thursdays:** 5:00 pm **Choir practice.**

**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.

