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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.

Opening Song**O Come, All Ye Faithful, #249****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.

Old Testament Lesson**Isaiah 7: 9-14 [NLT]**

⁹ Israel is no stronger than its capital, Samaria, and Samaria is no stronger than its king, Pekah son of Remaliah. Unless your faith is firm, I cannot make you stand firm.” ¹⁰ Later, the LORD sent this message to King Ahaz: ¹¹ “Ask the LORD your God for a sign of confirmation, Ahaz. Make it as difficult as you want—as high as heaven or as deep as the place of the dead.” ¹² But the king refused. “No,” he said, “I will not test the LORD like that.” ¹³ Then Isaiah said, “Listen well, you royal family of David! Isn’t it enough to exhaust human patience? Must you exhaust the patience of my God as well? ¹⁴ All right then, the Lord himself will give you the sign. Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son and will call him Immanuel (which means ‘God is with us’).

Epistle Lesson*Philippians 4:6-7 [NLT]*

⁶ Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. ⁷ Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.

Choir Anthem*Do You Hear What I Hear?*

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

Gospel Lesson*Luke 1:30-32; Matthew 1:20-21; Luke 2:8-11 [NLT]*

³⁰ "Don't be afraid, Mary," the angel told her, "for you have found favor with God!" ³¹ You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³² He will be very great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David. ~ ~ ~ ²⁰ As he considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream. "Joseph, son of David," the angel said, "do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife. For the child within her was conceived by the Holy Spirit." ²¹ And she will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." ~ ~ ~ ⁸ That night there were shepherds staying in the fields nearby, guarding their flocks of sheep. ⁹ Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared among them, and the radiance of the Lord's glory surrounded them. They were terrified, ¹⁰ but the angel reassured them. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. ¹¹ The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David!

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*It Came Upon the Midnight Clear, #251***Sermon***'Have No Fear'**Pastor Buchhorn*

Message Notes cont'd: _____

Prayers of the Church

Communion Song

There Is a Redeemer, #308

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

Good Christian Men, Rejoice, #273

Pastor: Go In Peace and Serve the Lord!

(Everyone) Thanks be to God

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## **Postlude**

## ***Things going on during the week:***

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

***Wednesdays: 5 pm, Choir practice.***

***6:30 pm, Advent Service: December 20th***

## ***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!***

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

***December 24, Sunday - 10 am Worship Service; 7 pm Christmas Eve Service***

***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.

***February 10, Saturday - 10 am, Women's Bible Study***

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**Little Blessings Christian Preschool: (760) 378-7973**

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

Kristen Erwin, Preschool Director

## Weekly Schedule:

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| <b>Sundays:</b>    | <b>10:00 am</b> | <b>Worship Service &amp; Sunday School</b>                       |
|                    | <b>11:00 am</b> | <b>Community Fellowship Time</b>                                 |
|                    | <b>11:30 pm</b> | <b>Council Meeting, Usually, <u>3rd</u> Sunday of each month</b> |
| <b>Wednesdays:</b> | <b>5:00 pm</b>  | <b>Choir practice</b>                                            |
|                    | <b>6:30 pm</b>  | <b>Advent Services: December 20th</b>                            |
| <b>Saturdays:</b>  | <b>10:00 am</b> | <b>Women's Bible Study</b>                                       |
|                    |                 | Usually the <b><u>Second</u></b> 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.

