



*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]:** Dear Heavenly Father, we bow before You to seek Your forgiveness for our sins. We have sinned by disobedience and omission, with pride and selfishness, and with disrespect and unrighteous living. For these we are truly sorry and seek Your mercy and grace. Cleanse us according to Your Word in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Declaration of Grace**

*Pastor]: We beseech You, Almighty God, Heavenly Father, to grant us a true faith, a firm hope in Your mercy, and a sincere love to our fellow men, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

## **Opening Hymn**

*All Hail the Power of Jesus'Name, #174*

## **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**

*1 Kings 8:6-13 [NIV]*

<sup>6</sup> Then the priests brought the ark of the covenant of the LORD to its place, in the inner sanctuary of the house, in the most holy place, underneath the wings of the cherubim. <sup>7</sup> For the cherubim spread out their wings over the place of the ark, so that the

cherubim made a covering above the ark and its poles. <sup>8</sup> And the poles were so long that the ends of the poles were seen from the holy place before the inner sanctuary; but they could not be seen from outside; and they are there to this day. <sup>9</sup> There was nothing in the ark except the two tables of stone which Moses put there at Horeb, where the LORD made a covenant with the people of Israel, when they came out of the land of Egypt. <sup>10</sup> And when the priests came out of the holy place, a cloud filled the house of the LORD, <sup>11</sup> so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud; for the glory of the LORD filled the house of the LORD. <sup>12</sup> Then Solomon said, "The LORD has set the sun in the heavens, but has said that he would dwell in thick darkness. <sup>13</sup> I have built thee an exalted house, a place for thee to dwell in for ever."

## **Epistle Lesson**

*Ephesians 3:1-12 [NIV]*

<sup>1</sup> For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—  
<sup>2</sup> Surely you have heard about the administration of God's grace that was given to me for you, <sup>3</sup> that is, the mystery made known to me by revelation, as I have already written briefly. <sup>4</sup> In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, <sup>5</sup> which was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God's holy apostles and prophets. <sup>6</sup> This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus. <sup>7</sup> I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God's grace given me through the working of his power. <sup>8</sup> Although I am less than the least of all the Lord's people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the boundless riches of Christ, <sup>9</sup> and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things. <sup>10</sup> His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, <sup>11</sup> according to his eternal purpose that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. <sup>12</sup> In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence.

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

## **Gospel Reading**

*John 1:1-5 [NIV]*

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was with God in the beginning. <sup>3</sup> Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. <sup>4</sup> In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. <sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.





**Communion Hymn***Let Us Break Bread Together, #285***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***In the Garden, #548**Pastor: Go in Peace and Serve the Lord.***Everyone: Thanks be to God**

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**Postlude Music**

## ***Welcome Pastor Robert Crossan!***

Pastor Rob Crossan is a Pastor of the Pacific Southwest District of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. He earned his Master of Divinity from Yale Divinity School in New Haven, Connecticut and his Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies from U.S. Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island. Pastor Crossan served First Lutheran Church in Ventura, California from 1981-1984. Chaplain Crossan served as a Navy Chaplain from 1985-2015, retiring at the rank of Captain, having served in combat twice at the beginning of Operation Iraqi Freedom and through the seven bloodiest months of Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan. He and his wife Becky will celebrate their 39th wedding anniversary next month.

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

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

***Choir Practice is on vacation until mid-January.***

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

***January 13, Saturday - 10 am, Pack away Christmas & Women's Bible Study***

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

***January 21, 2024 - Congregational Meeting, after Fellowship time.***

***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**

***January 21, 2024 - Congregational Meeting, after Fellowship time.***

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

**Choir Practice is on vacation until mid-January.**

**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.