

He is Risen

DEATH COULD NOT HOLD HIM.

Rejoice in the resurrection of

Jesus Christ.

MATTHEW 28



The purpose of our Community is:

☪☪☪ *“Building Committed Followers of Jesus Christ”* ☪☪☪

HE IS RISEN!

HE IS RISEN INDEED!

Prelude

Shirlene Everhart

Welcome and Announcements

Easter Call to Worship

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

People: Alleluia! Christ is Risen Indeed!

Pastor: We begin our Easter worship in the victorious name of the Holy Trinity

People: Who has created us, redeemed us, and sanctified us!

Pastor: May we go forth from this joyful day as grateful people, rejoicing that Jesus lives!

People: We celebrate this Easter Festival in the name of our Risen Savior and Lord.

Pastor: Heavenly Father, bless this Easter morning service with Your gladness!

People: Grant that we may share the true joy of Easter in our lives with others!

Easter Invocation and Dialog

Pastor: Alleluia! The Lord is risen!

People: Christ has vanquished death and the grave. Our Savior lives!

Pastor: On this day of celebration, Easter joy fills our hearts!

All: Let us now begin our worship service in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Pastor: All glory, laud, and honor belong to You, O Lord!

People: We worship, praise, and adore You, O Risen Christ!

Confession of Sins and Absolution

Pastor: On this joyous Easter Festival, it is appropriate that we come together in confession of our sins, and in the certainty that the blood of Christ has spiritually cleansed us in faith. Let us now individually confess our sins.

All: Dear Heavenly Father, on this Easter Sunday, I must still confess that I sin daily and often. I also realize that I cannot save myself from the punishment for my sins. I know that only Christ offers to me a way out of my hopeless sinful condition. My spiritual rescue was accomplished for me by Christ on the cross, who died on Good Friday and rose again on Easter Sunday. Thus, I plead the merits of Jesus, who has saved me from sin through His death. May my Easter faith be placed only in His blood, shed for me. Please forgive me, for the sake of Your Risen Son and my Lord. Amen.

Pastor: A blessed Easter to each of you! On this Easter Sunday, we know that Christ lives as our Intercessor and Redeemer! God the Father is willing to forgive us for the sake of His Son's merits at Calvary. Thus, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, acting under the authority of our Risen Savior, and in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I announce the forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Opening Hymn

I Know That My Redeemer Lives, #97

Children's Sermonette:

'Empty!'

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.

Easter Old Testament Lesson

Job 19:23-27 [NKJV]

"Oh, that my words were written! Oh, that they were inscribed in a book! ²⁴ That they were engraved on a rock With an iron pen and lead, forever! ²⁵ For I know *that* my Redeemer lives, And He shall stand at last on the earth; ²⁶ And after my skin is destroyed, this *I know*, That in my flesh I shall see God, ²⁷ Whom I shall see for myself, And my eyes shall behold, and not another. *How* my heart yearns within me!

Easter Epistle Lesson

1 Corinthians 15:1-11 [NKJV]

¹ Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, ² by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. ³ For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴ and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, ⁵ and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve. ⁶ After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have ^[b]fallen asleep. ⁷ After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles. ⁸ Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time. ⁹ For I am the least of the apostles, who am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God *which was* with me. ¹¹ Therefore, whether *it was* I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

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

Easter Gospel Lesson

Matthew 28:1-10 [NKJV]

¹ Now after the Sabbath, as the first *day* of the week began to dawn, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb. ² And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat on it. ³ His countenance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow. ⁴ And the guards shook for fear of him, and became like dead *men*. ⁵ But the angel answered and said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. ⁷ And go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead, and indeed He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him. Behold, I have told you." ⁸ So they went out quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to bring His disciples word. ⁹ And as they went to tell His disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, "Rejoice!" So they came and held Him by the feet and worshiped Him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go *and* tell My brethren to go to Galilee, and there they will see Me."

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

Communion Hymn*He Is Arisen! Glorious Word, #107***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,***An Easter Closing***Pastor: May the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit grant You an Easter Benediction.***People: Yes, He is Risen; He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!****Benediction****Sending Hymn***All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name, #174**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**

**Choir practice is on vacation.**

## ***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!***

***March 31, Sunday - Easter Sunday***

***April 15, Monday - 9 am Women's Bible Study  
10 am Council Meeting***

***May 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 2020 on the first Sunday in February, May, August & November.

***May 20, Monday - 9 am Women's Bible Study  
10 am Council Meeting***

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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**
 ~ 11:15 am **30-minute Bible Study**

3rd Monday 9:00 am **Women's Bible**
 10:00 am **Council Meeting**

Choir Practice is on vacation.

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.