



## **Community Lutheran Church**

**July 14, 2024** 

The purpose of our Community is:

#### **Prelude**

Aretta Engelhardt or Shirlene Everhart

#### Welcome and Announcements

#### Confession of Sins and Absolution

(All): Dear Heavenly Father, as we are now approaching the heighth of the summer season, and the days are both long and warm, we must confess that we sin daily and often. We know that only Christ offers to us a way out of our hopeless sinful condition. Our spiritual rescue was accomplished for us by Christ on the cross, who died on Good Friday and rose again on Easter Sunday. Thus, we plead the merits of Jesus Christ, who has saved us from sin through His suffering and death. In this Pentecost season, may our faith be placed only in His blood, shed for us. Please forgive us for the sake of Your Risen Son and our Lord, for we pray this all in Jesus' Name. Amen.

#### **Declaration of Grace**

(Pastor): 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

Children of the Heavenly Father, #560

Children's Sermonette:

"Christ in Control..."

Pastor McDonald

## Worship Through Our Giving

We express our gratitude to God as we giveto 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

Deuteronomy 6:1-7 [NKJV]

<sup>1</sup> "Now this is the commandment, and these are the statutes and judgments which the LORD your God has commanded to teach you, that you may observe them in the land which you are crossing over to possess, <sup>2</sup> that you may fear the LORD your God, to keep all His statutes and His commandments which I command you, you and your son and your grandson, all the days of your life, and that your days may be prolonged. <sup>3</sup> Therefore hear, O Israel, and be careful to observe *it*, that it may be well with you, and that you may multiply greatly as the LORD God of your fathers has promised you —'a land flowing with milk and honey.' 4 "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one! 5 You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with h all your soul, and with all your strength. 6 "And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.

#### **Epistle Lesson**

Ephesians 3:1-7 [NKJV]

<sup>1</sup> For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for you Gentiles— <sup>2</sup> if indeed you have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which was given to me for you, 3 how that by revelation He made known to me the mystery (as I have briefly written already, 4 by which, when you read, you may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ), 5 which in other ages was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to His holy apostles and prophets: 6 that the Gentiles should be fellow heirs, of the same body, and partakers of His promise in Christ through the gospel, <sup>7</sup> of which I became a minister according to the gift of the grace of God given to me by the effective working of His power.

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

## Gospel Lesson

Luke 13:22-24, 33-35 [NKJV]

<sup>22</sup> And He went through the cities and villages, teaching, and journeying toward Jerusalem. <sup>23</sup> Then one said to Him, "Lord, are there few who are saved?" And He said to them, <sup>24</sup> "Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I say to you, will seek to enter and will not be able. ~~~ <sup>33</sup> Nevertheless I must journey today, tomorrow, and the day following; for it cannot be that a prophet should perish outside of Jerusalem.

<sup>34</sup> "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen *gathers* her brood under *her* wings, but you were not willing! <sup>35</sup> See! Your house is left to you desolate; and [a] assuredly, I say to you, you shall not see Me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!' "

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 Hymn:	In the Garden, #548
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Sermon: 'Throughout history, Christ is always in charge!' Luke 13:33
Pastor Robert McDonald

#### Prayers of the Church

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## 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

Softly and Tenderly, #431

Pastor: Go in Peace and Serve the Lord.

**Everyone: Thanks be to God** 

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!

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

#### August 4, Sunday - Love Offering ... for Missions

Once a quarter, we will be collecting a special offering in he '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.

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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



## **Weekly Schedule:**

Sundays: 10:00 am Worship Service & Sunday School

11:00 am Community Fellowship Time

~ 11:15 am 30-minitue 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.