



The purpose of our Community is:

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

**Prelude**

*Aretta Engelhardt or Shirlene Everhart*

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prayer of Confession of Sin**

**(Everyone):** Gracious Heavenly Father, as today is the fourth Sunday in September, we recognize that time is flying and the summer is quickly coming to an end. As the days are now getting shorter, let us marvel at the grace of God in Christ Jesus which is infinitely patient with us poor sinners!

We readily admit that we are sinful human beings in desperate need of Your mercy and grace. Please grant us pardon, and forgive us our sins for Jesus' sake, as we look to His suffering and death for mercy. Give us the strength and joyful faith to follow Your guidance in our lives, and grant us a peaceful life of Christian service to the Lord. Move us spiritually to always plead the merits of your Son and our Savior Jesus Christ for forgiveness of our sins, for Jesus' sake. . In His Name we pray. Amen.

**Declaration of Grace**

*(Pastor): The Bible urges us to penitently and sincerely confess our sins, for Jesus' sake. Having done so in faith, we now humbly seek God the Father'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 announce the forgiveness of 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**

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus, #173*

**Children's Sermonette:**

*2 different meanings...'*

*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 50:4-5, 7-8, 10 [NKJV]*

<sup>4</sup>“The Lord God has given Me The tongue of the learned, That I should know how to speak A word in season to *him who is weary*. He awakens Me morning by morning, He awakens My ear To hear as the learned. <sup>5</sup>The Lord God has opened My ear; And I was not rebellious, Nor did I turn away. ~~~ <sup>7</sup>“For the Lord God will help Me; Therefore I will not be disgraced; Therefore I have set My face like a flint, And I know that I will not be ashamed. <sup>8</sup>*He is near who justifies Me; Who will contend with Me? Let us stand together. Who is My adversary? Let him come near Me. ~~~* “Who among you fears the LORD? Who obeys the voice of His Servant? Who walks in darkness And has no light? Let him trust in the name of the LORD And rely upon his God.

### ***Second Lesson***

*James 4:7-8, 10-17 [NKJV]*

<sup>7</sup>Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. <sup>8</sup>Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse *your hands, you sinners*; and purify *your hearts, you double-minded*. ~~~ <sup>10</sup>Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up. <sup>11</sup>Do not speak evil of one another, brethren. He who speaks evil of a brother and judges his brother, speaks evil of the law and judges the law. But if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge. <sup>12</sup>There is one Lawgiver, who is able to save and to destroy. Who are you to judge another? <sup>13</sup>Come now, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, spend a year there, buy and sell, and make a profit”; <sup>14</sup>whereas you do not know what *will happen* tomorrow. For what *is your life?* It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away. <sup>15</sup>Instead you *ought* to say, “If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that.” <sup>16</sup>But now you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil. <sup>17</sup>Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do *it*, to him it is sin.

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

### ***Gospel Lesson***

*Matthew 13:10-17 [NKJV]*

<sup>10</sup>And the disciples came and said to Him, “Why do You speak to them in parables?” <sup>11</sup>He answered and said to them, “Because it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given. <sup>12</sup>For whoever has, to him more will be given, and he will have abundance; but whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him. <sup>13</sup>Therefore I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand. <sup>14</sup>And in them the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled, which says: ‘Hearing you will hear and shall not understand, And seeing you will see and not perceive; <sup>15</sup>For the hearts of this people have grown dull. *Their ears are hard of hearing, And their eyes they have closed, Lest they should see with *their eyes* and hear with *their ears*, Lest they should understand with *their hearts* and turn, So that I should heal*





## **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**

*Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us, #450*

*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 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!***

**October 21, Monday** - 9 am *Women's Bible Study*  
10 am *Council Meeting*

**November 3, 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.

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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](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.