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Community Lutheran Church

November 17, 2024

The purpose of our Community is: محمی "Building Committed Followers of Jesus Christ" محمح

Prelude

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Welcome and Announcements

THE 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.

People: Amen.

THE CONFESSION OF SINS & ABSOLUTION: (Before we can praise or enter into the presence of God, we confess our sins and for Christ's sake, our Heavenly Father forgives, inviting us to enter into His Holy Presence.)

Pastor: Let us confess our sins to God, our Father, asking forgive- ness through His Son, Jesus, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.

(A moment of silent personal confession is observed)

Pastor: Now let us confess together:

People: We admit that we have not always lived and shared the faith in Christ as the Apostles have taught us. We rejoice in having the gift of faith, but recognize that we often question God's will and wisdom in our lives. Forgive us and open our eyes to see the opportunities to tell and apply our faith. Give us compassionate hearts to care for those around us. Have mercy on us, because of the Lamb of God, Jesus Christ. Forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Pastor: Almighty God has had mercy upon you and has given His only Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. Because of the person, life, suffering, death and resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ, Therefor, as a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I announce unto you the forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. May He who began this good work in you bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

Hymn of the Day

Holy, Holy, Holy, #134

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.

The Old Testament

Daniel 12:1-3 [ESV]

[The Prophet foretells some of the events at the end of time.]

¹ "At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book. ² And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. ³ And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord. **Everyone: Thanks be to God.**

The Epistle Lesson:

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 [ESV]

[The Apostle gives us the clearest picture of what happens when we die and at the end of the world.]

¹³ But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴ For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁵ For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶ For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. ¹⁸ Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord. **Everyone: Thanks be to God.**

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

Holy Gospel Lesson:

[Jesus teaches the disciples about signs of the approaching end of the world and of the end.]

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 13thth chapter. **Everyone:** Glory to You, O Lord.

¹And as he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what wonderful stones and what wonderful buildings!"² And Jesus said to him, "Do you see these great buildings? There will not be left here one stone upon an-other that will not be thrown down." ³ And as he sat on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew asked him privately, ⁴ "Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when all these things are about to be accomplished?" ⁵ And Jesus began to say to them, "See that no one leads you astray. ⁶ Many will come in my name, saying, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. ⁷ And when you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. This must take place, but the end is not yet. ⁸ For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. These are but the beginning of the birth pains. ⁹ "But be on your guard. For they will deliver you over to councils, and you will be beaten in synagogues, and you will stand before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them. ¹⁰ And the gospel must first be proclaimed to all nations. ¹¹ And when they bring you to trial and deliver you over, do not be anxious beforehand what you are to say, but say whatever is given you in that hour, for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit. ¹² And brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death. ¹³ And you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord **Everyone: Praise to You, O Christ!**

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 Fa-ther 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

Come Thou Almighty King, #135

Sermon	"The EndProbably Not Yet"	Pastor Droegemueller	
Message Notes:			

Message Notes cont'd:		

Prayers of the Church

Communion Hymn

Rock of Ages, #398

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 Hymn

Blessed Assurance, #511

Pastor: Go In Peace and Serve the Lord! Everyone: Thanks be to God

TODAY: Bible Class: About 10-15 minutes after the conclusion of worship, you are invited to join us for a brief Bible study on:

"What The Bible Say About Political Power"

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!

November 18, Monday - 9 am, All Church Bible Study - 10 am, Council Meeting

February 2, 2025, 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 2024 on the first Sunday in February, May, August & November.

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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:

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 Usually Women's Bible 10:00 am Usually 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.