

Advent

waiting

reflecting

soul-searching

preparing



The purpose of our Community is:

“Building Committed Followers of Jesus Christ”

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: We begin this season of Advent, this time of worship, and recall our baptismal grace. In the name of the Father and of the X Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is coming soon!

People: He is coming soon indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor: God came to Adam and Eve after they had sinned.

People: He clothed them, hiding their shame.

Pastor: God came to Israel when they were enslaved in Egypt.

People: He delivered them out of the house of slavery.

Pastor: Christ was born into our world.

People: He cast out demons, healed our diseases, and preached good News to the poor.

Pastor: Christ came into Jerusalem on a donkey.

People: And He died and rose again for us and for our salvation.

Pastor: Christ promised He will come again.

People: We wait for His return and the resurrection of the dead.

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is coming soon!

People: He is coming soon indeed! Alleluia!

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: As we wait for and watch for Your coming, O Lord, we are aware of our sinfulness and our need for forgiveness.

(A moment of silent personal confession is observed)

Pastor: We confess together:

People: O Lord, I confess to You that it was my sin that made necessary Your taking into Yourself our human nature on that first Christmas and beginning the process of my salvation. I have often not done what is right, nor have I always remembered Your will and ways. I have at times hurt myself and those around me. O Lord, for the sake of Your Son; His person, life, suffering, death and resurrection, forgive all my sins.

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Pastor: Out of His great love for us, God sent His only Son, Jesus, into our sinful world to be born in flesh and live in our midst, to die for our sins, and to rise from the dead, giving us forgiveness and life. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, and at the command and by the promise of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the †Son and of the Holy Spirit. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

People: Hosanna in the highest. Come, Jesus, our Lord and King, and fill us with peace and joy. Amen.

Hymn of the Day

Savior of the Nations, Come, #11

Children's Sermonette: "Learning God's Ways" Pastor Droegemueller

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

Jeremiah 33:14-16 [ESV]

[The Prophet foretells that God is faithful and will ultimately send His "righteous branch," Jesus.]

¹⁴ "Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵ In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶ In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Everyone: Thanks be to God.

The Psalmody

Psalm 25 [ESV]

[King David remembers the importance of learning and following the ways of a merciful Lord.]

¹ To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. ² O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me. ³ Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame; they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous. ⁴ Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. ⁵ Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long. ⁶ Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. ⁷ Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for

the sake of your goodness, O Lord! ⁸ Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. ⁹ He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way. ¹⁰ All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies. ¹¹ For your name's sake, O Lord, pardon my guilt, for it is great. ¹² Who is the man who fears the Lord? Him will he instruct in the way that he should choose. ¹³ His soul shall abide in well-being, and his offspring shall inherit the land. ¹⁴ The friendship of the Lord is for those who fear him, and he makes known to them his covenant. ¹⁵ My eyes are ever toward the Lord, for he will pluck my feet out of the net. ¹⁶ Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted. ¹⁷ The troubles of my heart are enlarged; bring me out of my distresses. ¹⁸ Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins. ¹⁹ Consider how many are my foes, and with what violent hatred they hate me. ²⁰ Oh, guard my soul, and deliver me! Let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in you. ²¹ May integrity and uprightness preserve me, for I wait for you. ²² Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his troubles.

The Epistle Lesson:

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 [ESV]

[The Apostle tells the Thessalonian Church he longs for reunion, encourages them, and tells them to imitate him.]

⁹ For what thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God, ¹⁰ as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith? ¹¹ Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, ¹² and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, ¹³ so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

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:

Mark 13:25- 36 [ESV]

[Jesus teaches the disciples about signs of the approaching end of the world, instruct them to remain alert while waiting.]

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 13thth chapter.

Everyone: Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁵ “And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, ²⁶ people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷ And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸ Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.” ²⁹ And he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. ³⁰ As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. ³¹ So also,

Message Notes cont'd: _____

Prayers of the Church

Communion Hymn

I Lay My Sins On Jesus, #396

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

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus, #5

Pastor: Go In Peace and Serve the Lord!

Everyone: Thanks be to God

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## **TODAY:**

**Bible Class:** About 10-15 minutes after the conclusion of worship, you are invited to join us for a brief Bible study on:  
**“The Background and Traditions of Advent”**

## **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!**

**December 4, 11, 18, Wednesday - 2 pm, Advent Services**

**December 16, 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 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 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-minute Bible Study**

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

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For more information, please visit:

Website: [www.cloceanside.com](http://www.cloceanside.com)

Facebook Page: **Community Lutheran Oceanside**

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## 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.

