



*The purpose of our Community is:*

*“Building Committed Followers of Jesus Christ”*

**Note:** P: = Pastor    C: = Congregation

## **Prelude**

*Aretta Engelhardt or Shirlene Everhart*

## **Welcome and Announcements**

## **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.*

*P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

**C: Amen.**

## **Confession and Absolution:**

*P: Let us confess our sins to God our Father.*

**C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

*P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As your called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

*P: Christ is risen!*

**C: He is risen indeed Alleluia!**

## **Opening Hymn**

*Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing, #187*

## **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.*

## ***First Reading***

***Acts 1:12-26 [NASB]***

<sup>12</sup> Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mountain called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. <sup>13</sup> When they had entered *the city*, they went up to the upstairs room where they were staying, that is, Peter, John, James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James *the son* of Alphaeus, Simon the Zealot, and Judas *the son* of James. <sup>14</sup> All these were continually devoting themselves with one mind to prayer, along with *the women*, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers. <sup>15</sup> At this time Peter stood up among the brothers *and sisters* (a group of about 120 people was there together), and said, <sup>16</sup> "Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit foretold by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. <sup>17</sup> For he was counted among us and received his share in this ministry." <sup>18</sup> (Now this man acquired a field with the price of his wickedness, and falling headlong, he burst open in the middle and all his intestines gushed out. <sup>19</sup> And it became known to all the residents of Jerusalem; as a result that field was called Hakeldama in their own language, that is, Field of Blood.) <sup>20</sup> "For it is written in the book of Psalms: 'May his residence be made desolate, And may there be none living in it'; and, 'May another take his office.' <sup>21</sup> Therefore it is necessary that of the men who have accompanied us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us— <sup>22</sup> beginning with the baptism of John until the day that He was taken up from us—one of these *must* become a witness with us of His resurrection. <sup>23</sup> So they put forward two men, Joseph called Barsabbas (who was also called Justus) and Matthias. <sup>24</sup> And they prayed and said, "You, Lord, who know the hearts of all *people*, show which one of these two You have chosen <sup>25</sup> to occupy this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." <sup>26</sup> And they drew lots for them, and the lot fell to Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

## ***The Psalmody***

***Psalm 133 [NASB]***

<sup>1</sup> Behold, how good and how pleasant it is For brothers to live together in unity! <sup>2</sup> It is like the precious oil on the head, Running down upon the beard, *As on Aaron's beard, The oil* which ran down upon the edge of his robes. <sup>3</sup> It is like the dew of Hermon Coming down upon the mountains of Zion; For the Lord commanded the blessing there—life forever.

## ***Second Reading***

***Revelation 22:1-6, 12-20 [NASB]***

<sup>1</sup> And he showed me a river of the water of life, clear as crystal, coming from the throne of God and of the Lamb, <sup>2</sup> in the middle of its street. On either side of the river *was* the tree of life, bearing twelve *kinds of* fruit, yielding its fruit every month; and the leaves of the tree *were* for the healing of the nations. <sup>3</sup> There will no longer be any curse; and the

throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and His bond-servants will serve Him; <sup>4</sup>they will see His face, and His name *will be* on their foreheads. <sup>5</sup>And there will no longer be *any* night; and they <sup>6</sup>will not have need of the light of a lamp nor the light of the sun, because the Lord God will illuminate them; and they will reign forever and ever. <sup>6</sup>And he said to me, "These words are faithful and true"; and the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, sent His angel to show His bond-servants the things which must soon take place. ~~~ <sup>12</sup>"Behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward *is* with Me, to reward each one as his work deserves. <sup>13</sup>I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." <sup>14</sup>Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life, and may enter the city by the gates. <sup>15</sup>Outside are the dogs, the sorcerers, the sexually immoral persons, the murderers, the idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices lying. <sup>16</sup>"I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you of these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star." <sup>17</sup>The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let the one who hears say, "Come." And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires, take the water of life without cost. <sup>18</sup>I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book; <sup>19</sup>and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his part from the tree of life and from the holy city, which are written in this book. <sup>20</sup>He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming quickly." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

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

## **Gospel Reading**

*John 17:20-26 [NASB]*

<sup>20</sup>"I am not asking on behalf of these alone, but also for those who believe in Me through their word, <sup>21</sup>that they may all be one; just as You, Father, *are* in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You sent Me. <sup>22</sup>The glory which You have given Me I also have given to them, so that they may be one, just as We are one; <sup>23</sup>I in them and You in Me, that they may be perfected in unity, so that the world may know that You sent Me, and You loved them, just as You loved Me. <sup>24</sup>Father, I desire that they also, whom You have given Me, be with Me where I am, so that they may see My glory which You have given Me, for You loved Me before the foundation of the world. <sup>25</sup>"Righteous Father, although the world has not known You, yet I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me; <sup>26</sup>and I have made Your name known to them, and will make it known, so that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them."

## **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.*

**c: 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:***

*Rock of Ages, #398*

***Sermon:*** "The Alpha and the Omega "

*Pastor Chris Gallagher*

Message Notes

***Prayers of the Church***

**Communion Hymn:**

*Just As I Am Without One Plea, #417*

**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 and believes that He is truly present in this meal 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:**

*Amazing Grace, #578*

*P: Serve the Lord and Go in Peace.*

**C: Thanks be to God**

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**Postlude Music**

## **TODAY:**

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

## **Mark Your Calendars!**

**June 16, 2025, Monday** - 9 am—Bible Study  
- 10 am—Council Meeting

**July 21, 2025, Monday** - 9 am—Bible Study  
- 10 am—Council Meeting

**August 3, 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.

**August 16, 2025, Monday** - 9 am—Bible Study  
- 10 am—Council Meeting





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### Weekly Schedule:

**Sundays:**      **10:00 am**   **Worship Service & Sunday School**  
                      **11:00 am**   **Community Fellowship Time**  
                      **30-minute Bible Study**

**Monday:**      **9:00 am**   **All Church Study**  
                      **10:00 am**   **Council Meeting, usually 3rd Monday of each month**

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.