

*The purpose of our Community is:
 ❀❀❀ “Building Committed Followers of Jesus Christ” ❀❀❀*

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.

*(Pastor) In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
 (Everyone) Amen.*

Prayer of Confession of Sins

Everyone: Merciful God and Heavenly Father, whose grace endures to all generations, You are patient and longsuffering and will forgive the sins and transgressions of those who truly repent. Look with compassion upon Your people and hear their supplications. We have sinned against You and are unworthy of Your goodness and love. Remember not our transgressions; have mercy upon us and help us O God. Grant us remission of all of our sins and give us the grace of Your Holy Spirit, that we may amend our ways and with You obtain everlasting life, through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Declaration of Grace

[Pastor]: If this be your sincere confession, and with penitent hearts you earnestly desire the forgiveness of your sins for the sake of Jesus Christ, God, according to His promise, forgives you all your sins; and by the authority of God’s Word and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I declare to you that God, through His grace, has forgiven all your sins; in the Name of God the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen

Opening Hymn*This Is My Father’s World, #191***Children’s Sermonette***“Stay Right Here.”**Pastor Holt*

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 32:14-20 [ESV]

¹⁴ For the palace is forsaken, the populous city deserted; the hill and the watchtower will become dens forever, a joy of wild donkeys, a pasture of flocks; ¹⁵ until the Spirit is poured upon us from on high, and the wilderness becomes a fruitful field, and the fruitful field is deemed a forest. ¹⁶ Then justice will dwell in the wilderness, and righteousness abide in the fruitful field. ¹⁷ And the effect of righteousness will be peace, and the result of righteousness, quietness and trust forever. ¹⁸ My people will abide in a peaceful habitation, in secure dwellings, and in quiet resting places. ¹⁹ And it will hail when the forest falls down, and the city will be utterly laid low. ²⁰ Happy are you who sow beside all waters, who let the feet of the ox and the donkey range free.

The Psalmody

Psalm 98 [ESV]

¹ Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things! His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him. ² The Lord has made known his salvation; he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations. ³ He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. ⁴ Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises! ⁵ Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody! ⁶ With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord! ⁷ Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who dwell in it! Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy together ⁹ before the Lord, for he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

Epistle Lesson

Acts 11:19-30 [ESV]

¹⁹ Now those who were scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to no one except Jews. ²⁰ But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who on coming to Antioch spoke to the Hellenists also, preaching the Lord Jesus. ²¹ And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number who believed turned to the Lord. ²² The report of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. ²³ When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad, and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose, ²⁴ for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were added to the Lord.

²⁵ So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, ²⁶ and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church and taught a great many people. And in Antioch the disciples were first called Christians.²⁷ Now in these days prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. ²⁸ And one of them named Agabus stood up and foretold by the Spirit that there would be a great famine over all the world (this took place in the days of Claudius). ²⁹ So the disciples determined, every one according to his ability, to send relief to the brothers living in Judea. ³⁰ And they did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.

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

Gospel Reading

John 15:1-17 [ESV]

¹ “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ² Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³ Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴ Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. ⁵ I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷ If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. ⁹ As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹ These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. ¹² “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵ No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. ¹⁷ These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

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

Message Notes cont'd:

Prayers of the Church

Communion Hymn

All the Way My Savior Leads Me, #469

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

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less, #507

Pastor: Go in Peace and Serve the Lord.

Everyone: Thanks be to God

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### ***Postlude Music***

## ***We welcome Pastor Jason Holt to the pulpit today!***

Rev. Dr. Jason Holt serves as the AFLC Presidential Ministry Associate. Pastor Jason and his wife Jennifer make their home in Plymouth, MN.

### ***TODAY:***

***Bible Class:*** About 10-15 minutes after the conclusion of worship & fellowship, you are invited to join us for a brief 30 - minute Bible study.

## ***Mark Your Calendars!***

**July 20, 2025, Sunday - 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, Sunday - 10 am—Council Meeting**

**September 21, 2025, Sunday - 10 am—Council Meeting**

**October 19, 2025, Sunday - 10 am—Council Meeting**

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Weekly Schedule:

Sundays: 10:00 am **Worship Service & Sunday School**
 11:00 am **Community Fellowship Time**
 12:00 pm **Council Meeting, The Third Sunday of each month**

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.

