



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.

Opening Hymn

Be Thou My Vision, #607

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*Isaiah 66:18-23 [NASB]*

¹⁸“For I know their works and their thoughts; the time is coming to gather all nations and tongues. And they shall come and see My glory. ¹⁹I will set a sign among them and will send survivors from them to the nations: Tarshish, Put, Lud, Meshech, Tubal and Javan, to the distant coastlands that have neither heard My fame nor seen My glory. And they will declare My glory among the nations. ²⁰Then they shall bring all your brethren from all the nations as a grain offering to the Lord, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules and on camels, to My holy mountain Jerusalem,” says the Lord, “just as the sons of Israel bring their grain offering in a clean vessel to the house of the Lord. ²¹I will also take some of them for priests *and* for Levites,” says the Lord. ²²“For just as the new heavens and the new earth Which I make will endure before Me,” declares the Lord, “So your offspring and your name will endure. ²³“And it shall be from new moon to new moon And from sabbath to sabbath, All mankind will come to bow down before Me,” says the Lord.

The Psalmody*Psalms 50:1-15 [NASB]*

¹The Mighty One, God, the Lord, has spoken, And summoned the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting. ²Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God has shone forth. ³May our God come and not keep silence; Fire devours before Him, And it is very tempestuous around Him. ⁴He summons the heavens above, And the earth, to judge His people: ⁵“Gather My godly ones to Me, Those who have made a covenant with Me by sacrifice.” ⁶And the heavens declare His righteousness, For God Himself is judge. *Selah.* ⁷“Hear, O My people, and I will speak; O Israel, I will testify against you; I am God, your God. ⁸“I do not reprove you for your sacrifices, And your burnt offerings are continually before Me. ⁹“I shall take no young bull out of your house Nor male goats out of your folds. ¹⁰“For every beast of the forest is Mine, The cattle on a thousand hills. ¹¹“I know every bird of the mountains, And everything that moves in the field is Mine. ¹²“If I were hungry I would not tell you, For the world is Mine, and all it contains. ¹³“Shall I eat the flesh of bulls Or drink the blood of male goats? ¹⁴“Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving And pay your vows to the Most High; ¹⁵Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I shall rescue you, and you will honor Me.”

Second Reading*Hebrews 12:4-29 [NASB]*

⁴You have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood in your striving against sin; ⁵ and you have forgotten the exhortation which is addressed to you as sons, “MY SON, DO NOT REGARD LIGHTLY THE DISCIPLINE OF THE LORD, NOR FAINT WHEN YOU ARE REPROVED BY HIM; FOR THOSE WHOM THE LORD LOVES HE DISCIPLINES, AND HE SCOURGES EVERY SON WHOM HE RECEIVES.” ⁷ It is for discipline that you endure; God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom *his* father does not discipline? ⁸ But if you are without discipline, of which all have become partakers, then you

are illegitimate children and not sons. ⁹ Furthermore, we had earthly fathers to discipline us, and we respected them; shall we not much rather be subject to the Father of spirits, and live? ¹⁰ For they disciplined us for a short time as seemed best to them, but He *disciplines us for our good*, so that we may share His holiness. ¹¹ All discipline for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness. ¹² Therefore, strengthen the hands that are weak and the knees that are feeble, ¹³ and make straight paths for your feet, so that *the limb* which is lame may not be put out of joint, but rather be healed. ¹⁴ Pursue peace with all men, and the sanctification without which no one will see the Lord. ¹⁵ See to it that no one comes short of the grace of God; that no root of bitterness springing up causes trouble, and by it many be defiled; ¹⁶ that *there be* no immoral or godless person like Esau, who sold his own birthright for *single* meal. ¹⁷ For you know that even afterwards, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no place for repentance, though he sought for it with tears. ¹⁸ For you have not come to *a mountain* that can be touched and to a blazing fire, and to darkness and gloom and whirlwind, ¹⁹ and to the blast of a trumpet and the sound of words which *sound was such that* those who heard begged that no further word be spoken to them. ²⁰ For they could not bear the command, "IF EVEN A BEAST TOUCHES THE MOUNTAIN, IT WILL BE STONED." ²¹ And so terrible was the sight, *that* Moses said, "I AM FULL OF FEAR and trembling." ²² But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to myriads of angels, ²³ to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the Judge of all, and to the spirits of *the* righteous made perfect, ²⁴ and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood, which speaks better than *the blood* of Abel. ²⁵ See to it that you do not refuse Him who is speaking. For if those did not escape when they refused him who warned *them* on earth, much less will we escape who turn away from Him who *warns* from heaven. ²⁶ And His voice shook the earth then, but now He has promised, saying, "YET ONCE MORE I WILL SHAKE NOT ONLY THE EARTH, BUT ALSO THE HEAVEN." ²⁷ This *expression*, "Yet once more," denotes the removing of those things which can be shaken, as of created things, so that those things which cannot be shaken may remain. ²⁸ Therefore, since we receive a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable service with reverence and awe; ²⁹ for our God is a consuming fire.

Gospel Reading

Luke 13:22-30 [NASB]

²² And He was passing through from one city and village to another, teaching, and proceeding on His way to Jerusalem. ²³ And someone said to Him, "Lord, are there *just* a few who are being saved?" And He said to them, ²⁴ "Strive to enter through the narrow door; for many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. ²⁵ Once the head of the house gets up and shuts the door, and you begin to stand outside and knock on the door, saying, 'Lord, open up to us!' then He will answer and say to you, 'I do not know where you are from.' ²⁶ Then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in Your pres-

Message Notes cont'd:

Communion Hymn: *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross, #63*

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.

Communion — If you prefer grape juice instead of wine, please hold up 2 fingers when you reach the person with the cups.

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:

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

Sending Hymn: *A Mighty Fortress, #141*

P: Serve the Lord and Go in Peace. C: Thanks be to God

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**Postlude Music**

## **Mark Your Calendars!**

All the following are Sunday dates:

**August 24, 2025 - 30-minute Bible Study after Worship & refreshments**

**August 31, 2025 - 30-minute Bible Study after Worship & refreshments**

**September 7, 2025 - 30-minute Bible Study after Worship & refreshments**

**September 14, 2025 - 30-minute Bible Study after Worship & refreshments**

**September 21, 2025 Sunday - after worship & fellowship—Council Meeting**

**September 28, 2025 - 30-minute Bible Study after Worship & refreshments**

**October 5, 12, 26, 2025 - 30-minute Bible Study after Worship & refreshments**

**October 19, 2025 - after worship & fellowship—Council Meeting**

**November 3, 2025** - 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 on the first Sunday in February, May, August & November.





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### Weekly Schedule:

**Sundays:** 10:00 am **Worship Service & Sunday School**  
 11:00 am **Community Fellowship Time**  
 30-minute **Bible Study**  
 ~11:15 am **Council Meeting, on 3rd Sunday 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.

