



King Solomon: all is vanity.

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

Rock of Ages, #398

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

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-26 [NASB]

²“Vanity of vanities,” says the Preacher, “Vanity of vanities! All is vanity.” ~~~ ¹²I, the Preacher, have been king over Israel in Jerusalem. ¹³And I set my mind to seek and explore by wisdom concerning all that has been done under heaven. *It is a grievous task which* God has given to the sons of men to be afflicted with. ¹⁴I have seen all the works which have been done under the sun, and behold, all is vanity and striving after wind. ~~~ ¹⁸Thus I hated all the fruit of my labor for which I had labored under the sun, for I must leave it to the man who will come after me. ¹⁹And who knows whether he will be a wise man or a fool? Yet he will have control over all the fruit of my labor for which I have labored by acting wisely under the sun. This too is vanity. ²⁰Therefore I completely despaired of all the fruit of my labor for which I had labored under the sun. ²¹When there is a man who has labored with wisdom, knowledge and skill, then he gives his legacy to one who has not labored with them. This too is vanity and a great evil. ²²For what does a man get in all his labor and in his striving with which he labors under the sun? ²³Because all his days his task is painful and grievous; even at night his mind does not rest. This too is vanity. ²⁴There is nothing better for a man *than* to eat and drink and tell himself that his labor is good. This also I have seen that it is from the hand of God. ²⁵For who can eat and who can have enjoyment without Him? ²⁶For to a person who is good in His sight He has given wisdom and knowledge and joy, while to the sinner He has given the task of gathering and collecting so that he may give to one who is good in God’s sight. This too is vanity and striving after wind.

The Psalmody

Psalm 100 [NASB]

¹Shout joyfully to the Lord, all the earth. ²Serve the Lord with gladness; Come before Him with joyful singing. ³Know that the Lord Himself is God; It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; *We are* His people and the sheep of His pasture. ⁴Enter His gates with thanksgiving *And* His courts with praise. Give thanks to Him, bless His name. ⁵For the Lord is good; His lovingkindness is everlasting *And* His faithfulness to all generations.

Second Reading

Colossians 3:1-11 [NASB]

¹Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth. ³For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory. ⁵Therefore consider the members of your earthly body as dead to immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed, which amounts to idolatry. ⁶For it is because of these things that the wrath of God will come upon the sons of disobe-

ence,⁷ and in them you also once walked, when you were living in them.⁸ But now you also, put them all aside: anger, wrath, malice, slander, *and* abusive speech from your mouth.⁹ Do not lie to one another, since you laid aside the old self with its *evil* practices,¹⁰ and have put on the new self who is being ^[1]renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created him—¹¹ *a renewal* in which there is no *distinction between* Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and freeman, but Christ is all, and in all.

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

Gospel Reading

Luke !2:13-21 [NASB]

¹³ And suddenly there appeared with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, ¹⁴ “Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased.” ¹⁵ When the angels had gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds *began* saying to one another, “Let us go straight to Bethlehem then, and see this thing that has happened which the Lord has made known to us.” ¹⁶ So they came in a hurry and found their way to Mary and Joseph, and the baby as He lay in the ^[b]manger. ¹⁷ When they had seen this, they made known the statement which had been told them about this Child. ¹⁸ And all who heard it wondered at the things which were told them by the shepherds. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured all these things, pondering them in her heart. ²⁰ The shepherds went back, glorifying and praising God for all that they had heard and seen, just as had been told them. ²¹ And when eight days had passed, ^[c]before His circumcision, His name was *then* called Jesus, the name given by the angel before He was conceived in the womb.

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:

Be Thou My Vision, #607

Sermon: “You Can’t Take It With You”

Pastor Chris Gallagher

Communion Hymn:*Holy, Holy, Holy, #134***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:

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:*How Firm a Foundation, #262*

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 & fellowship, you are invited to join us for a brief 30—minute Bible study.

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

### ***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**



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## Building Committed Followers of Jesus Christ

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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:

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.

