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BABYLON WE SAT AND  
WEPT WHEN WE  
REMEMBERED ZION.

- *PSALM 137:1*



**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.**

**Opening Song****Soon and Very Soon, #757****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.*

**Psalmody:****Psalms 137:1-4[NLT]**

<sup>1</sup> Beside the rivers of Babylon, we sat and wept as we thought of Jerusalem. <sup>2</sup> We put away our harps, hanging them on the branches of poplar trees. <sup>3</sup> For our captors demanded a song from us. Our tormentors insisted on a joyful hymn: “Sing us one of those songs of Jerusalem!” <sup>4</sup> But how can we sing the songs of the LORD while in a pagan land?

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

**Gospel Lesson****John 3:14-21 NLT]**

<sup>14</sup> And as Moses lifted up the bronze snake on a pole in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> so that everyone who believes in him will have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup> “For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him. <sup>18</sup> “There is no

judgment against anyone who believes in him. But anyone who does not believe in him has already been judged for not believing in God's one and only Son. <sup>19</sup> And the judgment is based on this fact: God's light came into the world, but people loved the darkness more than the light, for their actions were evil. <sup>20</sup> All who do evil hate the light and refuse to go near it for fear their sins will be exposed. <sup>21</sup> But those who do what is right come to the light so others can see that they are doing what God wants."

***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 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 Song***

*Children of the Heavenly Father, #719*

***Sermon  
Words of Healing***

*"A Strange Place"*

*Pastor Buchhorn*

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*Pastor: Almighty God in his mercy has given his Son to die for you and for his sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

**People: Amen.**

## ***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***

*A blessing we receive to send us out into the world once again.*

## ***Sending Song***

*I'll Fly Away, #779*

*Pastor: Go In Peace and Serve the Lord!*  
**(Everyone) Thanks be to God**

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## ***Postlude***

# Mark Your Calendar

All the following are Sunday dates:

**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 2, 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.

**November 2, 9, 2025 - 30-minute Bible Study after Worship & refreshments**

**November 16, 2025 - after worship & fellowship—Council Meeting**

**November 23, 30 2025 - 30-minute Bible Study after Worship & refreshments**



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## Weekly Schedule:

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|-----------------|------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Sundays:</b> | <b>10:00 am</b>  | <b>Worship Service &amp; Sunday School</b>                    |
|                 | <b>11:00 am</b>  | <b>Community Fellowship Time</b>                              |
|                 | <b>~11:15 am</b> | <b>Council Meeting [usually the 3rd Sunday of each month]</b> |

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.

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