



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

Crown Him Wth Many Crowns, #172

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

Revelations 7:9-17 [NASB]

⁹ After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could count, from every nation and *all the* tribes, peoples, and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, and palm branches *were* in their hands; ¹⁰ and they **cried* out with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation *belongs* to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb." ¹¹ And all the angels were standing around the throne and *around* the elders and the four living creatures; and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² saying, "Amen, blessing, glory, wisdom, thanksgiving, honor, power, and might *belong* to our God forever and ever. Amen." ¹³ Then one of the elders responded, saying to me, "These who are clothed in the white robes, who are they, and where have they come from?" ¹⁴ I said to him, "My lord, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵ For this reason they are before the throne of God, and they serve Him day and night in His temple; and He who sits on the throne will spread His tabernacle over them. ¹⁶ They will no longer hunger nor thirst, nor will the sun beat down on them, nor any scorching heat; ¹⁷ for the Lamb in the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and will guide them to springs of the water of life; and God will wipe every tear from their eyes."

The Psalmody

Psalm 149 [NASB]

¹ Praise the Lord! Sing a new song to the Lord, *And* His praise in the congregation of the godly ones. ² Israel shall be joyful in his Maker; The sons of Zion shall rejoice in their King. ³ They shall praise His name with dancing; They shall sing praises to Him with tambourine and lyre. ⁴ For the Lord takes pleasure in His people; He will glorify the lowly with salvation. ⁵ The godly ones shall be jubilant in glory; They shall sing for joy on their beds. ⁶ The high praises of God *shall be* in their mouths, *And* a two-edged sword in their hands, ⁷ To execute vengeance on the nations, *And* punishment on the peoples, ⁸ To bind their kings with chains, *And* their dignitaries with shackles of iron, ⁹ To execute against them the judgment written. This is an honor for all His godly ones.  Praise the Lord!

Second Reading

1 John 3:1-3 [NASB]

¹ See how great a love the Father has given us, that we would be called children of God; and *in fact* we are. For this reason the world does not know us: because it did not know Him. ² Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when He appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is. ³ And everyone who has this hope *set* on Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

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

Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:1-12 [NASB]

Pastor: The Gospel according to St. Matthew the 5th chapter.

Everyone: Glory to you oh Lord.

¹ Now when Jesus saw the crowds, He went up on the mountain; and after He sat down, His disciples came to Him. ² And He opened His mouth and *began* to teach them, saying, ³ “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. ⁵ “Blessed are the gentle, for they will inherit the earth. ⁶ “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied. ⁷ “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸ “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. ⁹ “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God. ¹⁰ “Blessed are those who have been persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹ “Blessed are you when *people* insult you and persecute you, and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great; for in this same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

Everyone: Praise to you oh Christ.

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:

Holy, Holy, Holy, #134

Sermon: *"The Already and The Not Yet"*

Pastor Chris Gallagher

Message Notes:

Communion Hymn:*Amazing Grace, #578*

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 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, 2025 - 30-minute Bible Study after Worship & refreshments**  
**November 9, 2025 - after worship & fellowship—Council Meeting**  
**November 16, 23, 30, 2025 - 30-minute Bible Study after Worship & refreshments**

**December 7, 14, 2025 - 30-minute Bible Study after Worship & refreshments**  
**December 21, 2025 - after worship & fellowship—Council Meeting**  
**December 28, 2025 - 30-minute Bible Study after Worship & refreshments**



## Advent Notes

**We will not be having Wednesday Advent Services this year.  
 Please attend one of the following**

**Faith Lutheran Church—Vista**  
 700 East Bobier Drive, Vista CA 92084  
 760.724.7700  
[info@faithvista.org](mailto:info@faithvista.org)

Advent services on December 3, 10, 17  
 at Noon & 6:30 pm with dinner at 5:30pm  
 in our gym. please call for details.

**Immanuel Oceanside**  
 1900 S Nevada St, Oceanside, CA 92054  
 760.458.6570  
<https://www.immanueloceanside.com/>

Wednesdays in December 3, 10, 17  
 at 7pm

**Or a church closer to your home.**



Community Lutheran Church, AFLC\*: 760.722.3337  
 4507 Mission Avenue, Oceanside, CA 92057  
[www.cloceanside.com](http://www.cloceanside.com)

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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.