



The Lord is near to all
who call on him,
to all who call on him
in truth.

— Psalm 145:18 (NIV)

The purpose of our Community is:

“Building Committed Followers of Jesus Christ”

Prelude

Aretta Englehardt or Shirlene Everhart

Welcome and Announcements

The Invocation: [*Invocation -Latin: “To Call Upon”*]; (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

People: Amen. We worship in the name of the One who saved us; The Lamb of God.

Prayer of Confession of Sins: (Before we can praise or enter into the presence of God, we confess our sins and for Christ’s sake, our Heavenly Father forgives, inviting us to enter into His Holy Presence.)

Preacher: Let us confess our sins to God, our Father, asking forgiveness through His Son, Jesus, the eternal Son of God, who takes away the sins of the world.

(A moment of silence for personal confession is observed)

Preacher: Let us confess together:

All: O Lord, Jesus Christ, You who take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us and forgive us our sins of thought, word, and deed---the things we have done and those we have left undone; for we have often not loved You with our whole heart or loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not always been a light to all peoples. Have mercy on us, because of the Lamb of God, Jesus Christ. Forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Declaration of Grace: *If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9*
Prayer.

Hymn of the Day

O Come, O Come Emmanuel, #2

Children’s Sermonette:

“Amazing Bible”

Steven Kvale

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.

The Old Testament:

Isaiah 11:1-10 [ESV]

¹ There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. ² And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. ³ And his delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, ⁴ but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. ⁵ Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins. ⁶ The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them. ⁷ The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. ⁸ The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. ⁹ They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. ¹⁰ In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

The Epistle Lesson:

Romans 15:4-13 ESV]

⁴ For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. ⁵ May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, ⁶ that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷ Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. ⁸ For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹ and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name." ¹⁰ And again it says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people." ¹¹ And again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him." ¹² And again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope." ¹³ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

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

Holy Gospel:

Matthew 3:1-12 [ESV]

¹In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, ²“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”³For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said, ⁴Now John wore a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁷But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. ⁹And do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father,’ for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. ¹⁰Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ¹¹“I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹²His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

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 Hymn:

Tell Me the Story of Jesus, #532

Sermon:

“Thy Word Have I Hid in My Heart”

*Psalm 119
Steven Kvale*

Message Notes cont'd: _____

Prayers of the Church

Preacher: The Words of Our Lord:

[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!

Benediction

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

Sending Hymn

We've a Story to Tell to the Nations, #308

Preacher: 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:

**December 7, 14, 2025 - 30-minute Bible Study after Worship & refreshments**

**Today's study is on Acts 2:7-8**

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

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

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service - December 24, 2025 6:00 PM



## 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 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.**



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## Weekly Schedule:

**Sundays:**

- 10:00 am Worship Service & Sunday School
- 11:00 am Community Fellowship Time
- ~ 11:15 am 30-minute Bible Study
- ~ 11:30 am usually the 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.

