

THE LORD IS MY

Light
&
Salvation

PSALM 27:1

The purpose of our Community is:

“Building Committed Followers of Jesus Christ”

Prelude

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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

All Glory, Laud and Honor , #300

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.

First Lesson

Isaiah 9:1-4 [NLT]

¹Nevertheless, that time of darkness and despair will not go on forever. The land of Zebulun and Naphtali will be humbled, but there will be a time in the future when Galilee of the Gentiles, which lies along the road that runs between the Jordan and the sea, will be filled with glory. ²The people who walk in darkness will see a great light. For those who live in a land of deep darkness, a light will shine. ³You will enlarge the nation of Israel, and its people will rejoice. They will rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest and like warriors dividing the plunder. ⁴For you will break the yoke of their slavery and lift the heavy burden from their shoulders. You will break the oppressor's rod, just as you did when you destroyed the army of Midian.

The Psalms

Psalm 27:1-14 [NLT]

¹ *The Lord is my light and my salvation—so why should I be afraid? The Lord is my fortress, protecting me from danger, so why should I tremble?* ² *When evil people come to devour me, when my enemies and foes attack me, they will stumble and fall.* ³ *Though a mighty army surrounds me, my heart will not be afraid. Even if I am attacked, I will remain confident.* ⁴ *The one thing I ask of the Lord—the thing I seek most—is to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, delighting in the Lord’s perfections and meditating in his Temple.* ⁵ *For he will conceal me there when troubles come; he will hide me in his sanctuary. He will place me out of reach on a high rock.* ⁶ *Then I will hold my head high above my enemies who surround me. At his sanctuary I will offer sacrifices with shouts of joy, singing and praising the Lord with music.* ⁷ *Hear me as I pray, O Lord. Be merciful and answer me!* ⁸ *My heart has heard you say, “Come and talk with me.” And my heart responds, “Lord, I am coming.”* ⁹ *Do not turn your back on me. Do not reject your servant in anger. You have always been my helper. Don’t leave me now; don’t abandon me, O God of my salvation!* ¹⁰ *Even if my father and mother abandon me, the Lord will hold me close.* ¹¹ *Teach me how to live, O Lord. Lead me along the right path, for my enemies are waiting for me.* ¹² *Do not let me fall into their hands. For they accuse me of things I’ve never done; with every breath they threaten me with violence.* ¹³ *Yet I am confident I will see the Lord’s goodness while I am here in the land of the living.* ¹⁴ *Wait patiently for the Lord. Be brave and courageous. Yes, wait patiently for the Lord.*

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

Holy Gospel:

Matthew 4:12-25 [NLT]

¹² *When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he left Judea and returned to Galilee.* ¹³ *He went first to Nazareth, then left there and moved to Capernaum, beside the Sea of Galilee, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali.* ¹⁴ *This fulfilled what God said through the prophet Isaiah:* ¹⁵ *“In the land of Zebulun and of Naphtali, beside the sea, beyond the Jordan River, in Galilee where so many Gentiles live,* ¹⁶ *the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light. And for those who lived in the land where death casts its shadow, a light has shined.”* ¹⁷ *From then on Jesus began to preach, “Repent of your sins and turn to God, for the Kingdom of Heaven is near.”* ¹⁸ *One day as Jesus was walking along the shore of the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers—Simon, also called Peter, and Andrew—throwing a net into the water, for they fished for a living.* ¹⁹ *Jesus called out to them, “Come, follow me, and I will show you how to fish for people!”* ²⁰ *And they left their nets at once and followed him.* ²¹ *A little farther up the shore he saw two other brothers, James and John, sitting in a boat with their father, Zebedee, repairing their nets. And he called them to come, too.* ²² *They immediately followed him, leaving the boat and their father behind.* ²³ *Jesus traveled throughout the region of Galilee, teaching in the synagogues and announcing the Good News about the Kingdom. And he healed every kind of disease and illness.* ²⁴ *News about him spread as far as Syria, and people soon began bringing to him all who were sick. And*

Message Notes cont'd: _____

Prayers of the Church

Communion Song

The Old Rugged Cross, #327

Words of Brokenness

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Pastor: Most merciful God,

People: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.

Words of Healing

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

Rock of Ages, #342

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:

**January 25, 2026 - Council Meeting**

**February 1, 2026 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 2025 and 2026 on the first Sunday in February, May, August & November.

**February 1, 2026 - *Voter's Meeting* after worship & refreshments**

**February 8, 2026 - 30-minute Bible Study after Worship & refreshments**

**February 15, 2026 - after worship & fellowship—Council Meeting**

**February 22, 2026 - 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

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## 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.

**children's  
corner**