



The purpose of our Community is:

“Building Committed Followers of Jesus Christ”

Community Lutheran Church

February 22, 2026

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

Just as I Am, #488

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

Psalm 32 [NLT]

¹ Oh, what joy for those whose disobedience is forgiven, whose sin is put out of sight!

² Yes, what joy for those whose record the Lord has cleared of guilt, whose lives are lived in complete honesty! ³ When I refused to confess my sin, my body wasted away,

and I groaned all day long. ⁴ Day and night your hand of discipline was heavy on me.

My strength evaporated like water in the summer heat. ⁵ Finally, I confessed all my

sins to you and stopped trying to hide my guilt. I said to myself, “I will confess my

rebellion to the Lord.” And you forgave me! All my guilt is gone. ⁶ Therefore, let all the

godly pray to you while there is still time, that they may not drown in the floodwaters of

judgment. ⁷ For you are my hiding place; you protect me from trouble. You surround me

with songs of victory. ⁸ The Lord says, “I will guide you along the best pathway for your

life. I will advise you and watch over you. ⁹ Do not be like a senseless horse or mule

that needs a bit and bridle to keep it under control.” ¹⁰ Many sorrows come to the wicked, but unfailing love surrounds those who trust the Lord. ¹¹ So rejoice in the Lord and be glad, all you who obey him! Shout for joy, all you whose hearts are pure!

Epistle Lesson

Romans 5:12-19 [NLT]

¹² When Adam sinned, sin entered the world. Adam’s sin brought death, so death spread to everyone, for everyone sinned. ¹³ Yes, people sinned even before the law was given. But it was not counted as sin because there was not yet any law to break. ¹⁴ Still, everyone died—from the time of Adam to the time of Moses—even those who did not disobey an explicit commandment of God, as Adam did. Now Adam is a symbol, a representation of Christ, who was yet to come. ¹⁵ But there is a great difference between Adam’s sin and God’s gracious gift. For the sin of this one man, Adam, brought death to many. But even greater is God’s wonderful grace and his gift of forgiveness to many through this other man, Jesus Christ. ¹⁶ And the result of God’s gracious gift is very different from the result of that one man’s sin. For Adam’s sin led to condemnation, but God’s free gift leads to our being made right with God, even though we are guilty of many sins. ¹⁷ For the sin of this one man, Adam, caused death to rule over many. But even greater is God’s wonderful grace and his gift of righteousness, for all who receive it will live in triumph over sin and death through this one man, Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ Yes, Adam’s one sin brings condemnation for everyone, but Christ’s one act of righteousness brings a right relationship with God and new life for everyone. ¹⁹ Because one person disobeyed God, many became sinners. But because one other person obeyed God, many will be made righteous.

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

Holy Gospel:

Matthew 4:1-11 [NLT]

¹ Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted there by the devil. ² For forty days and forty nights he fasted and became very hungry. ³ During that time the devil came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become loaves of bread.” ⁴ But Jesus told him, “No! The Scriptures say, ‘People do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’” ⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city, Jerusalem, to the highest point of the Temple, ⁶ and said, “If you are the Son of God, jump off! For the Scriptures say, ‘He will order his angels to protect you. And they will hold you up with their hands so you won’t even hurt your foot on a stone.’” ⁷ Jesus responded, “The Scriptures also say, ‘You must not test the Lord your God.’” ⁸ Next the devil took him to the peak of a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹ “I will give it all to you,” he said, “if you will kneel down and worship me.” ¹⁰ “Get out of here, Satan,” Jesus told him. “For the Scriptures say, ‘You must worship the Lord your God and serve only him.’” ¹¹ Then the devil went away, and angels came and took care of Jesus.

Message Notes cont'd:

Prayers of the Church***Communion Song****Just a Closer Walk with Thee, #564****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

In the Garden, #635

Pastor: Go In Peace and Serve the Lord!

(Everyone) Thanks be to God

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## **Postlude**

# Mark Your Calendar

March and April Service dates:

**March 1, 2026 - 30-minute Bible Study after Worship & refreshments**

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

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

**March 22, 2026 - 30-minute Bible Study after Worship & refreshments**

**March 29, 2026 - Psalm Sunday; 30-minute Bible Study after Worship  
& refreshments**

**April 2, 2026 - Maundy Thursday; 5:00 PM Service**

**April 3, 2026 - Good Friday; 1:00 PM Service**

**April 5, 2026 - Easter; 30-minute Bible Study after Worship & refreshments**

**April 12, 2026 - 30-minute Bible Study after Worship & refreshments**

**April 19, 2026 - after worship & fellowship—Council Meeting**

**April 26, 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

**\*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.

**children's  
corner**