



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

Sacred Head Now Wounded. #61

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

Genesis 12:1-9, [NASB]

¹ Hear now what the Lord is saying, "Arise, plead your case before the mountains, And let the hills hear your voice." ² "Listen, you mountains, to the indictment of the Lord, And you enduring foundations of the earth, Because the Lord has a case against His people; Even with Israel He will dispute." ³ "My people, what have I done to you, And how have I wearied you? Answer Me." ⁴ "Indeed, I brought you up from the land of Egypt And ransomed you from the house of slavery, And I sent before you Moses, Aaron and Miriam." ⁵ "My people, remember now What Balak king of Moab counseled And what Balaam son of Beor answered him, *And* from Shittim to Gilgal, So that you might know the righteous acts of the Lord." ⁶ With what shall I come to the Lord *And* bow myself before the God on high? Shall I come to Him with burnt offerings, With yearling calves? ⁷ Does the Lord take delight in thousands of rams, In ten thousand rivers of oil? Shall I present my firstborn *for* my rebellious acts, The fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? ⁸ He has told you, O man, what is good; And what does the Lord require of you But to do justice, to love kindness, And to walk humbly with your God?

The Psalmody

Psalm 121, [NASB]

¹ I will raise my eyes to the mountains; From where will my help come? ² My help comes from the Lord, Who made heaven and earth. ³ He will not allow your foot to slip; He who watches over you will not slumber. ⁴ Behold, He who watches over Israel Will neither slumber nor sleep. ⁵ The Lord is your protector; The Lord is your shade on your right hand. ⁶ The sun will not beat down on you by day, Nor the moon by night. ⁷ The Lord will protect you from all evil; He will keep your soul. ⁸ The Lord will guard your going out and your coming in From this time and forever.

Second Reading:

Romans 4:1–8, 13-17, [NASB]

4 What then shall we say that Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh, has found? ² For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about; but not before God. ³ For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness." ⁴ Now to the one who works, the wages are not credited as a favor, but as what is due. ⁵ But to the one who does not work, but believes in Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is credited as righteousness, ⁶ just as David also speaks of the blessing of the person to whom God credits righteousness apart from works: ⁷ "Blessed are those whose lawless deeds have been forgiven, And whose sins have been covered." ⁸ Blessed is the man whose sin the Lord will not take into account." ~~~ ¹³ For the promise to Abraham or to his descendants that he would be heir of the world was not through the Law, but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴ For if those who are of the Law are heirs, then faith is made void and the promise is nullified; ¹⁵ for the Law brings about wrath, but where there is no law, there also is no

violation. ¹⁶ For this reason *it is* by faith, in order that *it may be* in accordance will grace, so that the promise will be guaranteed to all the descendants, not only to those who are of the Law, but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, ¹⁷ (as it is written: "I HAVE MADE YOU A FATHER OF MANY NATIONS") in the presence of Him whom he believed, *that is*, God, who gives life to the dead and calls into being things that do not exist.

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

Gospel Reading

John 3:1-17 [NASB]

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

Everyone: Glory to you oh Lord.

¹ Now there was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews; ² this man came to Jesus at night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You have come from God *as* a teacher; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him." ³ Jesus responded and said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless someone is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." ⁴ Nicodemus **said* to Him, "How can a person be born when he is old? He cannot enter his mother's womb a second time and be born, can he?" ⁵ Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless someone is born of water and *the* Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶ That which has been born of the flesh is flesh, and that which has been born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not be amazed that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' ⁸ The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it is coming from and where it is going; so is everyone who has been born of the Spirit." ⁹ Nicodemus responded and said to Him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰ Jesus answered and said to him, "You are the teacher of Israel, and *yet* you do not understand these things? ¹¹ Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know and testify of what we have seen, and you *people* do not accept our testimony. ¹² If I told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ascended into heaven, except He who descended from heaven: the Son of Man. ¹⁴ And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ so that everyone who believes will have eternal life in Him. ¹⁶ For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish, but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but so that the world might be saved through Him.

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;

Message Notes cont'd:

Prayers of the Church:

Communion Hymn:

What Wondrous Love is This, #72

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:

Stricken, Smitten and Afflicted, #75

P: Serve the Lord and Go in Peace.

C: Thanks be to God

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# Mark Your Calendar

All the following are Sunday 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 pm***

***April 3, 2026 - Good Friday Service, 1 pm***

***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***

***May 3, 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.



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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.

