



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

Come Thou Fount, of Every Blessing, #187

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

Offertory Prayer

P: *Blessed are you,*

C: O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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

Acts 1:12-26 [NASB]

¹² Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mountain called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. ¹³ When they had entered *the city*, they went up to the upstairs room where they were staying, that is, Peter, John, James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James *the son* of Alphaeus, Simon the Zealot, and Judas *the son* of James. ¹⁴ All these were continually devoting themselves with one mind to prayer, along with *the women*, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers. ¹⁵ At this time Peter stood up among the brothers *and sisters* (a group of about 120 people was there together), and said, ¹⁶ "Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit foretold by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. ¹⁷ For he was counted among us and received his share in this ministry." ¹⁸ (Now this man acquired a field with the price of his wickedness, and falling headlong, he burst open in the middle and all his intestines gushed out. ¹⁹ And it became known to all the residents of Jerusalem; as a result that field was called Hakeldama in their own language, that is, Field of Blood.) ²⁰ "For it is written in the book of Psalms: 'May his residence be made desolate, And may there be none living in it'; and, 'May another take his office.'" ²¹ Therefore it is necessary that of the men who have accompanied us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us— ²² beginning with the baptism of John until the day that He was taken up from us—one of these *must* become a witness with us of His resurrection." ²³ So they put forward two men, Joseph called Barsabbas (who was also called Justus), and Matthias. ²⁴ And they prayed and said, "You, Lord, who know the hearts of all *people*, show which one of these two You have chosen ²⁵ to occupy this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." ²⁶ And they drew lots for them, and the lot fell to Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

The Psalmody

Psalm 68:1-10 [NASB]

¹ May God arise, may His enemies be scattered, And may those who hate Him flee from His presence. ² As smoke is driven away, so drive *them* away; As wax melts before a fire, So the wicked will perish before God. ³ But the righteous will be joyful; they will rejoice before God; Yes, they will rejoice with gladness. ⁴ Sing to God, sing praises to His name; Exalt Him who rides through the deserts, Whose name is the Lord, and be

jubilant before Him. ⁵ A father of the fatherless and a judge for the widows, Is God in His holy dwelling. ⁶ God makes a home for the lonely; He leads out the prisoners into prosperity, Only the rebellious live in parched lands. ⁷ God, when You went forth before Your people, When You marched through the desert, *Selah* ⁸ The earth quaked; The heavens also dropped *rain* at the presence of God; Sinai itself *quaked* at the presence of God, the God of Israel. ⁹ You made plentiful rain fall, God; You confirmed Your inheritance when it was parched. ¹⁰ Your creatures settled in it; In Your kindness You provided for the poor, God.

Second Reading:

1 Peter 4:12-19 ~ 5:6-11 [NASB]

¹² Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal among you, which comes upon you for your testing, as though *something* strange were happening to you; ¹³ but to the degree that you share the sufferings of Christ, keep on rejoicing, so that at the revelation of His glory you may also rejoice and be overjoyed. ¹⁴ If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory, and of God, rests upon you. ¹⁵ Make sure that none of you suffers as a murderer, or thief, or evildoer, or a troublesome meddler; ¹⁶ but if *anyone* suffers as a Christian, he is not to be ashamed, but is to glorify God in this name. ¹⁷ For *it is* time for judgment to begin with the household of God; and if *it begins* with us first, what *will be* the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? ¹⁸ AND IF IT IS WITH DIFFICULTY THAT THE RIGHTEOUS IS SAVED, WHAT WILL BECOME OF THE GODLESS MAN AND THE SINNER? ¹⁹ Therefore, those also who suffer according to the will of God are to entrust their souls to a faithful Creator in doing what is right. ~~~ ⁶ Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, so that He may exalt you at the proper time, ⁷ having cast all your anxiety on Him, because He cares about you. ⁸ Be of sober *spirit*, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. ⁹ So resist him, firm in *your* faith, knowing that the same experiences of suffering are being accomplished by your brothers and sisters who are in the world. ¹⁰ After you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen, *and* establish *you*. ¹¹ To Him *be* dominion forever and ever. Amen.

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

Gospel Reading

John 17:1-11 [NASB]

Pastor: The Gospel according to St. John the 17th chapter.

Everyone: Glory to you oh Lord.

¹ Jesus spoke these things; and raising His eyes to heaven, He said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify Your Son, so that the Son may glorify You, ² just as You gave Him authority over all [a] mankind, so that [b] to all whom You have given Him, He may give eternal life. ³ And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. ⁴ I glorified You on the earth [c] by accomplishing the work which You have given Me to do. ⁵ And now You, Father, glorify Me together with Your-

self, with the glory which I had with You before the world existed. ⁶“I have revealed Your name to the men whom You gave Me out of the world; they were Yours and You gave them to Me, and they have followed Your word. ⁷Now they have come to know that everything which You have given Me is from You; ⁸for the words which You gave Me I have given to them; and they received *them* and truly understood that I came forth from You, and they believed that You sent Me. ⁹I ask on their behalf; I do not ask on behalf of the world, but on the behalf of those whom You have given Me, because they are Yours; ¹⁰and all things that are Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹I am no longer *going to be* in the world; and yet they themselves are in the world, and I am coming to You. Holy Father, keep them in Your name, *the name* which You have given Me, so that they may be one just as We are.

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:

Praise to the Lord the Almighty, #171

Sermon: "Rags to Riches"

Pastor Gallagher

Prayers of the Church:

Message Notes

Message Notes cont'd:

Communion Hymn:

Rock of Ages, # 398

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

P: Sending Hymn:

Amazing Grace, #578

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:

**May 17, 2026 - after worship & fellowship—Council Meeting**

**May 24, 2026 - 30-minute Bible Study after Worship & refreshments -**

**May 31, 2026 - 30-minute Bible Study after Worship & refreshments -**

**August 2, 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.