



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

Great is Thy Faithfulness, #559

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 6:1-9, 7:2a, 51-60 [NASB]

¹ Now at this time, as the disciples were increasing *in number*, a complaint developed *on the part of* the Hellenistic Jews against the *native* Hebrews, because their widows were being overlooked in the daily serving of *food*. ² So the twelve summoned the congregation of the disciples and said, "It is not desirable for us to neglect the word of God in order to serve tables. ³ Instead, brothers *and sisters*, select from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may put in charge of this task. ⁴ But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." ⁵ The announcement found approval with the whole congregation; and they chose, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas, a proselyte from Antioch. ⁶ And they brought these men before the apostles; and after praying, they laid their hands on them. ⁷ The word of God kept spreading; and the number of the disciples continued to increase greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were becoming obedient to the faith. ⁸ And Stephen, full of grace and power, was performing great wonders and signs among the people. ⁹ But some men from what was called the Synagogue of the Freedmen, *including* both Cyrenians and Alexandrians, and some from Cilicia and Asia, rose up and argued with Stephen. ~~~ ^{7:2} And Stephen said, "Listen to me, brothers and fathers! The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham when he was in Mesopotamia, before he lived in Haran ~~~ ⁵¹ "You men who are stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears are always resisting the Holy Spirit; you are doing just as your fathers did. ⁵² Which one of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? They killed those who had previously announced the coming of the Righteous One, and you have now become betrayers and murderers of Him; ⁵³ you who received the Law as ordained by angels, and *yet* did not keep it." ⁵⁴ Now when they heard this, they were infuriated, and they *began* gnashing their teeth at him. ⁵⁵ But he, being full of the Holy Spirit, looked intently into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God; ⁵⁶ and he said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God" ⁵⁷ But they shouted with loud voices, and covered their ears and rushed at him with one mind. ⁵⁸ When they had driven him out of the city, they *began* stoning *him*; and the witnesses laid aside their cloaks at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹ They *went on* stoning Stephen as he called on *the Lord* and said, "Lord Jesus, re-

ceive my spirit!" ⁶⁰ Then he fell on his knees and cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them!" Having said this, he fell asleep.


The Psalmody

Psalm 146 [NASB]

¹ Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, my soul! ² I will praise the Lord while I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being. ³ Do not trust in noblemen, In mortal man, in whom there is no salvation. ⁴ His spirit departs, he returns to the earth; On that *very* day his plans perish. ⁵ Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, Whose hope is in the he Lord his God, ⁶ Who made heaven and earth, The sea and everything that is in them; Who keeps faith forever; ⁷ Who executes justice for the oppressed; Who gives food to the hungry. The Lord frees the prisoners. ⁸ The Lord opens *the eyes of* those who are blind; The Lord raises up those who are bowed down; The Lord loves the righteous. ⁹ The Lord watches over strangers; He supports the fatherless and the widow, But He thwarts the way of the wicked. ¹⁰ The Lord will reign forever, Your God, Zion, to all generations. Praise the Lord!

Second Reading:

1 Peter 2:1-10 [NASB]

¹ Therefore, rid *yourselves* of all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and  envy and all slander, ² and like newborn babies, long for the pure milk of the word, so that by it you may grow in respect to salvation, ³ if you have tasted the kindness of the Lord. ⁴ And coming to Him as to a living stone which has been rejected by people, but is choice and precious in the sight of God, ⁵ you also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices that are acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ For *this* is contained in Scripture: "Behold, I am laying in Zion a choice stone, a precious cornerstone, And the one who believes in Him will not be put to shame." ⁷ This precious value, then, is for you who believe; but for unbelievers, "A stone which the builders rejected, This became the chief cornerstone," ⁸ and, "A stone of stumbling and a rock of offense"; *for* they stumble because they are disobedient to the word, and to this they were also appointed. ⁹ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for *God's* own possession, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; ¹⁰ for you once were not a people, but now you are the people of God; you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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

Gospel Reading

John 14:1-14 [NASB]

Pastor: The Gospel according to St. John the 14th chapter.

Everyone: Glory to you oh Lord.

¹ "Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me. ² In My Father's house are many rooms; if *that* were not so, I would have told you, because I am going *there* to prepare a place for you. ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I am coming

again and will take you to Myself, so that where I am, *there* you also will be. ⁴ And you know the way where I am going.” ⁵ Thomas *said to Him, “Lord, we do not know where You are going; how do we know the way?” ⁶ Jesus *said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father except through Me. ⁷ If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; from now on you know Him, and have seen Him.” ⁸ Philip *said to Him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” ⁹ Jesus *said to him, “Have I been with ^{le}you for so long a time, and *yet* you have not come to know Me, Philip? The one who has seen Me has seen the Father; how *can* you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father is in Me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on My own, but the Father, as He remains in Me, does His works. ¹¹ Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me; otherwise believe because of the works themselves. ¹² Truly, truly I say to you, the one who believes in Me, the works that I do, he will do also; and *greater works* than these he will do; because I am going to the Father. ¹³ And whatever you ask in My name, this I will do, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If you ask Me anything in My name, I will do *it*.

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:

Jesus Lover of My Soul, #567

Sermon: “There are Many Mansions For You”

Pastor Gallagher

Message Notes

Message Notes cont'd:

Prayers of the Church:

Communion Hymn:

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross #63

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:

Rock of Ages, #398

P: Serve the Lord and Go in Peace.

C: Thanks be to God

Mark Your Calendar

All the following are Sunday dates:

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.

May 3, 2026 - 30-minute Bible Study after Worship & refreshments

May 10, 2026 - 30-minute Bible Study after Worship & refreshments

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 -



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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](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.