



for to me,  
TO LIVE IS  
Christ  
AND GAIN  
to die is  
... philippians 1:21



**The purpose of our Community is:**

*“Building Committed Followers of Jesus Christ”*

**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.*

*Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

**Everyone] Amen.**

**Opening Song**

*Just a Closer Walk with Thee, #564*

**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**

*Psalms 145:1-8 [NLT]*

<sup>1</sup> I will exalt you, my God and King, and praise your name forever and ever. <sup>2</sup> I will praise you every day; yes, I will praise you forever. <sup>3</sup> Great is the Lord! He is most worthy of praise! No one can measure his greatness. <sup>4</sup> Let each generation tell its children of your mighty acts; let them proclaim your power. <sup>5</sup> I will meditate on your majestic, glorious splendor and your wonderful miracles. <sup>6</sup> Your awe-inspiring deeds will be on every tongue; I will proclaim your greatness. <sup>7</sup> Everyone will share the story of your wonderful goodness; they will sing with joy about your righteousness. <sup>8</sup> The Lord is merciful and compassionate, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love.

**Epistle Lesson**

*Philippians 1:18-26 [NLT]*

<sup>18</sup> But that doesn't matter. Whether their motives are false or genuine, the message about Christ is being preached either way, so I rejoice. And I will continue to rejoice. <sup>19</sup> For I know that as you pray for me and the Spirit of Jesus Christ helps me, this

will lead to my deliverance. <sup>20</sup> For I fully expect and hope that I will never be ashamed, but that I will continue to be bold for Christ, as I have been in the past. And I trust that my life will bring honor to Christ, whether I live or die. <sup>21</sup> For to me, living means living for Christ, and dying is even better. <sup>22</sup> But if I live, I can do more fruitful work for Christ. So I really don't know which is better. <sup>23</sup> I'm torn between two desires: I long to go and be with Christ, which would be far better for me. <sup>24</sup> But for your sakes, it is better that I continue to live. <sup>25</sup> Knowing this, I am convinced that I will remain alive so I can continue to help all of you grow and experience the joy of your faith. <sup>26</sup> And when I come to you again, you will have even more reason to take pride in Christ Jesus because of what he is doing through me.

### ***Holy Gospel:***

*Mark 8:35-38 [NLT]*

<sup>35</sup> If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake and for the sake of the Good News, you will save it. <sup>36</sup> And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul? <sup>37</sup> Is anything worth more than your soul? <sup>38</sup> If anyone is ashamed of me and my message in these adulterous and sinful days, the Son of Man will be ashamed of that person when he returns in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

### ***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.*

**(Everyone) 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 Song:***

*I'll Fly Away, #779*

### ***Sermon:***

*“Living for Christ”*

*Pastor Ralph Buchhorn*

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**Message Notes cont'd:**

***Prayers of the Church***

***Communion Song***

*Now Thank We All Our God, #788*

***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**

*Soon and Very Soon, #757*

*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:

***June 28, 2026 - 30-minute Bible Study after Worship & refreshments***

***July 5, 2026 - 30-minute Bible Study after Worship & refreshments***

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

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

***July 26, 2026 - 30-minute Bible Study after Worship & refreshments***

***August 2, 2026*** - Once a quarter, we will be collecting a special offering in the 'Missions Giving Box' on your way in or 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 2026 on the first Sunday in February, May, August & November.



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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.

