



*The purpose of our Community is:
 ❧❧❧ “Building Committed Followers of Jesus Christ” ❧❧❧*

Note: *P:* = Pastor *C:* = Congregation **R = Reader**

Prelude

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

O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing, #181

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

Isaiah 44:6-8 [NASB]

⁶“This is what the Lord says, *He who is* the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the Lord of armies: ‘I am the first and I am the last, And there is no God besides Me. ⁷Who is like Me? Let him proclaim and declare it; And, let him confront Men Beginning with My establishing of the ancient nation. Then let them declare to them the things that are coming And *the events* that are going to take place. ⁸Do not tremble and do not be afraid; Have I not long since announced *it* to you and declared *it*? And you are My witnesses. Is there any God besides Me, Or is there any other Rock? I know of none.”

The Psalmody:

Psalm 119:57-64 [NASB]

⁵⁷ The LORD is my portion; I have promised to keep Your words.

⁵⁸ I sought Your favor with all *my* heart; Be gracious to me according to Your word.

⁵⁹ I considered my ways And turned my feet to Your testimonies.

⁶⁰ I hurried and did not delay To keep Your commandments.

⁶¹ The snares of the wicked have surrounded me, *But* I have not forgotten Your Law.

⁶² At midnight I will rise to give thanks to You Because of Your righteous judgments.

⁶³ I am a companion to all those who fear You, And to those who keep Your precepts.

⁶⁴ The earth is full of Your goodness, LORD; Teach me Your statute.

Second Reading:

Romans 8:18-27 [NASB]

¹⁸ For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy *to be* compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the eagerly awaiting creation waits for the revealing of the sons *and daughters* of God. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected *it*, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to that corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² For we know that the whole creation groans and suffers the pains of childbirth together until now. ²³ And not only *that*, but also we ourselves, having the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting eagerly for *our* adoption as sons *and daughters*, the redemption of our body. ²⁴ For in hope we have been saved, but hope that is seen is not hope; for who hopes for what he *already* sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, through perseverance we wait eagerly *for it*. ²⁶ Now in the same way the Spirit also

helps our weakness; for we do not know what to pray for as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for *us* with groanings too deep for words; ²⁷ and He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the saints according to *the will of God*.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 [NASB]

Pastor: The Gospel according to St. Matthew the 13th chapter.

Everyone: Glory to you oh Lord.

²⁴ Jesus presented another parable to them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. ²⁵ But while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and left. ²⁶ And when the wheat sprouted and produced grain, then the weeds also became evident. ²⁷ And the slaves of the landowner came and said to him, 'Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?' ²⁸ And he said to them, 'An enemy has done this!' The slaves *said to him, 'Do you want us, then, to go and gather them up?' ²⁹ But he *said, 'No; while you are gathering up the weeds, you may uproot the wheat with them. ³⁰ Allow both to grow together until the harvest; and at the time of the harvest I will say to the reapers, "First gather up the weeds and bind them in bundles to burn them; but gather the wheat into my barn.'" ~~~ ³⁶ Then He left the crowds and went into the house. And His disciples came to Him and said, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." ³⁷ And He said, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man, ³⁸ and the field is the world; and *as for* the good seed, these are the sons of the kingdom; and the weeds are the sons of the evil *one*; ³⁹ and the enemy who sowed them is the devil, and the harvest is the end of the age; and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰ So just as the weeds are gathered up and burned with fire, so shall it be at the  end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send forth His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all stumbling blocks, and those who commit lawlessness, ⁴² and they will throw them into the furnace of fire; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine forth like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. The one who has ears, let him hear.

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 be-

lieve 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:

Rock of Ages, Cleft For Me, #398

Sermon:

"Gold or Pyrite?"

Pastor Gallagher

Message Notes

Prayers of the Church:

Communion Hymn:**What Can Wash Away My Sin, #557**

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:**Lift High The Cross, #508**

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:

**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.

**August 2, 2026 - 30-minute Bible Study after Worship & refreshments**

**August 9, 2026 - 30-minute Bible Study after Worship & refreshments**

**August 16, 2026 - after worship & fellowship—Council Meeting**

**August 23, 2026 - 30-minute Bible Study after Worship & refreshments**

**August 30, 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:

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.