

*Whatever is*  
**true**  
*whatever is*  
**noble**  
*whatever is*  
**right**  
*whatever is*  
**pure**  
*whatever is*  
**lovely**  
*whatever is*  
**admirable**  
*if anything is*  
**excellent**  
*or*  
**praiseworthy**  
*think about such things.*

*Philippians 4:8*

**Community Lutheran Church**

**August 23, 2026**

***The purpose of our Community is:***

***“Building Committed Followers of Jesus Christ”***

**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.*

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

**Opening Song**

***Rejoice in the Lord Always, #745***

**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:**

***Isaiah 12:1-6 [NLT]***

<sup>1</sup> In that day you will sing: “I will praise you, O Lord! You were angry with me, but not any more. Now you comfort me. <sup>2</sup> See, God has come to save me. I will trust in him and not be afraid. The Lord God is my strength and my song; he has given me victory.” <sup>3</sup> With joy you will drink deeply from the fountain of salvation! <sup>4</sup> In that wonderful day you will sing: “Thank the Lord! Praise his name! Tell the nations what he has done. Let them know how mighty he is! <sup>5</sup> Sing to the Lord, for he has done wonderful things. Make known his praise around the world. <sup>6</sup> Let all the people of Jerusalem shout his praise with joy! For great is the Holy One of Israel who lives among you.”

**Epistle Lesson:***Philippians 4:4-9 [NLT]*

<sup>4</sup> Always be full of joy in the Lord. I say it again—rejoice! <sup>5</sup> Let everyone see that you are considerate in all you do. Remember, the Lord is coming soon. <sup>6</sup> Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. <sup>7</sup> Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup> And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise. <sup>9</sup> Keep putting into practice all you learned and received from me—everything you heard from me and saw me doing. Then the God of peace will be with you.

**Holy Gospel:***Matthew 5:11-12 [NLT]*

<sup>11</sup> "God blesses you when people mock you and persecute you and lie about you and say all sorts of evil things against you because you are my followers. <sup>12</sup> Be happy about it! Be very glad! For a great reward awaits you in heaven. And remember, the ancient prophets were persecuted in the same way.

**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***Peace Like a River, #750***Sermon****"Rejoice"***Pastor Buchhorn*

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## **Prayers of the Church**

### **Communion Song**

*Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus, #730*

### **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:***

*Seek Ye First, #713*

*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:

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

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

***November 1, 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:**

|                 |                  |                                                               |
|-----------------|------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| <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.