



THREW HIM OUT OF THE VINEYARD

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

What a Friend We Have in Jesus, #173

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 5:1-7 [NASB]

¹ Let me sing now for my well-beloved A song of my beloved concerning His vineyard. My well-beloved had a vineyard on a fertile hill. ² He dug it all around, removed its stones, And planted it with the choicest vine. And He built a tower in the middle of it And also hewed out a wine vat in it; Then He expected it to produce good grapes, But it produced only worthless ones.

³ “And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, Judge between Me and My vineyard. ⁴ “What more was there to do for My vineyard that I have not done in it? Why, when I expected it to produce good grapes did it produce worthless ones? ⁵ “So now let Me tell you what I am going to do to My vineyard: I will remove its hedge and it will be consumed; I will break down its wall and it will become trampled ground. ⁶ “I will lay it waste; It will not be pruned or hoed, But briars and thorns will come up. I will also charge the clouds to rain no rain on it.” ⁷ For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel And the men of Judah His delightful plant. Thus He looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed; For righteousness, but behold, a cry of distress.

The Psalmody

Psalm 80:7-19 [NASB]

R: ⁷ O God of hosts, restore us And cause Your face to shine upon us, and we will be saved.

C: ⁸ You removed a vine from Egypt; You drove out the nations and planted it.

R: ⁹ You cleared the ground before it, And it took deep root and filled the land.

C: ¹⁰ The mountains were covered with its shadow,
And the cedars of God with its boughs.

R: ¹¹ It was sending out its branches to the sea And its shoots to the River.

C: ¹² Why have You broken down its hedges,
So that all who pass that way pick its fruit?

R: ¹³ A boar from the forest eats it away And whatever moves in the field feeds on it.

C: ¹⁴ O God of hosts, turn again now, we beseech You;
Look down from heaven and see, and take care of this vine,

R: ¹⁵ Even the shoot which Your right hand has planted,
And on the son whom You have strengthened for Yourself.

C: ¹⁶ It is burned with fire, it is cut down;
They perish at the rebuke of Your countenance.

R: ¹⁷ Let Your hand be upon the man of Your right hand,
Upon the son of man whom You made strong for Yourself.

C: ¹⁸ Then we shall not turn back from You;
Revive us, and we will call upon Your name.

R: ¹⁹ O Lord God of hosts, restore us;
Cause Your face to shine upon us, and we will be saved.

Second Reading:**Philippians 3:4b-14 [NASB]**

^{4b} If anyone else has a mind to put confidence in the flesh, I far more: ⁵ circumcised the eighth day, of the nation of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the Law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to the righteousness which is in the Law, found blameless.

⁷ But whatever things were gain to me, those things I have counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish so that I may gain Christ, ⁹ and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from the Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which comes from God on the basis of faith, ¹⁰ that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death; ¹¹ in order that I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.

¹² Not that I have already obtained it or have already become perfect, but I press on so that I may lay hold of that for which also I was laid hold of by Christ Jesus. ¹³ Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Reading**Matthew 21:33-46 [NASB]**

Pastor: The Gospel according to St. Mathew the 21st chapter.

Everyone: Glory to you oh Lord.

³³ "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard and put a wall around it and dug a wine press in it, and built a tower, and rented it out to vine-growers and went on a journey. ³⁴ When the harvest time approached, he sent his slaves to the vine-growers to receive his produce. ³⁵ The vine-growers took his slaves and beat one, and killed another, and stoned a third. ³⁶ Again he sent another group of slaves larger than the first; and they did the same thing to them. ³⁷ But afterward he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' ³⁸ But when the vine-growers saw the son, they said among themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and seize his inheritance.' ³⁹ They took him, and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. ⁴⁰ Therefore when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those vine-growers?" ⁴¹ They *said to Him, "He will bring those wretches to a wretched end, and will rent out the vineyard to other vine-growers who will pay him the proceeds at the proper seasons."

⁴² Jesus *said to them, "Did you never read in the Scriptures,

'The stone which the builders rejected, This became the chief corner stone; This came about from the Lord, And it is marvelous in our eyes'?

⁴³ Therefore I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people, producing the fruit of it. ⁴⁴ And he who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; but on whomever it falls, it will scatter him like dust."

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Everyone: Praise to you oh Christ.

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.

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.

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, #171

Pastor Gallagher

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Prayers of the Church:

Communion Hymn:

Nothing but the Blood, #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

P: Sending Hymn:

A Mighty Fortress, #141

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:

**October 4, 2026 - after worship & fellowship—Council Meeting**

**October 11, 2026 - 30-minute Bible Study after Worship & refreshments**

**October 18, 2026 - 30-minute Bible Study after Worship & refreshments**

**October 25, 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:

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.