



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 45:1-7 [NASB]

¹ Thus says the Lord to Cyrus His anointed, Whom I have taken by the right hand, To subdue nations before him And to loose the loins of kings; To open doors before him so that gates will not be shut: ² “I will go before you and make the rough places smooth; I will shatter the doors of bronze and cut through their iron bars. ³ “I will give you the treasures of darkness And hidden wealth of secret places, So that you may know that it is I, The Lord, the God of Israel, who calls you by your name. ⁴ “For the sake of Jacob My servant, And Israel My chosen one, I have also called you by your name; I have given you a title of honor Though you have not known Me. ⁵ “I am the Lord, and there is no other; Besides Me there is no God. I will gird you, though you have not known Me; ⁶ That men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun That there is no one besides Me. I am the Lord, and there is no other, ⁷ The One forming light and creating darkness, Causing well-being and creating calamity; I am the Lord who does all these.

The Psalmody

Psalm 96:1-13 [NASB]

R: ¹ Sing to the Lord a new song; Sing to the Lord, all the earth.

C: ² Sing to the Lord; bless His name; Proclaim good tidings of His salvation from day to day.

R: ³ Tell of His glory among the nations, His wonderful deeds among all the peoples..

C: ⁴ For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; He is to be feared above all gods.

R: ⁵ For all the gods of the peoples are idols, But the Lord made the heavens.

C: ⁶ Splendor and majesty are before Him, Strength and beauty are in His sanctuary.

R: ⁷ Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

C: ⁸ Ascribe to the Lord the glory of His name; Bring an offering and come into His courts.

R: ⁹ Worship the Lord in holy attire; Tremble before Him, all the earth.

C: ¹⁰ Say among the nations, “The Lord reigns; Indeed, the world is firmly established, it will not be moved; He will judge the peoples with equity.”

R: ¹¹ Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; Let the sea roar, and all it contains;

C: ¹² Let the field exult, and all that is in it. Then all the trees of the forest will sing for joy

R: ¹³ Before the Lord, for He is coming, For He is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness And the peoples in His faithfulness.

Second Reading:**1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 [NASB]**¹ Paul and Silvanus and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.

² We give thanks to God always for all of you, making mention of you in our prayers; ³ constantly bearing in mind your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the presence of our God and Father, ⁴ knowing, brethren beloved by God, His choice of you; ⁵ for our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶ You also became imitators of us and of the Lord, having received the word in much tribulation with the joy of the Holy Spirit, ⁷ so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸ For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you, not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith toward God has gone forth, so that we have no need to say anything. ⁹ For they themselves report about us what kind of a reception we had with you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God, ¹⁰ and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, that is Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath to come.

Gospel Reading**Matthew 22:15-22 [NASB]***Pastor: The Gospel according to St. Mathew the 22nd chapter.***Everyone: Glory to you oh Lord.**

¹⁵ Then the Pharisees went and plotted together how they might trap Him in what He said. ¹⁶ And they *sent their disciples to Him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that You are truthful and teach the way of God in truth, and defer to no one; for You are not partial to any. ¹⁷ Tell us then, what do You think? Is it lawful to give a poll-tax to Caesar, or not?" ¹⁸ But Jesus perceived their malice, and said, "Why are you testing Me, you hypocrites? ¹⁹ Show Me the coin used for the poll-tax." And they brought Him a denarius. ²⁰ And He *said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" ²¹ They *said to Him, "Caesar's." Then He *said to them, "Then render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's; and to God the things that are God's." ²² And hearing this, they were amazed, and leaving Him, they went away.

*Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord.***Everyone: Praise to you oh Christ.**

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:

Come Thou Almighty King, #135

Sermon:

"Who's in Charge?"

Pastor Gallagher

[illegible]

Prayers of the Church:

Communion Hymn:

Blessed Assurance, #511

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 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.

**November 1, 2026 - 30-minute Bible Study after Worship & refreshments**

**November 8, 2026 - 30-minute Bible Study after Worship & refreshments**

**November 15, 2026 - after worship & fellowship—Council Meeting**

**November 22, 2026 - 30-minute Bible Study after Worship & refreshments**

**November 29, 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.