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Good Morning and Welcome to our visitors: We hope your worship this morning will be a good experience for you. Many of those sitting around you were in your position once. They walked through the doors of the church and didn't know anyone. They felt a little awkward to be in a new place. Yet, they found a home here and we hope that you will too. If you would like information on how to become a member, if you have questions about worship, or if you are just curious, make sure to speak with Pastor Buch as you leave. If you have any questions please ask a member, or one of the ushers that handed you your worship folder. God's blessings on your week and we hope to see you again soon!!

Little children are welcome in worship. Children are future pastors, teachers and members of God's church. They need to meet Jesus and hear his Word too. **We have reserved the back row of chairs on the organ side of the church for families with small children.** We have a quiet room, located off the narthex, for infants, toddlers and their parents if the children get too active during worship.

*Restrooms are located to the left, as you exit the sanctuary, and down the hallway.
Please silence phones during the service. Thanks.*

Willing Hands This Morning:

Organist: *Computer* Altar Care: *Janet Maesaka*
Ushers: *Ken Dingman & Loren Schlodfeldt* Tellers: *Jim Moldenhauer & Jean Tartaglia*
Kitchen Helpers: *Daryl and Nancy Lucke*

Suggestions Before Worship: Epiphany is all about revelation. Nowhere is the revelation of Jesus more clear than in his own words. This morning we hear Jesus' own testimony about himself. He clearly says that it is time that the Savior is revealed. However, calling yourself the Savior and proving that you are the Savior are two different things. Throughout Jesus life, he not only said he was the Savior, he revealed himself as the Savior also in thought and action. This morning, spend some time in prayer and meditation thanking the Lord for the clear revelation of his Savior.



Welcome and Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn: 348

Jesus, Jesus, Only Jesus

1 Jesus, Jesus, only Jesus Can my heartfelt longing still.
Lo, I pledge myself to Jesus, What he wills alone to will,
For my heart, which he hath filled, Ever cries, "Lord, as thou wilt."

2 One there is for whom I'm living, Whom I love most tenderly;
Unto Jesus I am giving What in love he gave to me.
Jesus' blood hides all my guilt—Lord, oh, lead me as thou wilt.

3 What to me may seem a treasure But displeasing is to thee—
Oh, remove such harmful pleasure; Give instead what profits me.
Let my heart by thee be stilled; Make me thine, Lord, as thou wilt.

4 Let me earnestly endeavor Thy good pleasure to fulfill;
In me, through me, with me ever, Lord, accomplish thou thy will.
In thy holy image built, Let me die, Lord, as thou wilt.

5 Jesus, constant be my praises, For thou unto me didst bring
Thine own self and all thy graces That I joyfully may sing:
Be it unto me, my Shield, As thou wilt, Lord, as thou wilt.

Please rise

Invocation

The name of the Triune God focuses our hearts and minds on the many things that God has done for us and the proper worship and thanks he deserves.

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.
C: **Amen.**

Responsive Reading of Psalm 67

This Psalm centers our hearts and minds on the power of our God to save us.

P: May God be gracious to us and bless us

C: and make his face shine upon us;

P: may your ways be known on earth,

C: your salvation among all nations.

P: May the nations be glad and sing for joy,

C: for you rule the peoples justly and guide the nations of the earth.

P: Then the land will yield its harvest,

C: and God, our God, will bless us.

P: God will bless us,

C: and all the ends of the earth will fear him.

Confession of Sins

We confess our sins before each other and the Lord. The Bible tells us that repentance (confessing our sins) is one of the marks of a heart that truly believes in what Jesus has done.

M: Dear friends, let us approach God with sincere hearts and confess our sins before him, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.

I have shown a lack of faith when I have doubted your promises and have worried even though you have shown me your love.

I have trusted in myself and not in you, I have pushed myself ahead when I should have cared less about myself and more about others.

I have thoughtlessly sinned and have chosen to sin even when I know it is wrong

I have sinned in thought, word and action. I have also sinned by not doing the things that you ask me to do.

For all the evil and sin that are part of me and my life, you should cast me away from your presence forever. O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Please forgive me, for Jesus' sake.

We have a moment of silence for private confession of our own personal, specific sins to God.

Absolution of Sins

The use of the keys is that special power and right which Christ gave to his church on earth: to forgive the sins of penitent sinners. See John 20:21-23.

M: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Song of Thanksgiving: (Hymn 384 V. 1,2)

The Lord has blessed us with earthly gifts and heavenly forgiveness, we thank him for his blessings to us and to many others.

**1 By grace I'm saved, grace free and boundless; My soul, believe and doubt it not.
Why waver at this word of promise? Has Scripture ever falsehood taught?
So then this word must true remain: By grace you, too, shall heav'n obtain.**

**2 By grace God's Son, our only Savior, Came down to earth to bear our sin.
Was it because of your own merit That Jesus died your soul to win?
No, it was grace, and grace alone, That brought him from his heav'nly throne.**

M: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: Christ, have mercy.

M: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: Almighty God, you sent your Son to proclaim your kingdom and to teach with authority. Anoint us with the power of your Spirit that we, too, may bring good news to the afflicted, bind up the brokenhearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Please be seated.

The Word

Worship focuses on what our Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit has done to save us. We use God's Word as the center of our worship, praise and thanks.

First Lesson: 1 Kings 19:19-21

The Lord promises that there will always be those who preach and teach his Word. The Lord chose Elisha to follow Elijah as his prophet to the people of Israel. Elisha celebrated the blessing of doing the Lord's work.

¹⁹ So Elijah went from there and found Elisha son of Shaphat. He was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen, and he himself was driving the twelfth pair. Elijah went up to him and threw his cloak around him. ²⁰ Elisha then left his oxen and ran after Elijah. "Let me kiss my father and mother good-by," he said, "and then I will come with you."

"Go back," Elijah replied. "What have I done to you?"

²¹ So Elisha left him and went back. He took his yoke of oxen and slaughtered them. He burned the plowing equipment to cook the meat and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out to follow Elijah and became his attendant.

Songs and Prayers for Children

These songs and prayers are ones that, for many years, parents and grandparents have taught to their children. We take the time to remember the simple truths that are in these songs that we now teach our children. Please help your children to follow along as we sing these songs that provide the Gospel in a simple way.

Give Thanks

Give thanks, with a grateful heart, Give thanks, to the Holy One.

Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son.

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And now, let the weak say I am strong, let the poor say I am rich, because of what the Lord has done for us.

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Give thanks. Give thanks. Give Thanks.

P: Let us fold our hands, bow our heads and ask Jesus our loving Savior to hear us as we pray together.

C: Be near me Lord Jesus, I ask you to stay. Close by me forever and love me I pray. Bless all the dear children in thy tender care, and take us to heaven to live with you there. Amen

Let Me Learn of Jesus

1. Let me learn of Jesus;
He is kind to me.
Once he died to save me,
Nailed upon the tree.

2. When I go to Jesus;
He will hear me pray
Make me pure and holy,
Take my sins away.

Second Lesson: Acts 13:1-5

God calls Paul and Barnabas for service in his church.

In the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen (who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch) and Saul. ² While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." ³ So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off.

⁴ The two of them, sent on their way by the Holy Spirit, went down to Seleucia and sailed from there to Cyprus. ⁵ When they arrived at Salamis, they proclaimed the word of God in the Jewish synagogues. John was with them as their helper.

P: Alleluia. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching, preaching, and healing every disease. Alleluia. (Matthew 4:23 cf. NIV)

C: Thanks be to you Oh Lord!!

Sermon Hymn: 463

Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult

1 Jesus calls us o'er the tumult
Of our life's wild, restless sea;
Day by day his voice invites us,
Saying, "Christian, follow me!"

2 As the first disciples heard it
By the Galilean lake,
Turned from home and toil and kindred,
Leaving all for his dear sake.

3 Jesus calls us from the worship
Of the vain world's golden store,
From each idol that would keep us,
Saying, "Christian, love me more."

4 In our joys and in our sorrows,
Days of toil and hours of ease,
Still he calls, in cares and pleasures,
"Christian, love me more than these."

5 Jesus calls us! In your mercy,
Savior, help us hear your call;
Give our hearts to your obedience,
Serve and love you best of all!

Sermon Text: Mark 1: 14-20

Sermon Theme: The Time Has Come

¹⁴ After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. ¹⁵ "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!"

¹⁶ As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. ¹⁷ "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men." ¹⁸ At once they left their nets and followed him.

¹⁹ When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets. ²⁰ Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

*Please rise after the sermon is completed.
We will sing our response to God's Word this morning using
Hymn 460: How Can I Thank You Lord.*

**4 Grant that your Spirit's help To me be always given
Lest I should fall again And lose the way to heaven.
Grant that he give me strength In my infirmity;
May he renew my heart To serve you willingly.**

**5 O Father, God of love, Now hear my supplication;
O Savior, Son of God, Accept my adoration;
O Holy Spirit, be My ever faithful guide
That I may serve you here And there with you abide.**

Apostles' Creed

The Apostles Creed has been used for hundreds of years as a brief, but concise statement of belief. It is called the Apostles' Creed because it is a summary of all the Apostles preached about Jesus.

**C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.
I believe 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, died, and was 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 will 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**

Please be seated

We Bring our Offering of Thanks to the Lord

*One of the ways that we thank our Lord is by giving offerings of thanks to support the work of spreading the Gospel here at Summerlin Lutheran and in the world.
If you haven't already, please take a moment to sign the friendship registers.*

- If you're a guest –Welcome. Please share your contact information so that we can stay connected.
- If you are a member, please sign your name and share with any guests who might be sitting near you.

Please rise for prayer

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

C: 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.

The Blessing of the Lord

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



Closing Hymn: 330 Now the Hour of Worship O'er

1 Now, the hour of worship o'er, Teaching, hearing, praying, singing, Let us gladly God adore, For his Word our praises bringing; For the rich repast he gave us Praise the Lord, who deigned to save us.	2 Now the blessing cheers our heart, By his grace to us extended. Let us joyfully depart; Be our souls to God commended. May his Spirit ever guide us And with all good gifts provide us.
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3 Bless our going out, we pray;
Bless our entrance in like measure.
Bless our bread, O Lord, each day;
Bless our toil, our rest, our pleasure.
Bless us when we reach death's portal;
Bless us then with life immortal.



Good morning. Whether you are family and friends, or first-time guests and visitors it is a pleasure and a privilege to share the message of Jesus resurrection and to celebrate the forgiveness and eternal life that is ours through Jesus. God's blessings to you until we see you again.



Today	1/28	9:00 AM	Worship and WELS Connection Video
		10:15 AM	Bible Study and Sunday School
Monday	1/29	6:00 PM	Catechism
Wednesday	1/31	10:00 AM	Wed. Morning Bible Study
		1:00 PM	Back to the Basics
Sunday	2/4	9:00 AM	Worship and Member Communion



If you don't have these dates on your calendar, it's a good time to add them.

February	5	6:30 PM	Ministry Team
February	6	9:30 AM	Ladies Guild
February	14	6:30 PM	Ash Wednesday with Communion
February	18	6 – 8:30 PM	Praise and Proclaim Outreach Opportunity @ Shepherd of the Hills

Willing Hands to Serve the Lord:



Next Week's Worship:
Ushers: Bill Meyer and Tom Johnson
Altar: Janene Malzer and Nancy Bucklin
Tellers: Dick and Cathy Yeakel
Kitchen helpers: Cynthia Bickford



Our Ladies Guild is hosting their annual food drive. During February, any non-perishable food item may be brought and placed in the bins in the narthex. These items will be donated to the pantry at Three Square at the end of February.



Need to learn how to more easily talk about Christ? Want some practice in sharing Christ. **Plan ahead for a special evening with Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church and Praise and Proclaim ministries.** We have been invited to take part in a special opportunity

to learn and practice outreach strategies for personal and congregational use. Please let Pastor know if you are interested by next week. **Sunday, February 18 from 6-8:30 PM.**

Ministry **Team**

Ministry Team is open to any confirmed member of the congregation. This is not a group of elected leaders, rather it is a group of members who want to do some extra work to serve the Lord and this church.

This is the forum for discussion of new ideas and planning so that the current ones stay moving. Our next meeting is February 5 at 6:30 PM.



California Lutheran High School worship band and hand bells will be joining us for a Lenten service and **Concert** on Thursday, March 8th at 6:30 PM. Please set aside time for this special concert featuring contemporary and traditional Christian music. They are looking for anyone in our congregation who might be able to house

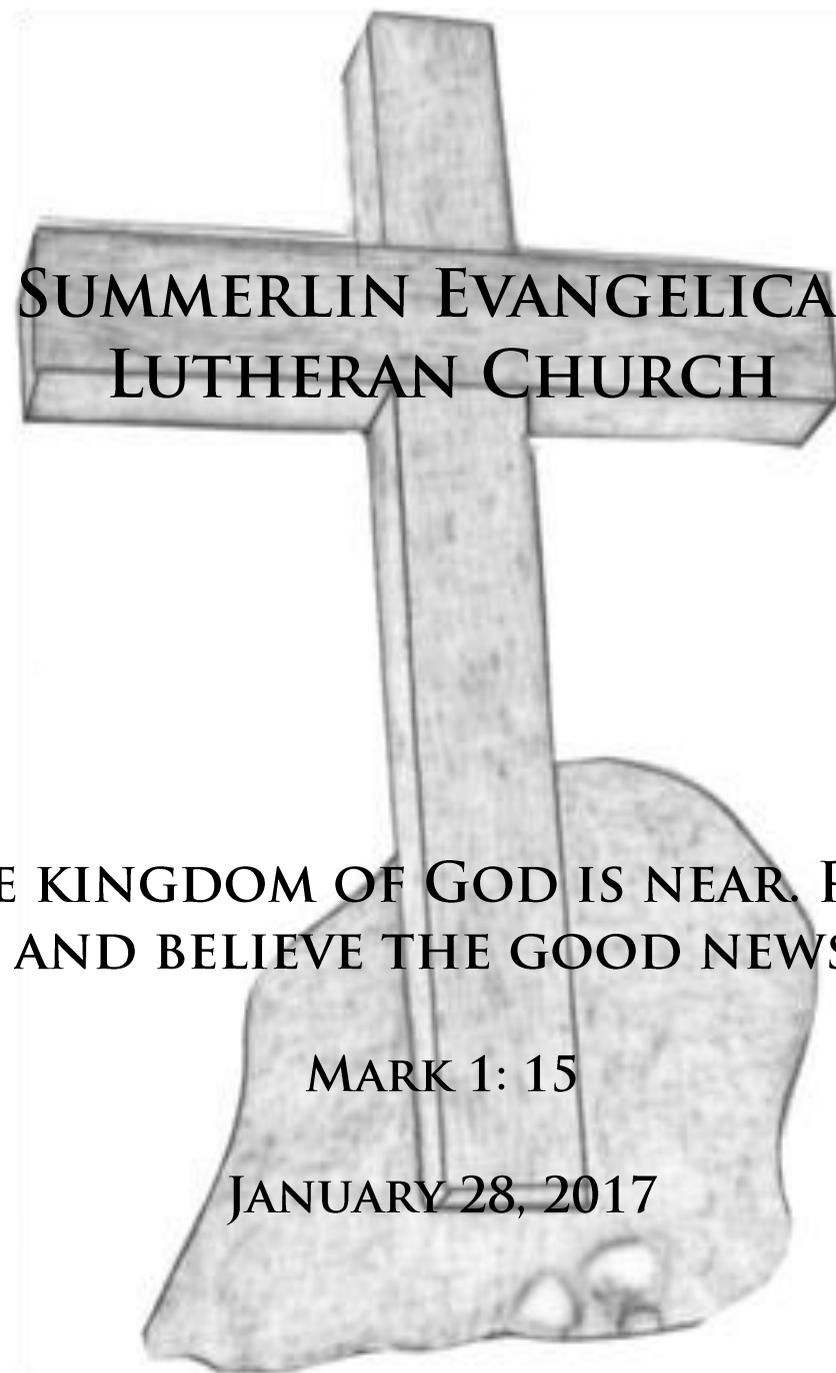
some of the students after the concert, for the evening. They have approximately 25 students that we need to house. Please let Pastor know if you can house a pair of students (or more) and whether you would prefer boys or girls. Thanks!

We Pray For Those Who Carry Heavy Loads:

Lisa Zaccaria—cancer treatments Jack Dove – continued wellness and healing
Jack Turner -- illness Cliff and Pat Talgo --- the loss of their nephew
Virginia Jury & the Luckes – strength and patience in the Lord



Our Thanks to the Lord: Last week 78 people came to worship their Savior. God's people brought offerings of May we give as freely and thankfully as we have been blessed. To God be the Glory, great things he has done!!!!



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**THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS NEAR. REPENT
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MARK 1: 15

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