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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 & Nancy Bucklin
Ushers: Brian Becht & Ken Dingman Tellers: Jim Moldenhauer & Jean Tartaglia
Kitchen Helpers: Carol Johnson, Margaret Thumann and Roxanne Ochsner

Suggestions Before Worship: We continue with our stewardship emphasis. Last Sunday we marveled at all the gifts of body and soul that the Lord gives to us. Today we look specifically at the gift of time. Although we often take our time for granted, it is a precious gift from God. This gift allows us an opportunity to hear and believe in our Savior while we are here on earth. We thank God for the time he gives us to hear and believe.



Welcome and Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn: 224

God Himself is Present

1 God himself is present—Let us now adore him
And with awe appear before him.
God is in his temple—All within keep silence,
Humbly kneel in deepest rev'rence.
He alone On his throne
Is our God and Savior; Praise his name forever!

2 God himself is present—Hear the harps resounding;
See the hosts the throne surrounding.
“Holy, holy, holy”—Hear the hymn ascending,
Songs of saints and angels blending.
Bow your ear To us here:
Hear, O Christ, the praises That your Church now raises.

3 Fount of ev'ry blessing, Purify my spirit,
Trusting only in your merit.
Like the holy angels, Worshiping before you,
May I ceaselessly adore you.
Let your will Ever still
Rule your church terrestrial As the hosts celestial.

Invocation

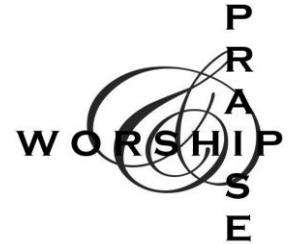
The name of the Triune God focuses our hearts and minds on the many things that God has done for us and the proper worship and thanks he deserves.

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

Responsive Reading of Psalm 24

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

P: The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it,
C: the world, and all who live in it;



P: for he founded it upon the seas
C: **and established it upon the waters.**

P: Who may ascend the hill of the LORD?
C: **Who may stand in his holy place?**

P: He who has clean hands and a pure heart,
C: **who does not lift up his soul to an idol or swear by what is false.**

P: He will receive blessing from the LORD and vindication from God his Savior.
C: **Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek your face, O God of Jacob.**

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 a true heart and confess our sins, 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 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. We can see the love of God in our Savior, Jesus. 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:

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

We sing together the verses 2 & 3 of hymn 241.

**2 Alleluia! Let praises ring! Unto the Lamb of God we sing,
In whom we are elected.
He bought the Church with his own blood; He cleansed her in that blessed flood
And as his bride selected.
Holy, Holy Is our union And communion. His befriending
Gives us joy and peace unending.**

**3 Alleluia! Let praises ring! Unto the Holy Ghost we sing
For our regeneration.
The saving faith in us he wrought And us unto the Bridegroom brought,
Made us his chosen nation.
Glory! Glory! Joy eternal, Bliss supernal; There is manna
And an endless, glad hosanna.**

M: Let us pray.
Father in heaven, you have blessed us with many blessings. Help us to see the blessings you have placed into our lives and to thank you freely and joyfully with all we have. Bring us and all others to the great blessing of faith in you, through Jesus Christ 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: Genesis 1: 1-5

It is God who created the time that is so precious to us.

1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. ² Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

³ And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴ God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.

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.

God Loves me Dearly

1. God loves me dearly, Grants me salvation,
God loves me dearly, Loves even me.

Refrain:

Therefore I'll say again: God loves me dearly,
God loves me dearly, Loves even me.

2. He sent forth Jesus, My dear Redeemer,
He sent forth Jesus And set me free. *Refrain*
3. Now I will praise You, O Love Eternal;
Now I will praise You All my life long. *Refrain*

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.

Two Little Eyes

1. Two little eyes to look to God,
Two little ears to hear His Word,
Two little feet to walk His ways,
Hands to serve Him all my days.
2. One little tongue to speak His truth,
One little heart for Him in youth.
Take them, O Jesus, let them be
Always willing, true to Thee.

The Second Lesson: Psalm 139: 14-15

From our first breath, God graciously gives us the days and years we have.

For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb.

¹⁴ I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.

Sermon Hymn: 443

Rejoice, My Heart, Be Glad and Sing

**1 Rejoice, my heart, be glad and sing; A cheerful trust maintain,
For God, the source of ev'rything, Your treasure shall remain.**

**2 Why spend the day in blank despair, In restless thought the night?
On your Creator cast your care; He makes your burdens light.**

**3 Did not his love and truth and pow'r Guard ev'ry childhood day?
And did he not in threat'ning hour Turn dreaded ills away?**

**4 He always will with patience chide; His rod falls gently down,
And all your sins he casts aside In ocean depths to drown.**

**5 His wisdom never plans in vain Nor falters nor mistakes;
All that his counsels did ordain A happy ending makes.**

Sermon Text: Galatians 6:7-10

Sermon Theme: Are You Using Your Time Wisely?

⁷ Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. ⁸ The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. ⁹ Let us not become weary in doing

good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. ¹⁰Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

Please rise after the sermon as we sing the final verse of hymn 460 v 1,4,5.

1 How can I thank you, Lord, For all your loving-kindness,
That you have patiently Borne with me in my blindness!
When dead in many sins And trespasses I lay,
I kindled, holy God, Your anger ev'ry day.

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

Responsive Prayer:

P: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God and Mary's son, in the fullness of time you came into our world to save us from sin and death:

C: You ushered in the day of grace so long foretold.

P: Beloved Son of the Father, revered by the Magi, baptized by John, you came preaching and teaching, healing and comforting, forgiving and encouraging:

C: You brought the light of life to those walking in darkness, and the joy of salvation to those doomed to death.

P: Prince of Peace, shine like a beacon for us and the people of our world. Let the good news of salvation be heard in the remotest corners of the earth. Open our own lips to speak your name to those around us who still live without faith or hope. Help us to use our time to your glory and to the good of others.

C: Arouse us and our missionaries to flood the world with the light of your gospel.

P: Lord of the Church, let your peace rule our hearts that we may use our gifts to serve you and each other in willing gratitude and joy. Watch over our loved ones near and far, that they may remember your love and rejoice in your salvation. Strengthen the faith of the sick and the disheartened. Give hope to those in despair and comfort those who mourn:

C: Be gracious to all and lead us to reflect your love in everything we say and do.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

P: Finally, bring us and all your believers to the heavenly home where we will stand in the full light of your glory and with all your saints and angels sing the everlasting song of triumph.

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: 331 Go My Children, with My Blessing

1 Go, my children, with my blessing, Never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you; You are my own.
In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing—You are my own.

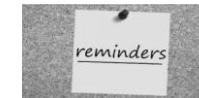
2 Go, my children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son's story; Here you touched him, saw his glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure.

3 Go, my children, fed and nourished, Closer to me;
Grow in love and love by serving, Joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you; Here his tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, Joyful and free.

4 I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace;
I the Lord will smile upon you And give you peace;
I the Lord will be your Father, Savior, Comforter, and Brother.
Go, my children; I will keep you And give you peace.



We pray that your worship was blessed this morning. Please come again!



Today	2/11	9:00 AM	Worship
		10:15 AM	Sunday School & Bible Study
Monday	2/12		Pastor At Circuit Meeting
Tuesday	2/13	6:00 PM	Elders Meet
		7:00 PM	Council Meets
Wednesday	2/14	10:00 AM	No Wed. Morning Bible Study
		7:00 PM	Ash Wednesday Service with Communion --- Imposition of Ashes follows
Sunday	2/18	9:00 AM	Worship & Member Communion
		10:15 AM	Sunday School & Bible Study
		6-8:30 PM	Outreach Initiative at Shepherd of the Hills



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

February 18	6-8:30	Outreach Initiative SOH
March 8	7:00 PM	CLHS concert and Thursday Lenten Service
Wednesday Evening Lenten Services	Supper @ 6:00	Service @ 7:00



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.



We Pray For Those Who Carry Heavy Loads:

- Lisa Zaccaria—cancer treatments
- Jack Dove – continued wellness and healing
- Jack Turner -- illness
- Virginia Jury & the Luckes – strength and patience in the Lord

A prayer of thanks!! Larry and Margaret Wiersum -- 50th Anniversary

Willing Hands to Serve the Lord:



Next Week's Worship:
 Ushers:
 Altar: Janene Malzer and Nancy Bucklin
 Tellers: Dick and Cathy Yeakel
 Kitchen helpers: None Signed up



Our Thanks to the Lord: Last week 79 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!!!!

More For you.....



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. *We have about 10 people who are going. There is still plenty of room.* Sunday, February 18 from 6-8:30 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. *We have about 10-12 students spoken for. How about you can you take 1 or 2 and house them for a night?* Thanks!



Updating of our congregational database has begun. If you have not update your information please look for a *WHO ARE YOU?* sheet on the table by the entrance.



Congregational Picture Board. We are on month two - I-P . If you are in A-H and haven't gotten your picture yet, please get it while you can. Kelley Buch will be in the fellowship hall to snap those pictures after church.

Ash Wednesday



*Remember that you are dust,
and to dust you shall return.*

ECCLESIASTES 3:20

In the Old Testament, true repentance was often symbolized by dressing in sack cloth and pouring ashes on the head. The imposition of ashes is drawn from this Old Testament custom. The ash cross can be a good reminder that we are sinners, and as such, we need to repent of our sins.

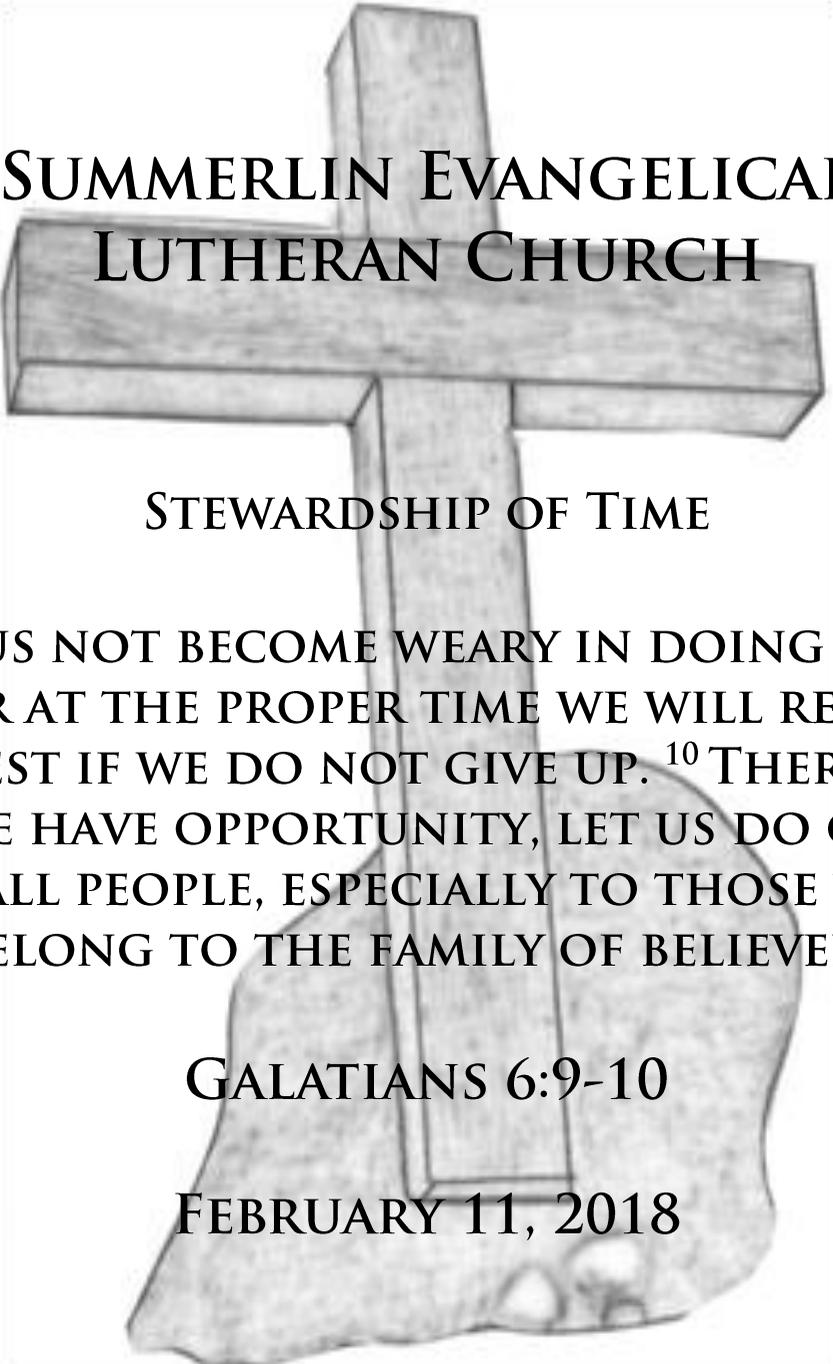
Many are familiar with the ash cross that is placed on the head or the hand on Ash Wednesday. This is something that has become quite common in the Catholic and Evangelical churches.

Historically, it has not been a custom of the Lutheran church. The Lutheran custom has always been to remember our sins the way that Jesus did, by observing the Lord's Supper on Ash Wednesday.

We are free to observe this rite of worship if it helps us focus on Jesus. However, it is also not necessary to do so. God does not command the imposition of ashes.

This year, we will be observing the imposition of ashes immediately AFTER our regular Ash Wednesday communion service. Those who would like the ashes are asked to remain after the others are excused. Then we will have a short imposition of ashes service.

If you would like to have the ashes placed on your forehead or your hand, please remain in the church after the rest of the congregation is excused.

A large, stylized wooden cross graphic, rendered in a light gray tone with a textured, wood-like appearance. It is positioned in the background of the right-hand page, behind the text.

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STEWARDSHIP OF TIME

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TO ALL PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY TO THOSE WHO
BELONG TO THE FAMILY OF BELIEVERS.**

GALATIANS 6:9-10

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