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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: Janene Malzer
Ushers: Joe Schindler and Larry Wiersum Tellers: Dick and Cathy Yeakel
Kitchen Helpers: Bob and Janene Malzer & Tom and Dori Heyn

Suggestions Before Worship: Over the last four weeks, we have looked at God's gifts to us and the way we use them to God's glory. God does not want empty actions, he wants hearts that look to him and thank him for his love and salvation found in his son, Jesus. Today, we look at something close to heart, money. God asks no more and no less of us with money than he does with any other gift. This morning, let us thank God for blessing of money, but also ask him to help us use it in a way that shows our love for him.



Welcome and Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn: 486 Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us

1 Lord of glory, you have bought us With your lifeblood as the price,
Never grudging for the lost ones That tremendous sacrifice,
And with that have freely given Blessings countless as the sand
To th' unthankful and the evil With your own unsparing hand.

3 Wondrous honor you have given To our humblest charity
In your own mysterious sentence, "You have done it unto me."
Can it be, O gracious Master, That you need what we can do,
Saying by your poor and needy, "Give as I have giv'n to you"?

4 Yes, the sorrow and the suff'rings Which on ev'ry hand we view
Channels are for gifts and off'rings Due by solemn right to you,
Right of which we may not rob you, Debt we may not choose but pay
Lest that face of love and pity Turn from us another day.

5 Lord of glory, you have bought us With your lifeblood as the price,
Never grudging for the lost ones That tremendous sacrifice.
Give us faith to trust you boldly, Hope, to stay our souls on you;
But, oh, best of all your graces, With your love our love renew.



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 Romans 12

These words from Romans centers our hearts and minds on our thanks to God

P: Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God

C: This is your spiritual act of worship.

P: Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world,
C: **but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.**

P: Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is
C: **his good, pleasing and perfect will.**

P: For by the grace given me I say to every one of you:
C: **Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought,**

P: but rather think of yourself with sober judgment,
C: **in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you.**

P: We have different gifts, according to the grace given us.
C: **If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith.**

P: If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; if it is encouraging, let him encourage;
C: **if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously.**

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: God so love the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish, but have eternal life. We see the love of God in our Savior, Jesus. In his great mercy, God made us alive with 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 final 2 verses of hymn 242.

**1 Oh, that I had a thousand voices To praise my God with thousand tongues!
My heart, which in the Lord rejoices, Would then proclaim in grateful songs
To all, wherever I might be. Forgiveness God has giv'n to me!**

**4 Lord, I will tell, while I am living, Your love and grace with ev'ry breath
And greet each morning with thanksgiving Until my heart is still in death,
And, when at last my lips grow cold, Your praise shall in my sighs be told.**

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.*

Introduction to the Sermonettes: God gives us freedom

✦ *The Congregation Sings: Hymn 479 V 1,2 (tune of Hymn 262).*

1 Jesus, your boundless love to me No thought can reach, no tongue declare.
Dwell in my heart eternally, And reign without a rival there.
To you alone, dear Lord, I live; Myself to you, dear Lord, I give.

2 Oh, grant that nothing in my soul May dwell but your pure love alone;
Oh, may your love possess me whole, My joy, my treasure, and my crown!
All coldness from my heart remove; My ev'ry act, word, thought be love.

Sermonette #1: God Gives us Freedom: From Worry

Matthew 6: 25-34 “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? ²⁷ Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?

²⁸ “And why do you worry about clothes? See how the lilies of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. ²⁹ Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. ³⁰ If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? ³¹ So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ ³² For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. ³³ But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ³⁴ Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

✦ *The Congregation Sings: Hymn 482 Forgive Us Lord*

1 Forgive us, Lord, for shallow thankfulness,
For dull content with warmth and sheltered care,
For songs of praise for worldly wealthiness,
While of your richer gifts we're unaware.

BUT SEEK
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2 Teach us to thank you, Lord, for love and grace,
For life and vision, for a purpose clear,
For Christ, your Son, and for each human face
That shows your message ever new and near.

4 Open our eyes to see your love's intent,
To know with minds and hearts its depth and height.
Let thankful days in loving labor spent
Reflect the truly Christlike life and light.

Sermonette #2: God Gives us Freedom: To Trust

Psalm 145:15 The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food at the proper time.
¹⁶You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing.

Mark 12: 41-44 Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. ⁴² But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents.

⁴³ Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. ⁴⁴ They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on.”

✦ *The Congregation Sings: Hymn 485 We Give Thee But Thine Own*

1 We give thee but thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from thee.

2 May we thy bounties thus As stewards true receive
And gladly, as thou blessest us, To thee our firstfruits give.

3 Oh, hearts are bruised and dead, And homes are bare and cold,
And lambs for whom the shepherd bled Are straying from the fold.

4 To comfort and to bless, To find a balm for woe,
To tend the lone and fatherless, Is angels' work below.



5 The captives to release, To God the lost to bring,
To teach the way of life and peace—It is a Christlike thing.

6 And we believe thy Word Though dim our faith may be:
Whate'er for thine we do, O Lord, We do it unto thee.

Sermonette # 3: God Gives us Freedom: To Thank Him With all We Have

2 Corinthians 5:14-17. ¹⁴ For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. ¹⁵ And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

¹⁶ So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. ¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

✦ *The Congregation Sings: Hymn 484 Brothers, Sisters, Let Us Gladly*

**1 Brothers, sisters, let us gladly Give to God our all, our best—
Service hearty, thorough, honest, With a living love impressed.
All our duty, all our striving, All our time to him belong;
Praise him, then, with true devotion; Come before him with a song.**

**2 By his mercy, by his bounty, By the gift of Christ, his Son,
What great goodness he has shown us, What high marvels he has done!
Let us to him promptly, freely, Yield our bodies and our souls,
Thankful that his love protects us, That his wisdom all controls.**

**3 Gracious Lord, accept our service For the sake of Christ, your Son;
Lo, our hope abides now only In the righteousness he won.
Bless and save us; help and guide us; Watch to comfort and restore
Till in heav'n we rest rejoicing, Praising you forevermore.**

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.

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.

I Am Trusting You Lord Jesus

1 I am trusting you, Lord Jesus, Trusting only you,
Trusting you for full salvation, Free and true.

4 I am trusting you to guide me; You alone shall lead,
Ev'ry day and hour supplying All my need.

6 I am trusting you, Lord Jesus; Never let me fall.
I am trusting you forever And for all.

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

C: Jesus, we pray, be with us today.
Fill us with love and help us obey.
Love us, O Lord, forgive our sins too,
And give us faith to trusts in you. Amen.

Jesus Shepherd of the Sheep

1. Jesus, Shepherd of the sheep,
Who your Father's flock does keep,
Safe we wake and safe we sleep,
Guarded still by you.

2 In your promise firm we stand;
None can take us from your hand
We will follow you.
Speak—we hear—at your command

3. By your blood our souls were bought;
By your life salvation wrought
By your light our feet are taught,
Lord to follow you.



Please rise for prayer

Prayer & 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.

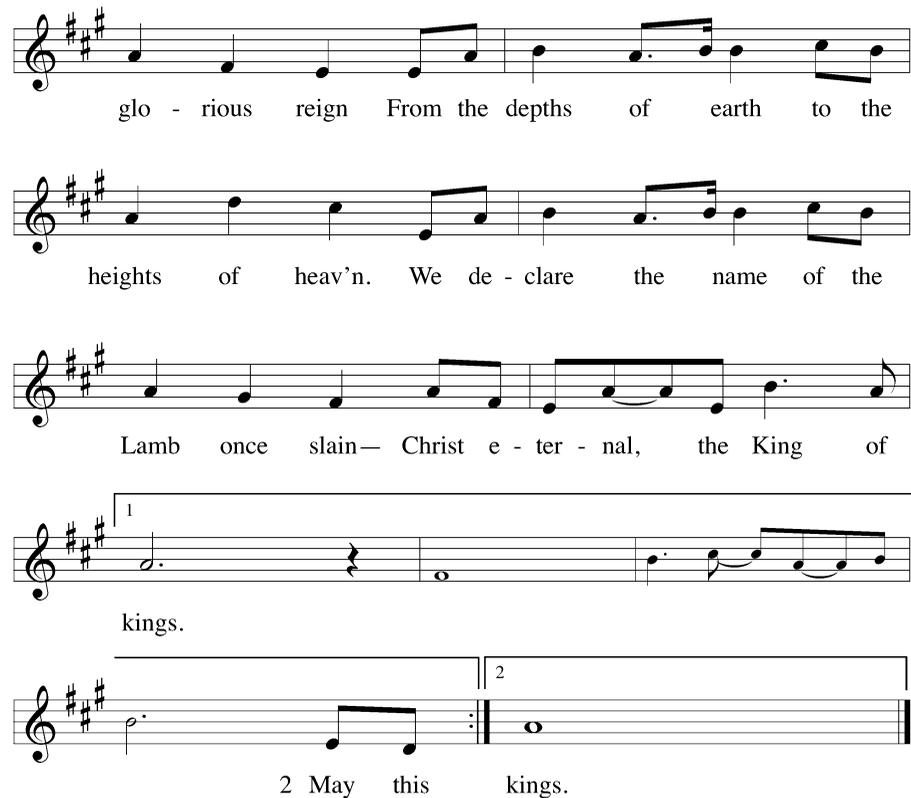
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



Closing Hymn: 745

May the Peace of God

1 May the peace of God our heav'n - ly Fa -
peace which pass - es un - der - stand -
ther, And the grace of Christ the ris - en
ing, And this grace which makes us what we
Son,
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Spir - it Keep our hearts and minds with - in his
mun - ion Make us one in spir - it and in
Refrain
love. heart. And to him be praise for his



glo - rious reign From the depths of earth to the heights of heav'n. We de - clare the name of the Lamb once slain— Christ e - ter - nal, the King of kings. 2 May this kings.

Tune: MAY THE PEACE OF GOD (10 9 10 9 and Refrain)
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We pray that your worship was blessed this morning. Please come again!



Today	2/25	9:00 AM	Worship & WELS Connection
		10:15 AM	Sunday School & Bible Study
Tuesday	2/27	9:30 AM	Caring Hands
Wednesday	2/28	6:00 PM	Lenten Supper
		7:00 PM	Lenten Worship



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

March	8	7:00 PM	Special Lenten Worship and Concert
		6:00 PM	Pizza Supper
March	17 & 24	10-11:30 AM	Hand Out Easter Invitations in the Neighborhood
March	31	9:30 AM	Easter Breakfast Set-Up
April	1	9:00 AM	Easter Breakfast (Help arrives at 8)
		10:00 AM	Easter Sunday Service



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. One more week for 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.



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
Brian Combado --- Medical Testing
Jon Thumann (Carol and Tom Johnson Nephew) Cancer Treatment

A prayer of thanks!! Carol and Tom Johnson -- 38th Anniversary
Happy Birthday -- Pat Talgo – Pat celebrated her birthday last week.

Willing Hands to Serve the Lord:



Next Week's Worship:
Ushers: Chuck Ochsner and Mark Boehringer
Altar: Kelley Buch
Tellers: Jim Moldenhauer and Jean Tartaglia
Kitchen helpers: Nancy Bucklin and Janet Maesaka



Our Thanks to the Lord: Last week 62 people came to worship their Savior on Sunday and 42 came to see the love of Jesus on Ash Wednesday. God's people brought offerings of. An additional \$ was given to HELP. The HELP total stands at \$. May we give as freely and thankfully as we have been blessed. To God be the Glory, great things he has done!!!!

Lenten Schedule



JESUS CHRIST
IS OUR GREAT HIGH PRIEST

February 28: Pastor Myrl Wagenknecht (Water of Life –WELS)
Hebrews 5:7-9 Jesus is our Perfect High Priest

March 7: NO WEDNESDAY SERVICE

March 8: Thursday Lenten Worship and CLHS Concert

March 14: Pastor Matt Vogt (Water of Life Lutheran - WELS)
Hebrews 10: 19-25. Jesus Makes us Priests

March 21: Pastor Tim Otto (Mt. Olive Lutheran - WELS)
Hebrews 1:1-3. Jesus is our GREAT High Priest

This is a little different this year.....



Easter Morning Potluck Breakfast
April 1: 9:00 AM

Easter Sunday Service
April 1: 10:00 AM

Please make your favorite egg hotdish, quiche, or egg breakfast bake and bring to church to pass.
These will be the main dish for our breakfast.

We would also like to make some pancakes or scrambled eggs, but only if someone volunteers to cook for us.

Please sign up on the Service Board as you leave.



Lenten Worship and Concert

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Thursday, March 8
7:00 PM

Please join the CLHS Handbell Choir and Worship Band as they praise the Lord with a variety of Christian music from throughout the church year.

California Lutheran High School (CLHS) is the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod's (WELS) area Lutheran High School that serves southern California and Nevada. There are currently 2 students attending CLHS from our WELS congregations in Las Vegas.

A large, stylized wooden cross graphic is positioned on the right side of the page. The cross is made of thick, weathered wooden beams and is set against a light, textured background that resembles a stone or rock. The text "SUMMERLIN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH" is written across the horizontal beam of the cross in a bold, black, serif font.

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BUT SEEK FIRST HIS KINGDOM AND HIS
RIGHTEOUSNESS, AND ALL THESE THINGS
WILL BE GIVEN TO YOU AS WELL.

MATTHEW 6:35

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