



Summerlin Evangelical Lutheran Church
 1911 Pueblo Vista Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89128
www.summerlinlutheran.org

Pastor Nathan Buch
pastor@summerlinlutheran.org
 March 8, 2020



Good Morning and Welcome!

Summerlin Lutheran Church is a group of believers in Jesus Christ. We are a member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS), a branch of the Lutheran Church noted for its faithful confession of Scripture. We exist to: **Gather, Grow, Glorify**

We **Gather** together to worship our Savior, Jesus.

We **Grow** in faith through the Gospel in Word and Sacraments.

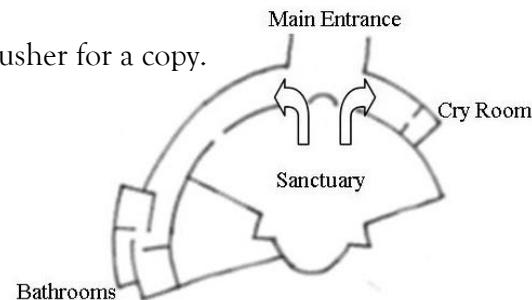
We **Glorify** God by sharing his Word in our lives.

One of the questions that we struggle with the most is, "How can I be saved?" People search for this answer in many places. What is very sad is that of the many places that people look, the Word of God is often very low on the list. While we may want to find the answer to salvation in our own actions or in some ritual or observance, Jesus is very clear about the answer to the question of salvation.

Whenever Jesus was asked about salvation, he never waived. He always pointed to himself as the only way to salvation. This morning we see Jesus point to himself as the Water of Life. He is the one that brings us the salvation that we need.

If you have any questions, please speak with one of the ushers for assistance.

- ❖ Large print bulletins are available. Please ask an usher for a copy.
- ❖ Restrooms are located down the hall, to the left, as you exit the sanctuary.
- ❖ A cry room for parents and small children is located to the right as you exit the sanctuary.



Welcome and Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn: 283 Speak, O Savior; I Am Listening



1 Speak, O Sav - ior; I am lis - t'ning, As a ser - vant
 2 Oh, what bless - ing to be near you And to lis - ten
 3 Lord, your words are wa - ters liv - ing Where I quench my
 4 As I pray, dear Je - sus, hear me; Let your words in



to his lord. Let me show re - spect and hon - or
 to your voice! Let me ev - er love and fear you;
 thirst - y needs. Lord, your words are bread life - giv - ing;
 me take root. May your Spir - it e'er be near me



To your ho - ly, pre - cious Word, That each day, my
 Let your Word still be my choice. Man - y hard - ened
 On your words my spir - it feeds. Lord, your words will
 That I bear a - bun - dant fruit. May I dai - ly



whole life through, I may serve and fol - low
 sin - ners, Lord, Flee in ter - ror at your
 be my light Through death's cold and drear - y
 sing your praise, From my heart glad an - thems



you. Let your Word e'er be my plea - sure
 Word, But to all who feel sin's bur - den
 night; Yes, they are my sword pre - vail - ing
 raise, Till my high - est praise is giv - en



And my heart's most pre - cious trea - sure.
 You give peace and words of par - don.
 And my cup of joy un - fail - ing.
 In the end - less joy of heav - en.

Words of our Repentance and God's Love

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.

P: The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

We Confess our Sins to God

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.

P: Brothers and Sisters in Christ, let us approach God with repentance 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, 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.

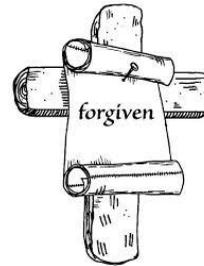
We have a moment of silence for private confession of our specific sins to God.

God Forgives our 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.

P: The light of the world has come to this world of darkness. Our Savior Jesus was born to save us. 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.**



We Thank God for His Goodness

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 two printed verses of Hymn 385.



1 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Je - sus shed his
2 Oh, the height of Je - sus' love, High - er than the



blood for me, Died that I might live on high,
heav'ns a - bove, Deep - er than the depths of sea,



Lives that I might nev - er die. As the branch is
Last - ing as e - ter - ni - ty, Love that found me—



to the vine, I am his and he is mine!
won - drous thought!— Found me when I sought him not.

P: We Pray Together:

C: **Almighty God, you see that we have no power to defend ourselves. Guard and keep us both outwardly and inwardly from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

The Word

The First Lesson: Genesis 12:1-8

Abram shows us what faith and trust look like.

The LORD had said to Abram, “Leave your country, your people and your father’s household and go to the land I will show you.

² “I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing.

³ I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.”

⁴ So Abram left, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Haran. ⁵ He took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the possessions they had accumulated and the people they had acquired in Haran, and they set out for the land of Canaan, and they arrived there.

⁶ Abram traveled through the land as far as the site of the great tree of Moreh at Shechem. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷ The LORD appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built an altar there to the LORD, who had appeared to him.

⁸ From there he went on toward the hills east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. There he built an altar to the LORD and called on the name of the LORD. ⁹ Then Abram set out and continued toward the Negev.

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*

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

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 believe in you. 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: Romans: 1-5, 13-17

Paul shows us that salvation is by faith and nothing else.

What then shall we say that Abraham, our forefather, discovered in this matter? ² If, in fact, Abraham was justified by works, he had something to boast about—but not before God. ³ What does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.”

⁴ Now when a man works, his wages are not credited to him as a gift, but as an obligation. ⁵ However, to the man who does not work but trusts God who justifies the wicked, his faith is credited as righteousness.

¹³ It was not through law that Abraham and his offspring received the promise that he would be heir of the world, but through the righteousness that comes by faith. ¹⁴ For if those who live by law are heirs, faith has no value and the promise is worthless, ¹⁵ because law brings wrath. And where there is no law there is no transgression.

¹⁶ Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham’s offspring—not only to those who are of the law but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all. ¹⁷ As it is written: “I have made you a father of many nations.” He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed—the God who gives life to the dead and calls things that are not as though they were.

The Sermon

Every week we dwell on a section of God's Word to build us up in faith and guide us in Christian living in this world.

Sermon Hymn: 750 Christ, the Word of God Incarnate V 1-4

Sung to the tune of CW 411 What a Friend we Have in Jesus

**1 Christ, the Word of God incarnate, Lord and Son of Abraham;
Christ, the radiance of the Father, Perfect God, the great I Am;
Christ, the Light, you shine unvanquished, Light and life you bring to all;
Light our path with your own presence, Grant us grace to heed your call.**

**2 Christ, our good and faithful Shepherd, Watching all your lambs and sheep;
Christ, the gate that guards the sheepfold, Never-failing vigil keep.
When we stray, Good Shepherd, seek us, Find us, lift us, bear us home;
Lamb of God, our Shepherd, keep us; Let us hear your voice alone.**

**3 Christ, the way that leads unfailing To the Father's home on high;
Christ, the truth that frees the captive; Christ, the life that cannot die.
Mediator to the Father, Sacrifice and Great High Priest:
Lead us to your heav'nly mansions, There to share your wedding feast.**

**4 Christ, the living bread from heaven, Food for body, food for soul;
Christ, the manna, daily given, Nourish, strengthen, make us whole.
Feed us with the food of heaven, Foretaste of the feast to be;
Quench our thirst with living water Springing up eternally.**

**5 Christ, the Alpha and Omega; Christ, the firstborn from the dead;
Christ, the life and resurrection; Christ, the Church's glorious head:
Praise and thanks and adoration And unending worship be
To the Father and the Spirit And to you eternally.**



Sermon Theme: Living Water Satisfies Our Thirsty Soul

Sermon Text: John 4:5-26

⁵ So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶ Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about the sixth hour.

⁷ When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" ⁸ (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.)

⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)

¹⁰ Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."

¹¹ "Sir," the woman said, "you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water?" ¹² Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his flocks and herds?"

¹³ Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

¹⁵ The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water."

¹⁶ He told her, "Go, call your husband and come back."

¹⁷ "I have no husband," she replied.

Jesus said to her, "You are right when you say you have no husband. ¹⁸ The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true."

¹⁹ "Sir," the woman said, "I can see that you are a prophet. ²⁰ Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem."

²¹ Jesus declared, "Believe me, woman, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²² You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³ Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. ²⁴ God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth."

²⁵ The woman said, "I know that Messiah" (called Christ) "is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us."

²⁶ Then Jesus declared, "I who speak to you am he."

After the sermon is completed we rise to sing verse 5 of the hymn.

The Apostles' Creed

The Apostles' Creed was written as a brief statement of what the Apostles taught and what we believe.

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.

We Bring our Offerings 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.

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

P: Heavenly Father, you loved the world and gave your Son to liberate us from sin and death by his obedient death on the cross.

C: **We confess that without your love we are lost.**

P: Lord of the Church, we thank you for the treasure of the gospel. By your Spirit, keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.

C: **Strengthen our determination to do what pleases you, no matter what the danger or the cost.**

P: Let us pray for those who carry a cross in the name of Christ and face ridicule and persecution for the sake of the kingdom: missionaries and chaplains, young people who stand up for what is right in the face of pressure to do what is wrong, and all who pay a high price for their faith and their values as Christians.

C: **By your Spirit, O Lord, grant them patience and endurance.**

P: Let us pray for those who carry heavy burdens in life: the sick and the chronically ill, the depressed and the lonely, those torn by conflict in personal relationships, those victimized by war and injustice, and all who face the terrors of life with a heavy heart.

C: **Grant them peace, O Lord, and in your mercy, be their guardian and friend, their comfort and hope.**

P: Let us pray for those who care for others: pastors and counselors; physicians and nurses; social workers and caring friends; all who feed the hungry, comfort the hurting, and stand beside the dying.

C: **Strengthen them in their work, O Lord, and do not let them become weary in doing good.**

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Silent prayer.

P: Help us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Keep us faithful even to the point of death, that we may receive the crown of life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

P: Brothers and Sisters go in peace, live in harmony with one another, serve the Lord in 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.

C: Amen

Closing Hymn: 368 O Savior, Precious Savior

1 O Sav - ior, pre - cious Sav - ior, Whom, yet un -
 2 O Bring - er of sal - va - tion, Who won - drous -
 3 In thee all full - ness dwell - eth, All grace and
 4 Oh, grant the con - sum - ma - tion Of this our

seen, we love, O name of might and fa - vor, All
 ly hast wrought, Thy - self the rev - e - la - tion Of
 pow'r di - vine; The glo - ry that ex - cel - leth, O
 song a - bove In end - less ad - o - ra - tion And

oth - er names a - bove, We wor - ship thee; we bless thee;
 love be - yond our thought, We wor - ship thee; we bless thee;
 Son of God, is thine. We wor - ship thee; we bless thee;
 ev - er - last - ing love! Then shall we praise and bless thee

To thee, O Christ, we sing; We praise thee
 To thee, O Christ, we sing; We praise thee
 To thee, O Christ, we sing; We praise thee
 Where per - fect prais - es ring And ev - er -

and con - fess thee, Our ho - ly Lord and King.
 and con - fess thee, Our gra - cious Lord and King.
 and con - fess thee, Our glo - rious Lord and King.
 more con - fess thee, Our Sav - ior and our King.

Summerlin Lutheran Church



Sunday Worship
John 4: 5-26

March 8, 2020