



SUMMERLIN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

ALL THIS IS FOR YOUR BENEFIT, SO THAT THE
GRACE THAT IS REACHING MORE AND MORE
PEOPLE MAY CAUSE THANKSGIVING TO
OVERFLOW TO THE GLORY OF GOD.

2 CORINTHIANS 4:15

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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

Ushers: Chuck Ochsner & Roger Lucht

Kitchen Helpers: Mark Sprengeler

Altar Care: Kelley Buch

Tellers: Richard and Cathy Yeakel

Suggestions Before Worship: As we continue our season of Pentecost we see the many different ways that Jesus taught he was the Savior of the world. We will hear parables, we will see miracles, we will hear his clear preaching and teaching. This morning we hear him say that those who believe him are members of his family. This morning as we prepare for worship, may we thank God for Jesus who has made us a child of God.



Welcome and Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn: 339 Today Your Mercy Calls Us

1 Today your mercy calls us To wash away our sin.
However great our trespass, Whatever we have been,
However long from mercy Our hearts have turned away,
Your precious blood can wash us And make us clean today.

2 Today your gate is open, And all who enter in
Shall find a Father's welcome And pardon for their sin.
The past shall be forgotten, A present joy be giv'n,
A future grace be promised: A glorious crown in heav'n.

3 Today our Father calls us; His Holy Spirit waits.
His blessed angels gather Around the heav'nly gates.
No question will be asked us How often we have come;
Although we oft have wandered, It is our Father's home.

4 O all-embracing Mercy, O ever-open Door,
What should we do without you When heart and eye run o'er?
When all things seem against us, To drive us to despair,
We know one gate is open, One ear will hear our prayer.

Please Stand

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: 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.**



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: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

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, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

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 1 & 2 of hymn 384.

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: Let us pray.

O God, the strength of all who trust in you, mercifully hear our prayers. Be gracious to us in our weakness and give us strength to keep your commandments in all we say and do; 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: Genesis 3: 8-15

Many times we look at the fall into sin and wonder about it. Yet, what is much more interesting is to look at the what God did AFTER people chose to sin. What did he do? How did he do it? What does it show? Even though man sinned, God showed his love in wanting to forgive him. Even now, God shows us his love. We will not die, but live, through Jesus our Savior.

⁸Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹But the LORD God called to the man, "Where are you?"

¹⁰He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid."

¹¹And he said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?"

¹²The man said, "The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it."

¹³Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?"
The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

¹⁴So the LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this,

"Cursed are you above all the livestock and all the wild animals!
You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life.

¹⁵And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel."

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.

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 you promise firm we stand; None can take us from your hand.
Speak we hear at your command, We will follow you.
3. By your blood our souls were bought; By your life salvation wrought;
By your light our feet are taught, Lord, to follow you.



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

**Lord teach a little child to pray and Oh, accept my prayers,
you hear all the words I say, you are everywhere.**

**Teach me to do whatever is right and when I sin forgive.
And make it still my chief delight to love you while I live. Amen.**

I am Jesus Little Lamb

1 I am Jesus' little lamb;
Ever glad at heart I am,
For my shepherd gently guides me,
Knows my needs and well provides me,
Loves me ev'ry day the same,
Even calls me by my name.

3 Who so happy as I am,
Even now the shepherd's lamb?
And when my short life is ended,
By his angel hosts attended,
He shall fold me to his breast,
There within his arms to rest.

2 Day by day, at home, away,
Jesus is my staff and stay.
When I hunger, Jesus feeds me,
Into pleasant pastures leads me;
When I thirst, he bids me go
Where the quiet waters flow.

The Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 4: 13-18

All that Jesus did he did for us, that we would benefit from his work.

¹³ It is written: "I believed; therefore I have spoken." With that same spirit of faith we also believe and therefore speak, ¹⁴ because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you in his presence. ¹⁵ All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God.

¹⁶ Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. ¹⁷ For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. ¹⁸ So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

P: Alleluia. God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Alleluia.

C: **Thanks be to your Oh Lord!**

Please rise for the reading of the Gospel, the words and works of our Savior, Jesus.

The Gospel: Mark 3: 20-35

Those who believe in Jesus are members of his spiritual family by faith.

²⁰ Then Jesus entered a house, and again a crowd gathered, so that he and his disciples were not even able to eat. ²¹ When his family heard about this, they went to take charge of him, for they said, "He is out of his mind."

²² And the teachers of the law who came down from Jerusalem said, "He is possessed by Beelzebub! By the prince of demons he is driving out demons."

²³ So Jesus called them and spoke to them in parables: "How can Satan drive out Satan? ²⁴ If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. ²⁵ If a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand. ²⁶ And if Satan opposes himself and is divided, he cannot stand; his end has come. ²⁷ In fact, no one can enter a strong man's house and carry off his possessions unless he first ties up the strong man. Then he can rob his house. ²⁸ I tell you the truth, all the sins and blasphemies of men will be forgiven them. ²⁹ But whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven; he is guilty of an eternal sin."

³⁰ He said this because they were saying, "He has an evil spirit."

³¹ Then Jesus' mother and brothers arrived. Standing outside, they sent someone in to call him. ³² A crowd was sitting around him, and they told him, "Your mother and brothers are outside looking for you."

³³ "Who are my mother and my brothers?" he asked.

³⁴ Then he looked at those seated in a circle around him and said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! ³⁵ Whoever does God's will is my brother and sister and mother."

Sermon Hymn: 340 Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

1 Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King, The triumphs of his grace!

2 My gracious Master and my God, Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad, The honors of your name.

3 The name of Jesus calms our fears And bids our sorrows cease.
'Tis music in the sinners ears; 'Tis life and health and peace.

4 He breaks the pow'r of canceled sin; He sets the pris'ner free.
His blood can make the foulest clean; His blood avails for me.

5 See all your sins on Jesus laid; The Lamb of God was slain.
His life was once an offering made That you might live again.

6 Glory to God and praise and love Be ever, ever giv'n
By saints below and saints above, The Church in earth and heav'n.



Sermon Text: 2 Corinthians 4:13-18

Sermon Theme: This is for your benefit

1. To build you up in faith
2. To build you up to speak

When the sermon is completed please stand as we sing together the verses of hymn 469

1 Take my life and let it be Consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days; Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

5 Take my will and make it thine; It shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart—it is thine own; It shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour At thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be Ever, only, all for thee.

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

P: O Lord, our God, you are wise and powerful, good and gracious. Your mercies are new every morning. Each day you open your hand and provide for the needs of your children on earth.

C: We praise you for every grace and blessing.

P: Strengthen your Church in all the world. Let your comforting message of salvation in Christ Jesus be proclaimed to troubled souls everywhere.

C: Use our ministries and offerings to extend your healing and your hope.

P: We bring you our requests for the various structures of our society. Bless our national, state, and local governments.

C: Grant us civil servants who are worthy of honor and respect.

P: Grant prosperity to our businesses and industries. Give employers a sense of fairness toward their workers, and employees a feeling of joy and pride in their workmanship.

C: Help us find satisfaction in all work well done.

P: Invigorate the schools of our land. Give success to every effort that helps students read, think, and communicate in ways that will promote an informed and responsible citizenry.

C: Arouse curious minds to discover the wonders of your created order.

P: Give us teachers and students who pursue excellence.

C: Strengthen the families of our country. Give fathers and mothers a renewed commitment to be good parents. Give children and young people the wisdom to regard their parents as your representatives.

P: Lead us to love one another as you have loved us.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Silent prayer.

P: Gracious Father, we pray boldly as Jesus taught, with the confidence that you will hear and with the faith that you will respond for our welfare.

C: Amen.



P: In his name we join to pray:

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: 321 Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise

1 Savior, again to thy dear name we raise

With one accord our parting hymn of praise.

Once more we bless thee ere our worship cease,

Then, lowly bending, wait thy word of peace.

2 Grant us thy peace upon our homeward way;

With thee began, with thee shall end the day.

Guard thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,

That in this house have called upon thy name.

3 Grant us thy peace, Lord, through the coming night;

Turn thou for us its darkness into light.

From harm and danger keep thy people free,

For dark and light are both alike to thee.

4 Grant us thy peace throughout our earthly life,

Our balm in sorrow and our stay in strife.

Then, when thy voice shall bid our conflict cease,

Call us, O Lord, to thine eternal peace.



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

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.



Our summer worship schedule is in effect. Our Sunday services will be held at 9:00 am with Fellowship to follow. There will be two Sundays where we will have presentations from the pastors who will be sharing God's Word with us.

July 15: Pastor Jon Stern – The Importance of our Current Gifts to the Lord

July 22: Pastor Fred Kogler – The Importance of Deferred Gifts the Lord



Pastor will be out of town the beginning of next week at District Convention. Please contact him on his cell phone (414) 943-0812.



Willing Hands to Serve the Lord: Next Week – 6/17

Ushers: Cliff Talgo & Mark Boehringer

Tellers: Richard and Cathy Yeakel

Altar: Kelley Buch

Kitchen: Mark Sprengeler

Communion Assistant: Chuck Ochsner



Our Thanks to the Lord: Last week 54 people came to worship their Savior. God's people brought offerings. The special HELP offering will end at the end of June. If you haven't taken time yet to thank the Lord with an offering, now is the time. May we give as freely and thankfully as we have been blessed. To God be the Glory, great things he has done!!!!