



# SUMMERLIN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

FOR CHRIST'S LOVE COMPELS US  
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.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:14-15

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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

Altar Care: Kelley Buch

Ushers: Brian Brian Becht and Bill Meyer

Tellers: Dick and Cathy Yeakel

Kitchen Helpers: Mark Sprengeler

**Suggestions Before Worship:** What happens when things that are out of our control tempt us to question our faith? What happens when we go to God with more accusations than questions? God looks at us and tells us to trust in him, he has everything under control. He points to our Savior and tells us to trust in his love and his goodness. When our faith is shaken God tells us to trust. This morning, ask God to help you when you have these times of trouble to look to him in faith.



## Welcome and Opening Prayer

### Opening Hymn: 238 Oh, Bless the Lord, My Soul

1 Oh, bless the Lord, my soul! Let all within me join  
And aid my tongue to bless his name Whose favors are divine.

2 Oh, bless the Lord, my soul, Nor let his mercies lie  
Forgotten in unthankfulness And without praises die.

3 'Tis he forgives my sins; 'Tis he relieves my pain;  
'Tis he that heals my sicknesses And makes me young again.

4 He fills the poor with good; He gives the suff'ers rest;  
The Lord has judgments for the proud And justice for th' oppressed.

5 His wondrous works and ways He made by Moses known,  
But sent the world his truth and grace By his beloved Son.

### 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.*

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

### Responsive Reading of Psalm 46

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

P: God is our refuge and strength,\*

C: **an ever-present help in trouble.**

P: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way\*

C: **and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,**

P: though its waters roar and foam\*

C: **and the mountains quake with their surging.**



P: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,\*

C: **the holy place where the Most High dwells.**

P: God is within her, she will not fall;\*

C: **God will help her at break of day.**

P: "Be still, and know that I am God;\*

C: **I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."**

### 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 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 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 1 & 2 of hymn 376.*

1 Jesus, your blood and righteousness My beauty are, my glorious dress;  
Mid flaming worlds, in these arrayed, With joy shall I lift up my head.

2 Bold shall I stand in that great day—Who can a word against me say?  
Fully through you absolved I am From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.



M: Let us pray.

O Lord, our God, govern the nations on earth and direct the affairs of this world so that your Church may worship you in peace and joy; through your Son, 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: Number 21:4-9

*Job approached God with the wrong attitude. He came with more accusations than questions. Finally, God answers Job. It wasn't what Job expected or wanted. But it was the answer he needed.*

Then the LORD answered Job out of the storm. He said: <sup>2</sup> "Who is this that darkens my counsel with words without knowledge? <sup>3</sup> Brace yourself like a man; I will question you, and you shall answer me.

<sup>4</sup> "Where were you when I laid the earth's foundation? Tell me, if you understand.

<sup>5</sup> Who marked off its dimensions? Surely you know! Who stretched a measuring line across it?

<sup>6</sup> On what were its footings set, or who laid its cornerstone— <sup>7</sup>while the morning stars sang together and all the angels shouted for joy?

<sup>8</sup> "Who shut up the sea behind doors when it burst forth from the womb, <sup>9</sup> when I made the clouds its garment and wrapped it in thick darkness, <sup>10</sup> when I fixed limits for it and set its doors and bars in place, <sup>11</sup> when I said, 'This far you may come and no farther; here is where your proud waves halt?'

### 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.*

### We Are in God's House Today

1. We are in God's House Today; He is glad to hear us pray  
Let us listen, let us sing, Gladly make His praises ring.

2. We are in God's house today; He is glad to hear us pray  
Let us listen to His Word, Gladly do what we have heard.

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 believe in you. Amen.**

### I Want to Live for Jesus

1. I want to live for Jesus  
And please him every day.  
He died in pain and sorrow  
To take my sins away.

2. I want to work for Jesus  
There's much that I can do  
To cheer my friends and neighbors  
And serve my Savior, too.

**The Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 5:14-21**

*Christ love compels in all we do.*

For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. <sup>15</sup> 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.

<sup>16</sup> 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. <sup>17</sup> Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! <sup>18</sup> All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: <sup>19</sup> that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. <sup>20</sup> We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup> God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

P: Alleluia. Because we are his children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" Alleluia.

**C: Praise be to you, Oh Lord!!**

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

**The Gospel: Mark 4: 35-41**

<sup>35</sup> That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side." <sup>36</sup> Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him. <sup>37</sup> A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. <sup>38</sup> Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?"

<sup>39</sup> He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.

<sup>40</sup> He said to his disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?"

<sup>41</sup> They were terrified and asked each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!"

P: This is the Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to you Oh, Christ!**

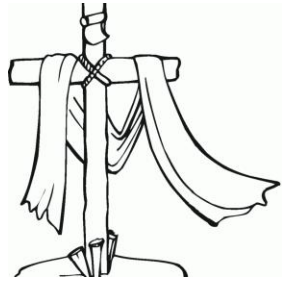
**Sermon Hymn: 445 Through Jesus' Blood and Merit**

1 Through Jesus' blood and merit I am at peace with God;  
What, then, can daunt my spirit, However dark my road?  
My courage shall not fail me, For God is on my side;  
Though hell itself assail me, Its rage I may deride.

2 There's nothing that can sever Me from the love of God,  
No want, no pain whatever, No famine, danger, sword.  
Though thousand foes surround me, For slaughter mark his sheep,  
They never shall confound me—the vict'ry I shall keep!

3 Yes, neither life's temptation Nor death's so trying hour,  
Nor angels of high station, Nor any other pow'r,  
Nor things that now are present, Nor things that are to come,  
Nor height, however pleasant, nor depth of deepest gloom,

4 Nor any creature ever Shall from the love of God  
This child of heaven sever, For in my Savior's blood  
This love has its foundation—God hears my faithful prayer—  
And as his new creation Keeps me his child and heir.



**Sermon Text: 2 Corinthians 5:14-21**

**Sermon Theme: Christ's Love Compels Us: It's All About Christ**

*After the sermon is completed, please rise to sing Hymn 283.*



As I pray, dear Jesus, hear me; Let your words in me take root.  
May your Spirit e'er be near me That I bear abundant fruit.  
May I daily sing your praise, From my heart glad anthems raise,  
Till my highest praise is given In the endless joy of heaven.

## 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: 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.**

**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: 528 Christ is Our Cornerstone**

1 Christ is our cornerstone; On him alone we build.  
 With his true saints alone The courts of heav'n are filled.  
 On his great love Our hopes we place  
 Of present grace And joys above.

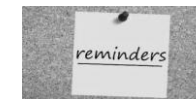
2 Oh, then, with hymns of praise These hallowed courts shall ring!  
 Our voices we will raise The Three in One to sing  
 And thus proclaim In joyful song,  
 Both loud and long, That glorious name.

3 Here, gracious God, do now And evermore draw near;  
 Accept each faithful vow And all your children hear,  
 And more and more On those who pray  
 Each holy day Your blessing pour.

4 Here may we gain from heav'n The grace which we implore,  
 And may that grace, once giv'n, Be with us evermore  
 Until that day When all the blest  
 To endless rest Are called away!



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



Today	6/24	9:00 AM 10:15 AM	Worship Open Forum and Voter's Meeting
Sunday	7/1	9:00 AM 10:15 AM	Worship & Member Communion Fellowship



**We Pray For Those Who Carry Heavy Loads:**

Lisa Zaccaria—cancer treatments  
 Jack Dove – healing from pneumonia  
 Roberta Stephens and family – moving  
 Kenny and Melissa Longworth – moving  
 June Danweber -- health and strength



Today.  
 After church.  
 In the Fellowship Hall.  
 Open Forum and Voter's Meeting.



Church is a place for worship to our Lord. It is also a place where we join together with our church family. As you enter church please remember that if you are speaking with your brothers and sisters, please keep the volume to a minimum. This is respectful and kind to those who are preparing for worship with prayer and the Word. Thank you.



**Our Thanks To The Lord.** Last week, 59 people came to worship the Lord. We thank the Lord that we have the ability to give generously.