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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: *Nancy Bucklin*  
Ushers: *Chuck Ochsner & Ted Maasch* Tellers: *Jim Moldernhauer & Jean Tartaglia*  
Kitchen Helpers: *Roxanne Ochsner*

**Suggestions Before Worship:** God promises that he will provide and protect us in this world. He also promises to provide rest. When God promises these things we can be sure that he gives them to us, yet, we aren't always looking for God's rest. God's rest can be physical or spiritual rest. We can have arrest for our bodies, but rest for our souls is so much better. The rest that God gives to us on earth is a small taste of the rest that he will give to us in heaven. Let us pray that God would give us rest, but would also lead us to the rest that will never end.



The Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

Opening Hymn: 384

By Grace I'm Saved

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.

3 By grace! Oh, mark this word of promise When you are by your sins oppressed,  
When Satan plagues your troubled conscience, And when your heart is seeking rest.  
What reason cannot comprehend God by his grace to you did send.

4 By grace to timid hearts that tremble, In tribulation's furnace tried—  
By grace, despite all fear and trouble, The Father's heart is open wide.  
Where could I help and strength secure If grace were not my anchor sure?

5 By grace! On this I'll rest when dying; In Jesus' promise I rejoice.  
For though I know my heart's condition, I also know my Savior's voice.  
My heart is glad; all grief has flown Since I am saved by grace alone.

**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.**

**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.  
For faithless worrying and selfish pride,  
For sins of habit and sins of choice,  
For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,  
You should cast me away from your presence forever.  
O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**

#### 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. 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.**

#### Lord, Have Mercy

*It is good and right that we not only ask the Lord to bless us, but to extend that blessing, especially his Word, to others.*

M: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.  
For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

M: For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

**C: Christ, have mercy.**

M: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

M: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

**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.*

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are  
they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -  
ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -  
ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -  
ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.  
Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

#### Prayer of the Day

*The prayer of the day ties into the readings of the day thanking God for a specific blessing from those readings.*

M.: The Lord be with you

**C: And also with you**

M. Let us pray

God of all power and might, you are the giver of all that is good. Help us love you with all our heart, strengthen us in true faith, provide us with all we need, and keep us safe in your care; 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: Joshua 23:1-11

*We often think of all of the Israelite history as a time of war and struggle. However, God was very good to his people. He provided long periods of peace and rest from their wars with other nations. Here Joshua gives the Israelites the direction that if they want to remain in the peace of the Lord, they need to continue to love the Lord and follow his ways.*

After a long time had passed and the LORD had given Israel rest from all their enemies around them, Joshua, by then old and well advanced in years, <sup>2</sup> summoned all Israel—their elders, leaders, judges and officials—and said to them: “I am old and well advanced in years. <sup>3</sup> You yourselves have seen everything the LORD your God has done to all these nations for your sake; it was the LORD your God who fought for you. <sup>4</sup> Remember how I have allotted as an inheritance for your tribes all the land of the nations that remain—the nations I conquered—between the Jordan and the Great Sea in the west. <sup>5</sup> The LORD your God himself will drive them out of your way. He will push them out before you, and you will take possession of their land, as the LORD your God promised you.

<sup>6</sup>“Be very strong; be careful to obey all that is written in the Book of the Law of Moses, without turning aside to the right or to the left. <sup>7</sup> Do not associate with these nations that remain among you; do not invoke the names of their gods or swear by them. You must not serve them or bow down to them. <sup>8</sup> But you are to hold fast to the LORD your God, as you have until now.

<sup>9</sup>“The LORD has driven out before you great and powerful nations; to this day no one has been able to withstand you. <sup>10</sup> One of you routs a thousand, because the LORD your God fights for you, just as he promised. <sup>11</sup> So be very careful to love the LORD your God.

### The Psalm

*Songs of praise and thanks have always been given to the Lord. The Psalms are some of the richest songs of praise and thanks to our Savior. We sing **Psalm 145** together this morning*



*Refrain: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.*

Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise;\*  
his greatness no one can **fathom**.

One generation will commend your works to **another**;\*  
they will tell of your **mighty** acts.

The LORD upholds all **those** who fall\*  
and lifts up all who are **bowed** down.

*Refrain: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.*

The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food at the **proper** time.\*  
You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every **living** thing.

The LORD is near to all who **call** on him,\*  
to all who call on **him** in truth.

He fulfills the desires of those who **fear** him;\*  
he hears their cry and **saves** them.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son\***  
**and to the Holy Spirit,**  
**as it was in the beginning,\***  
**is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

*Refrain: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.*

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

**The Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30**

*While we may not have wars and conflicts like the Israelites did, our God continues to promise us that he will give to us rest. Only God can provide moments and times of rest for our body and our soul.*

<sup>25</sup> At that time Jesus said, “I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. <sup>26</sup> Yes, Father, for this was your good pleasure.

<sup>27</sup> “All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

<sup>28</sup> “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

**Sermon Hymn: 397 Just as I am Without One Plea**

1 Just as I am, without one plea But that thy blood was shed for me  
And that thou bidd’st me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

2 Just as I am and waiting not To rid my soul of one dark blot,  
To thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

3 Just as I am, though tossed about With many a conflict, many a doubt,  
Fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

4 Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind; Sight, riches, healing of the mind,  
Yea, all I need, in thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

5 Just as I am, thou wilt receive, Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
Because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

6 Just as I am; thy love unknown Has broken ev’ry barrier down.  
Now to be thine, yea, thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

**The Sermon**

*God gives us his Word to show us the path to heaven, to build our faith, and to prepare us to live every in this world. We focus on a portion of God’s Word every week as God tells us is good to do.*

**Sermon Text: Romans 7:15-25a**

**Sermon Theme: Who will rescue me?**

I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. <sup>16</sup> And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. <sup>17</sup> As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me. <sup>18</sup> I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. <sup>19</sup> For what I do is not the good I want to do; no, the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing. <sup>20</sup> Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it.

<sup>21</sup> So I find this law at work: When I want to do good, evil is right there with me. <sup>22</sup> For in my inner being I delight in God’s law; <sup>23</sup> but I see another law at work in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within my members. <sup>24</sup> What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? <sup>25</sup> Thanks be to God—through Jesus Christ our Lord!

*Please rise after the sermon, as we sing Create in Me.*

C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

*We confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.*

*Please be seated*

### **We Bring our Offering of Thanks to the Lord**

*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 you might see next to you.

*Please rise for prayer*

### **Reception of New Members: Glen and Candace Severy**

*Accepted into membership by a transfer from their former WELS congregation*

#### **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 here 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**

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

**The 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.**

**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: 399**

**To God Be The Glory**

1 To God be the glory; great things he has done!  
He so loved the world that he gave us his Son,  
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin  
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

*Refrain: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!  
Oh, come to the Father through Jesus the Son  
And give him the glory—great things he has done!*

2 Oh, perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,  
To ev'ry believer the promise of God;  
The vilest offender who truly believes,  
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

*Refrain*

3 Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,  
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son,  
But purer and higher and greater will be  
Our joy and our wonder when Jesus we see.

*Refrain*



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

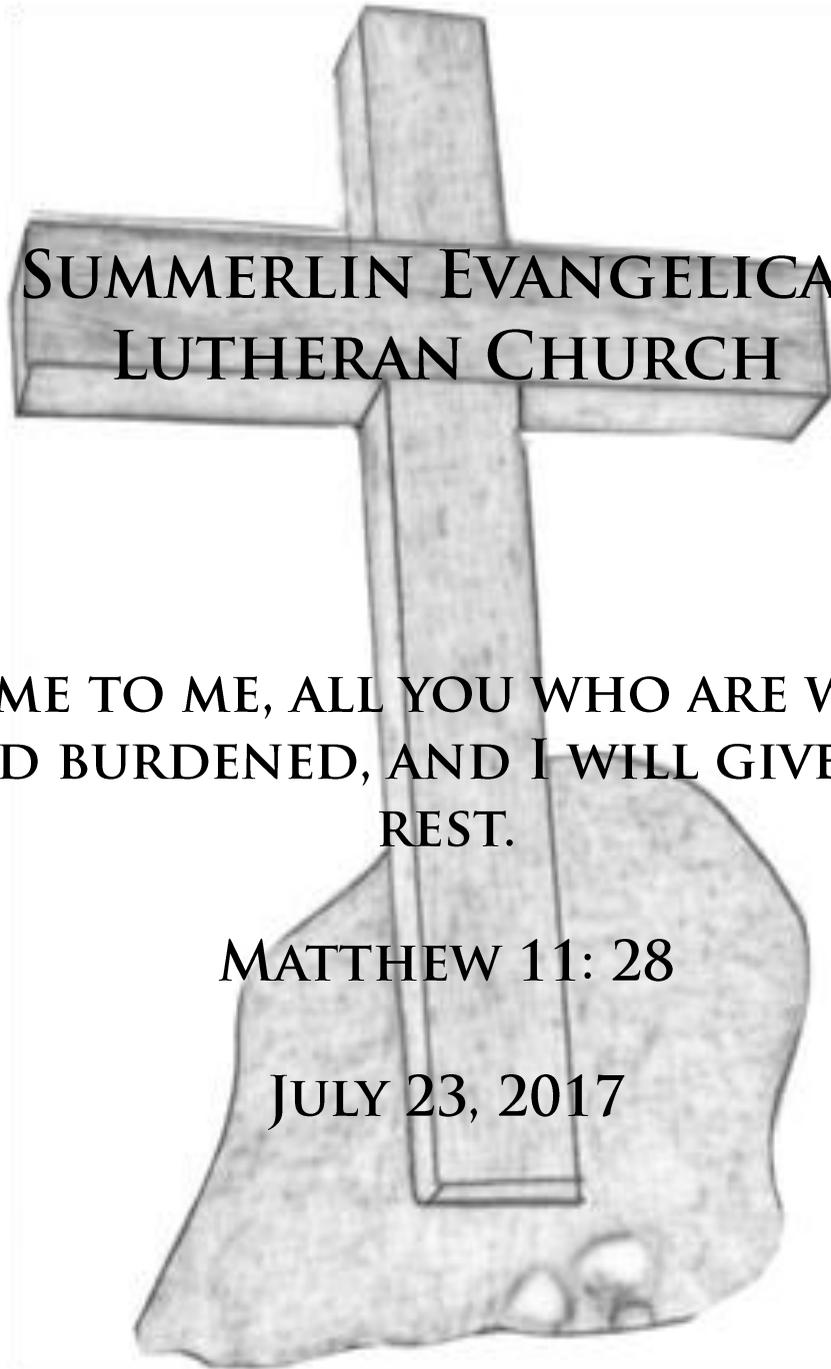
**News and Notes (and other things):**

Today 7/23	9:00 AM	Worship
	10:15 AM	Back to the Basics Bible Study
Mon 7/24	1:00 PM	Gary Sabella Celebration of Life
Tues 7/25	9:30 AM	Caring Hands
Sat 7/29	4-8 PM	Cook-Out at Pastor Buch's House
		<b>Eat at 5 PM</b>
Sun 7/30	9:00 AM	Worship with WELS connection video
	10:15 AM	Back to the Basics Bible Study
Mon 7/31	6:30 PM	Ministry Team Meeting (tentative)

- **Good morning and welcome.** 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.
- **We Welcome Glen and Candace Severy.** Glen and Candace moved here from California about a year ago. They had been attending Green Valley Lutheran (WELS) in Henderson, but realized that Summerlin was right around the corner from them. You have seen them in worship and Bible Study. Please come over to the fellowship hall to say hi to them.
- **Gary Sabella Celebration of Life.** Gary's family has decided that they would like to have a celebration of life for Gary in place of a funeral. It will start at 1:00 PM on Monday July 24<sup>th</sup>. Pastor will have a short sermonette and close with a prayer. Then there will be a longer reception and celebration of Gary. All are invited. The address for the celebration is 6015 Ponderosa Way, 89118.
- **Garage Sale is only a few months away.** We are taking donations in the storage area of the fellowship hall. Please drop off any items by the tables in the middle of the room. We will also be scheduling some sorting parties soon.
- If anyone has hangers they could donate, or clothes rack that we could have or use for the sale, please contact Mrs. Buch.
- **Summer Cook-out at Pastor's.** Come to the parsonage on Saturday evening (July 29) from 4 – 8 PM (eat at 5:00) for our congregational cook-out. Hamburgers and hotdogs

will be provided. Please bring a summer cook-out/picnic dish to pass and a beverage of your choice.

- **Summer Plans and Planned Giving:** Paul directs us to plan our gifts to the Lord in advance. Over the summer it is very easy to forget our planned giving, as we focus on our summer activities. Please continue to remember the Lord and your congregation as you make your summer plans. The work of the church continues even when we are on vacation. May God grant us a blessed summer in him.
- **Serving next week:**  
Ushers: Larry Wiersum and Bill Meyer  
Altar: Nancy Bucklin  
Kitchen: No one is signed up
- **Services in Spanish:** Misa en español: todos los domingos a las 11:30 a.m. en La Iglesia Luterana Monte de los Olivos. 3975 S Sandhill Road Las Vegas, NV 89121 (702) 969-7911.



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COME TO ME, ALL YOU WHO ARE WEARY  
AND BURDENED, AND I WILL GIVE YOU  
REST.

MATTHEW 11: 28

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