

# Grow Up!

Hebrews 5:12-14



**“But GROW in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ”.**

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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: Janet Maesaka, Wanda Boger

Ushers: Joe Schindler & Larry Wiersum

Tellers: Dick and Cathy Yeakel

Kitchen Helpers: Mark Sprengeler

**Suggestions Before Worship:** In each of our lessons we see the sinful nature of people get in the way of faith. We also hear the words of our God calling them to repentance and pointing them in the correct way to go. We can and should put ourselves in each of the shoes of these sinful people, because our sin often gets in the way of true faith. This morning take a moment to pray that the Lord would help us to grow in our faith that we see his mission and the ministry he gives us and we do it in his name



## Welcome and Opening Prayer

### Opening Hymn: 478 With the Lord Begin Your Task

1 With the Lord begin your task; Jesus will direct it.  
For his aid and counsel ask; Jesus will perfect it.  
Ev'ry morn with Jesus rise, And, when day is ended,  
In his name then close your eyes; Be to him commended.

2 Let each day begin with prayer, Praise and adoration.  
On the Lord cast ev'ry care; He is your salvation.  
Morning, evening, and at night Jesus will be near you,  
Save you from the tempter's might, With his presence cheer you.

3 With your Savior at your side Foes need not alarm you;  
In his promises confide And no ill can harm you.  
All your trust and hope repose In the mighty Master,  
Who in wisdom truly knows How to stem disaster.

4 If your task is thus begun With the Savior's blessing,  
Safely then your course will run, Naught your soul distressing.  
Good will follow ev'rywhere While you here must wander;  
You at last the joy will share In the mansions yonder.

### 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 34

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

P: I will extol the LORD at all times;  
C: his praise will always be on my lips.



P: My soul will boast in the LORD;  
C: let the afflicted hear and rejoice.

P: Glorify the LORD with me;  
C: let us exalt his name together.

P: I sought the LORD, and he answered me;  
C: he delivered me from all my fears.

P: The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him,  
C: and he delivers them.

P: Taste and see that the LORD is good;  
C: blessed is the man who takes refuge in him.

P: Fear the LORD, you his saints,  
C: for those who fear him lack nothing.

### 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.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of 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: 1 Kings 19:3-8

We all go through times in our life when we feel useless. The prophet Elijah felt useless, yet the Lord shows him he should not give up. There is work to do.

<sup>3</sup> Elijah was afraid and ran for his life. When he came to Beersheba in Judah, he left his servant there, <sup>4</sup> while he himself went a day's journey into the desert. He came to a broom tree, sat down under it and prayed that he might die. "I have had enough, LORD," he said. "Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors." <sup>5</sup> Then he lay down under the tree and fell asleep.

All at once an angel touched him and said, "Get up and eat." <sup>6</sup> He looked around, and there by his head was a cake of bread baked over hot coals, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again.

<sup>7</sup> The angel of the LORD came back a second time and touched him and said, "Get up and eat, for the journey is too much for you." <sup>8</sup> So he got up and ate and drank. Strengthened by that food, he traveled forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God.

### 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: Hebrews 5:11 - 6:3

*Serving as our sermon text this morning, the writer to the Hebrews points out that every Christian should grow up in faith and in knowledge of their Savior.*

<sup>11</sup> We have much to say about this, but it is hard to explain because you are slow to learn. <sup>12</sup> In fact, though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you the elementary truths of God's word all over again. You need milk, not solid food! <sup>13</sup> Anyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is not acquainted with the teaching about righteousness. <sup>14</sup> But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil.

Therefore let us leave the elementary teachings about Christ and go on to maturity, not laying again the foundation of repentance from acts that lead to death, and of faith in God, <sup>2</sup> instruction about baptisms, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment. <sup>3</sup> And God permitting, we will do so.

P: Alleluia. Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. Alleluia. (Hebrews 11:1)

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

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

## The Gospel: John 6:41-51

*As the Jews continue to challenge Jesus, he continues his Bread of Life sermon pointing people to himself.*

<sup>41</sup> At this the Jews began to grumble about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." <sup>42</sup> They said, "Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I came down from heaven?'"

<sup>43</sup> "Stop grumbling among yourselves," Jesus answered. <sup>44</sup> "No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him, and I will raise him up at the last day. <sup>45</sup> It is written in the Prophets: 'They will all be taught by God.' Everyone who listens to the Father and learns from him comes to me. <sup>46</sup> No one has seen the Father except the one who is from God; only he has seen the Father. <sup>47</sup> I tell you the truth, he who believes has everlasting life. <sup>48</sup> I am the bread of life. <sup>49</sup> Your forefathers ate the manna in the desert, yet they died. <sup>50</sup> But here is the bread that comes down from heaven, which a man may eat and not die. <sup>51</sup> I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world."

P: This is the Word of the Lord

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

## Sermon Hymn: 454 I Gave My Life for Thee

1 I gave my life for thee; My precious blood I shed  
That thou might'st ransomed be And quickened from the dead.  
I gave my life for thee; Come, give thyself to me!

2 My Father's home of light, My rainbow-circled throne,  
I left for earthly night, For wand'rings sad and lone.  
I left it all for thee; Come now and follow me!

3 I spent long years for thee In weariness and woe  
That an eternity Of joy thou mightest know.  
I spent long years for thee; Come, spend thy years for me.

4 I suffered much for thee, More than my tongue may tell,  
Of bitt'rest agony, To rescue thee from hell.  
I suffered much for thee; Come, bear thy cross with me.

## Sermon Text: Hebrews 5:11 - 6:3

### Sermon Theme: Grow Up!!

*After the sermon is completed, please rise to sing the final verses of the hymn.*



5 And I have brought to thee Down from my home above  
Salvation full and free, My pardon and my love.  
Great gifts I brought for thee; Come, bring thy gifts to me.

6 Oh, let thy life be spent, Thy years for me be giv'n,  
As I for thee was sent To bear thee home to heav'n.  
I gave my life for thee; Come, give thy life to me.

## 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 save 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: 541 Lord Jesus Christ with us Abide**

- 1 Lord Jesus Christ, with us abide, For round us falls the eventide,  
Nor let your Word, that heav'nly light, For us be ever veiled in night.
- 2 O God, how sin's dread works abound! Throughout the earth no rest is found,  
And falsehood's spirit wide has spread, And error boldly rears its head.
- 3 In these last days of sore distress Grant us, dear Lord, true steadfastness  
That pure we keep, till life is spent, Your holy Word and sacrament.
- 4 Lord Jesus, help, your Church uphold, For we are sluggish, thoughtless, cold.  
Oh, prosper well your Word of grace, And spread its truth in ev'ry place.
- 5 Oh, keep us in your Word, we pray; The guile and rage of Satan stay!  
Oh, may your mercy never cease! Give concord, patience, courage, peace.
- 6 The cause is yours, the glory, too, So hear us, Lord, and keep us true.  
Your Word alone is our defense, The Church's glorious confidence.
- 7 Oh, grant that in your holy Word We here may live and die, dear Lord,  
And when our journey's ending here, Receive us into glory there.



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

**Coming Up:**

Today	8/12	9:00 AM 10:15 AM 4:00 PM	Worship Fellowship CLHS Opening Service
Tuesday	8/14	9:30 AM	Caring Hands
Sunday	8/19	9:00 AM 10:15 AM 10:15 AM	Worship with Member Communion Fellowship Catechism Student and Family Meeting
Thursday	8/23	6:30 PM	Movie Night in the Fellowship Hall



**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

Cards and well-wishes (**NO PLANTS**) for June Danweber may be sent to their home address.



For those wanting to stay in touch with Ken and Chris Dingman, their current address is:



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, 51 people came to worship the Lord.

