



Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life.
John 6:68

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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: Cliff Talgo, Chuck Ochsner

Tellers: Dick and Cathy Yeakel

Kitchen Helpers: Mark Sprengeler

Suggestions Before Worship: The world has not changed since the beginning of time. There have always been voices that have claimed another way to heaven, another Word of God. In our Gospel today, we hear the words, "Lord to whom shall we go, you have the words of eternal life." Unless the message we hear is the complete Word of God from the Bible, it is not the truth. Unless that message shows us our sin and our Savior it is not the truth. This morning, say a prayer asking God to keep up in the truth of his Word.

Welcome and Opening Prayer



Opening Hymn: 390 Salvation Unto Us Has Come

1 Salvation unto us has come By God's free grace and favor.
Good works cannot avert our doom; They help and save us never.
Faith looks to Jesus Christ alone, Who did for all the world atone;
He is the one Redeemer.

2 What God does in his law demand And none to him can render,
Brings wrath and woe on ev'ry hand For man, the vile offender.
Our flesh has not those pure desires The spirit of the law requires,
And lost is our condition.

3 It is a false, misleading dream That God his law has given
That sinners can themselves redeem And by their works gain heaven.
The law is but a mirror bright To bring the inbred sin to light
That lurks within our nature.

4 Yet as the law must be fulfilled Or we must die despairing,
Christ came and has God's anger stilled, Our human nature sharing.
He has for us the law obeyed And thus the Father's vengeance stayed
Which over us impended.

5 Since Christ has full atonement made And brought to us salvation,
Each Christian therefore may be glad And build on this foundation.
Your grace alone, dear Lord, I plead; Your death is now my life indeed,
For you have paid my ransom.

6 All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise To Father, Son, and Spirit,
The God who saved us by his grace—All glory to his merit!
O Triune God in heav'n above, You have revealed your saving love;
Your blessed name be hallowed!

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 71

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

P: In you, O LORD, I have taken refuge;

C: **let me never be put to shame.**

P: Rescue me and deliver me in your righteousness;

C: **turn your ear to me and save me.**

P: Be my rock of refuge, to which I can always go;

C: **give the command to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.**

P: Deliver me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked,

C: **from the grasp of evil and cruel men.**

P: For you have been my hope, O Sovereign LORD,

C: **my confidence since my youth.**

P: From birth I have relied on you; you brought me forth from my mother's womb.

C: **I will ever praise you.**

P: Since my youth, O God, you have taught me,

C: **and to this day I declare your marvelous deeds.**

P: Even when I am old and gray, do not forsake me, O God,

C: **till I declare your power to the next generation, your might to all who are to come.**

P: My lips will shout for joy

C: **when I sing praise to you— I, whom you have redeemed.**

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: 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 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 1-3 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.

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.



M: Let us pray.
 Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; 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 24: 1-2; 14-18

As the children of Israel step into the Promised Land, Joshua encourages them to start their life in the new country in the correct way. He calls believers to be believers and follow the only true God.

Then Joshua assembled all the tribes of Israel at Shechem. He summoned the elders, leaders, judges and officials of Israel, and they presented themselves before God.

²Joshua said to all the people,

¹⁴“Now fear the LORD and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your forefathers worshiped beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. ¹⁵But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your forefathers served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.”

¹⁶Then the people answered, “Far be it from us to forsake the LORD to serve other gods! ¹⁷It was the LORD our God himself who brought us and our fathers up out of Egypt, from that land of slavery, and performed those great signs before our eyes. He protected us on our entire journey and among all the nations through which we traveled. ¹⁸And the LORD drove out before us all the nations, including the Amorites, who lived in the land. We too will serve the LORD, because he is our 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.

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**

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.**

Jesus Loves Me, This I Know

1. Jesus love me, this I know,
For the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong,
They are weak, but he is strong.
Refrain:
2. Jesus loves me, He who died
Heaven's gates to open wide;
He will wash away my sin,
Let His little child come in.
Refrain:

Refrain: Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus Loves me! The Bible tells me so.

The Second Lesson: Hebrews 11:24-28

The writer to the Hebrews shows us that it has always been faith, not works, that has saved.

²⁴ By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter. ²⁵ He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a short time. ²⁶ He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward. ²⁷ By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the king's anger; he persevered because he saw him who is invisible. ²⁸ By faith he kept the Passover and the sprinkling of blood, so that the destroyer of the firstborn would not touch the firstborn of Israel.

P: Alleluia. Jesus Christ has destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. Alleluia. (2 Timothy 1:10b)

C: Praise be to you, Oh Lord!!

Sermon Hymn: 283 Speak, O Savior; I am Listening

1 Speak, O Savior; I am list'ning, As a servant to his lord.
Let me show respect and honor To your holy, precious Word,
That each day, my whole life through, I may serve and follow you.
Let your Word e'er be my pleasure And my heart's most precious treasure.

2 Oh, what blessing to be near you And to listen to your voice!
Let me ever love and fear you; Let your Word still be my choice.
Many hardened sinners, Lord, Flee in terror at your Word,
But to all who feel sin's burden You give peace and words of pardon.

3 Lord, your words are waters living Where I quench my thirsty needs.
Lord, your words are bread life-giving; On your words my spirit feeds.
Lord, your words will be my light Through death's cold and dreary night;
Yes, they are my sword prevailing And my cup of joy unfailing.

4 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.

Sermon Text: John 6:60-69

Sermon Theme: Lord to Whom Shall We Go?

⁶⁰ On hearing it, many of his disciples said, "This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?"

⁶¹ Aware that his disciples were grumbling about this, Jesus said to them, "Does this offend you? ⁶² What if you see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before! ⁶³ The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life. ⁶⁴ Yet there are some of you who do not believe." For Jesus had known from the beginning which of them did not believe and who would betray him. ⁶⁵ He went on to say, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless the Father has enabled him."

⁶⁶ From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him.

⁶⁷ "You do not want to leave too, do you?" Jesus asked the Twelve.

⁶⁸ Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹ We believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

After the sermon is completed, please rise to sing hymn 289:

1 Preserve your Word, O Savior, To us this latter day,
And let your kingdom flourish; Enlarge your Church, we pray.
Oh, keep our faith from failing; Keep hope’s bright star aglow.
Let nothing turn us from you While wand’ring here below.

2 Preserve your Word and preaching, The truth that makes us whole,
The mirror of your glory, The pow’r that saves the soul.
Oh, may this living water, This spring of heav’nly grace,
Sustain us while here living Until we see your face.

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: Lord of heaven and earth, you made all things beautiful. You have provided green forests and refreshing streams. You have arranged the orderly procession of day and night for our work and rest.

C: Thank you for the mountains and the prairies, the roaring sea, and the gentle breeze.

P: Thank you for roofs that shelter us, for clothing that protects us, and for food and drink. Thank you for our work, for projects that are done well, and for the approval of supervisors and teachers. Thank you for all who serve at night to make our days more pleasant.

C: Thank you for associates at work, for their encouragement and praise, and for the joys of human friendships.

P: Thank you for our cities and our countrysides, for farms and factories, for streets and highways, and for all of life that flows so swiftly before us.

C: Thank you for children at play, their boundless energy, and their shouts of joy and laughter.

P: Thank you for the morning greetings we receive, and for all the smiles that come from faces loved by you.

C: Thank you for Christian parents, for their affection and their care.

P: Hear us, Lord, as we give thanks for personal blessings.

Silent prayer.

P: Thank you for your Son, Jesus Christ, for his coming to us in Word and sacraments, for his giving and forgiving, and for listening to our prayers. Thank you for the Law and the Gospel through which you call us to yourself and keep us in the faith. Receive our gifts and offerings as our sacrifice of praise and thanks to you.

C: Lead us in thankful living today and always. Amen.

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: 322 On What Has Now Been Sown

1 On what has now been sown Your blessing, Lord, bestow;
The pow'r is yours alone To make it spring and grow.
O Lord, in grace the harvest raise And you alone shall have the praise!

2 To you our wants are known; From you are all our pow'rs.
Accept what is your own And pardon what is ours.
Our praises, Lord, and prayers receive And to your Word a blessing give.

3 Oh, grant that each of us Now met before you here
May meet together thus When you and yours appear
And follow you to heav'n, our home. E'en so, Amen! Lord Jesus, come!



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

Coming Up:

Today	8/26	9:00 AM	Worship and WELS Connection Video
		10:15 AM	Fellowship
		4:00 PM	Catechism Class
Sunday	9/2	9:00 AM	Worship with Member Communion
		10:15 AM	Fellowship
		4:00 PM	Catechism Class



Sunday, September 9, 2018. See insert for information about Bible Class opportunities. Hope to see everyone there. *We are still looking for a middle school Sunday School teacher. Please call Pastor if interested.*



Do you have a friend or neighbor who needs pastoral care? Maybe they have been away from church for awhile or are shut-in. Ask them if they would like a pastor to stop by, visit them, and talk to them about Jesus. If you know someone who would like some spiritual care, speak with them and then send pastor their name and number and he will follow-up.



Willing Hands to Serve the Lord next week:

Ushers: Jim Moldenhauer and Bryan Becht
Altar: Kelley Buch
Tellers: Jim Moldenhauer and Jean Tartaglia
Kitchen helpers: Daryl and Nancy Lucke



Have something to drop off? Bring it any Sunday or schedule a time to drop it off with Pastor or Kelley.



Our Thanks To The Lord. Last week, 53 people came to worship the Lord.

KICKOFF SUNDAY

On Sunday, September 9, 2018
we begin our fall and winter schedule.

Sunday Morning:
9:00 am Worship
10:15 am Fellowship
10:30 am Bible Study

Wednesday Morning Bible Study:
10:00 am

Bible Studies:

Sunday Morning: Congregations Like Ours.

A look at the books of Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians and Colossians
During this class we will work our way through the “smaller” letters of Paul and see how
these congregations needed guidance and direction. We will see how that same guidance
and direction helps us today.

Wednesday Morning: God: The Ultimate Humanitarian

In this book we look at all of the different ways that God shows his love to us.
The book will be the basis for our study this year. We will take one chapter per week.
You can miss a week and just read the next chapter... you can't be left behind.

Sunday School:

If anyone is interested in teaching the middle school Sunday School, please speak with
Pastor.

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