

Summerlin Evangelical Lutheran Church



Whoever welcomes one of these little children
in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not
welcome me but the one who sent me.”

Mark 9: 37

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Good Morning and Welcome: If you are a visitor, 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.

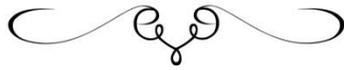
*Restrooms are located to the left, as you exit the sanctuary, and down the hallway.
Please silence phones during the service. Thanks.*

Willing Hands This Morning:

Organist: *Computer*
Ushers: *Bill Meyer & Cliff Talgo*
Kitchen Helpers: *Bill and Cheryl Meyer*

Altar Care: *Kelley Buch*
Tellers: *Jim Moldenhauer, Jean Tartaglia*

Suggestions Before Worship: What is our first response when we have people who persecute us. Our sinful nature wants to do to others as they do to us. We often want to get even. We are reminded today that love for Christ dominates our life with others. A love for Christ will lead us to forgive when forgiveness seems impossible. It will lead us to be humble when it seems like we should be first. We will live to praise God instead of living to praise self. All of this will flow from faith which thanks Jesus for being all of this for us.



Pastor's Welcome and Prayer

Opening Hymn: 348 Jesus, Jesus, Only Jesus

1 Jesus, Jesus, only Jesus Can my heartfelt longing still.
Lo, I pledge myself to Jesus, What he wills alone to will,
For my heart, which he hath filled, Ever cries, "Lord, as thou wilt."

2 One there is for whom I'm living, Whom I love most tenderly;
Unto Jesus I am giving What in love he gave to me.
Jesus' blood hides all my guilt—Lord, oh, lead me as thou wilt.

3 What to me may seem a treasure But displeasing is to thee—
Oh, remove such harmful pleasure; Give instead what profits me.
Let my heart by thee be stilled; Make me thine, Lord, as thou wilt.

4 Let me earnestly endeavor Thy good pleasure to fulfill;
In me, through me, with me ever, Lord, accomplish thou thy will.
In thy holy image built, Let me die, Lord, as thou wilt.

5 Jesus, constant be my praises, For thou unto me didst bring
Thine own self and all thy graces That I joyfully may sing:
Be it unto me, my Shield, As thou wilt, Lord, as thou wilt.

Please rise for the Invocation and Confession of Sins.

Minister In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation Amen.

Minister We trust the Lord's gracious promise that "wherever two or three are gathered together in His name, He is in the midst of them" (Matt. 18:20).

Congregation "How awesome is this place! There is none other than the house of God. This is the gate of heaven" (Gen. 28:17)!



We Confess our Sins to the Lord:



M We have come into the house of the Lord. Let us bow our heads before the Lord and humbly confess the sins that we have committed. Do you believe that you are a sinner?

C Yes, I believe that I am a sinner.

M How do you know that you are a sinner?

C I know this from the Ten Commandments, which I have not kept, and which I have sinned against in thoughts, words and actions. The Bible also shows me that I am a sinner since I have a sinful nature which I was born with.

M Are you sorry for your sins?

C Yes, I am sorry that I have sinned against my loving and gracious God.

M What do you deserve from God because of your sins?

C I deserve punishment from God both here on earth and forever in hell.

C We sing the printed verses of confession and repentance. (CW #306 tune 262)

Before you, God, the Judge of all, With grief and shame I humbly fall.
I see my sins against you Lord, My sins of thought and deed and word,
They press me sore; to you I flee: O God, be merciful to me!

Oh Lord, my God, to you I pray: Oh cast me not in wrath away!
Let your Spirit ne'er depart, But let him draw to you my heart
That truly penitent I be: O God, be merciful to me!

O Jesus, let your precious blood Be to my soul a cleansing flood.
Turn not, O Lord your guest away. But grant that justified I may
Go to my house at peace to be: O God, be merciful to me!

God Announces His Forgiveness to us:

M Our God loves us, he wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. Do you believe that you will be saved even though you are a sinner?

C Yes, I believe I will be saved even though I sin every day.

M Why do you have the assurance of being saved in spite of your many sins?

C I have this confidence because God promises me that Jesus has taken away all of my sins.

M What has Jesus Christ done for you that you are so confident of salvation?

C Jesus willingly walked to the cross. He took my sins on himself and paid for them when he gave his own body and shed his own blood. He suffered my punishment and died for me.

M How do you know you are forgiven?

C God says in his Gospel, “God was reconciling the world to Himself in Christ, not counting men’s sins against them.” The Gospel also assures me that “God made Christ, who had no sin, to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.”

M On this your confession, by the authority of our Trine God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I have the joy of announcing your sins are forgiven. Jesus has taken your sins forever. Through Christ, you are God’s child and an heir of eternal life with him.

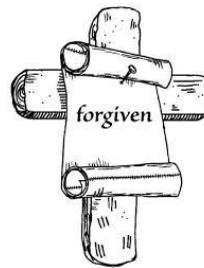
C Amen

We sing the printed verses of thanksgiving (CW #390)

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.

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.



The Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray.

Lord God, you call us to work in your kingdom and leave no one standing idle. Help us to order our lives by your wisdom and to serve you in willing obedience; 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 for the reading of the lessons.

The Old Testament Lesson: Numbers 12: 1-15

We have seen that the life of a Christian can be full of those who cause problems for us. Even those who are closest to us may cause us trouble. Those who were closest to Moses, grumbled against God and God’s leader. Yet, instead of asking God to punish them, Moses asks God to forgive them.

Miriam and Aaron began to talk against Moses because of his Cushite wife, for he had married a Cushite. ²“Has the LORD spoken only through Moses?” they asked. “Hasn’t he also spoken through us?” And the LORD heard this.

³(Now Moses was a very humble man, more humble than anyone else on the face of the earth.)

⁴At once the LORD said to Moses, Aaron and Miriam, “Come out to the Tent of Meeting, all three of you.” So the three of them came out. ⁵Then the LORD came down in a pillar of cloud; he stood at the entrance to the Tent and summoned Aaron and Miriam. When both of them stepped forward, ⁶he said, “Listen to my words: “When a prophet of the LORD is among you, I reveal myself to him in visions, I speak to him in dreams. ⁷But this is not true of my servant Moses; he is faithful in all my house. With him I speak face to face, clearly and not in riddles; he sees the form of the LORD. Why then were you not afraid to speak against my servant Moses?”

⁹The anger of the LORD burned against them, and he left them.

¹⁰When the cloud lifted from above the Tent, there stood Miriam—leprous, like snow. Aaron turned toward her and saw that she had leprosy; ¹¹and he said to Moses, “Please, my lord, do not hold against us the sin we have so foolishly committed. ¹²Do not let her be like a stillborn infant coming from its mother’s womb with its flesh half eaten away.”

¹³So Moses cried out to the LORD, “O God, please heal her!”

¹⁴The LORD replied to Moses, “If her father had spit in her face, would she not have been in disgrace for seven days? Confine her outside the camp for seven days; after that she can be brought back.” ¹⁵So Miriam was confined outside the camp for seven days, and the people did not move on till she was brought back.

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.



Thy Word is a Lamp Unto My Feet

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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 prayer
You hear all the words I say
You are everywhere.

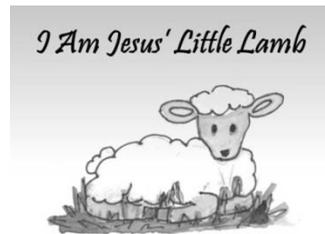
Teach me to do whatever is right
And when I sin, forgive;
And make it still my chief delight
To love You while I live. Amen

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.

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.

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.



The Second Lesson: James 3:13-18

James tells us to show our faith in a life of humility and service to the Lord.

Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show it by his good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. ¹⁴ But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. ¹⁵ Such "wisdom" does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, of the devil. ¹⁶ For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.

¹⁷ But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. ¹⁸ Peacemakers who sow in peace raise a harvest of righteousness.

M: Alleluia. My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness. Alleluia. (2 Corinthians 12:9a)

C Thanks be to you, Oh Lord.

Hymn of the Day: 459. O God, My Faithful God.

1 O God, my faithful God, O Fountain ever flowing,
Who good and perfect gifts In mercy are bestowing,
Give me a healthy frame, And may I have within
A conscience free from blame, A soul unhurt by sin.

2 Grant me the strength to do With ready heart and willing
Whatever you command, My calling here fulfilling,
That I do what I should While trusting you to bless
The outcome for my good, For you must give success.

3 Keep me from saying things That later need recalling;
Grant that no idle words May from my lips be falling,
But then, when in my place I must and ought to speak,
My words grant pow'r and grace Lest I offend the weak.

4 Lord, let me win my foes With kindly words and actions,
And let me find good friends For counsel and correction.
Help me, as you have taught, To love both great and small
And by your Spirit's might To live in peace with all.



Sermon Text: Mark 9: 30-37

Sermon Theme: If Anyone Wants to Be First, He Must Be the Very Last

Please rise for the reading of our Gospel which will also serve as our sermon text this morning.

³⁰ They left that place and passed through Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone to know where they were, ³¹ because he was teaching his disciples. He said to them, “The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into the hands of men. They will kill him, and after three days he will rise.” ³² But they did not understand what he meant and were afraid to ask him about it.

³³ They came to Capernaum. When he was in the house, he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the road?” ³⁴ But they kept quiet because on the way they had argued about who was the greatest.

³⁵ Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, “If anyone wants to be first, he must be the very last, and the servant of all.”

³⁶ He took a little child and had him stand among them. Taking him in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷ “Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me.”

Please rise after the sermon is completed.

The Offering

Our Lord gives us the opportunity to praise and thank him with our offerings. During the offering, please sign the friendship register that is located at the outside end of the aisle.

Reception of New Members:

The reception of new members is a very important part of our church. It is important that we celebrate that these, who join us, are making the same declaration of faith and belief as we do. We thank the Holy Spirit that he has brought these new members to us and we pray God’s continued blessings on all of us.

Mark and Shawncee Osterberg

Sarah and Alex

P: Dear Members of Summerlin Evangelical Lutheran Church, *Mark and Shawncee*, desiring to become members of our congregation, have come to confess their faith and join with us and our congregation in Christian love and fellowship.

The apostle Paul in Romans writes: "If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

Therefore lift up your hearts to the God of grace and joyfully answer these questions.

M: Do you believe in the Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit as he reveals himself in the Bible? We join together as a congregation of believers to confess our faith with the words of the Nicene Creed:

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

To the Candidate(s) Requesting Membership

M: Do you believe the books of the Bible to be the inspired, inerrant Word of God?

C: I do.

M: Do you believe the teaching of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Church, as you have learned through our study of the doctrines of the Bible or from your instruction of Luther's Small Catechism is faithful and true to the Word of God.

C: I do.

M: Do you intend to continue steadfast in the true Christian faith, be diligent in the use of God's Word and sacraments, and lead a godly life even to death? If so, answer: I do, and I ask God to help me.

C: I do, and I ask God to help me.

M: Will you support with your prayers, time, talents and offerings the work that our Lord has given to this congregation and her synod? If so answer, I will, and I ask God to help me.

C: I will, and I ask God to help me.

To the Members of Summerlin Lutheran Church:

M: Members of Summerlin Lutheran Church, every soul is a treasure. God has brought these souls to this congregation to be fed with the Word and to share in Christian fellowship. Will you receive them with a heart of Christian love, help them to grow in faith, encourage them in their worship and Bible Study and pray for them.

C: We thank the Lord for his goodness to us. We will gladly pray for and encourage our brother in faith to the Lord's glory.

To Those Requesting Membership

M: Having heard your promises, we, the members of Summerlin Evangelical Lutheran Church, receive you in Christian fellowship and love, and invite you to share the worship and ministry of our church and our sister churches in our synod and fellowship, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

The New Member is Welcomed

We welcome our newest member Mark and Shawnee Osterberg and their children Sarah and Alex via transfer from our sister WELS congregation, Green Valley Lutheran Church in Henderson, NV. May God bless them as they hear the Word and receive the Sacrament at Summerlin Lutheran Church and may we also be blessed as we hear and study that Word with them.

Please rise for prayer.

Prayer & Lord's Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

This prayer is called the Lord's Prayer because it is the prayer that Jesus, himself, taught his disciples to pray. (Matthew 6:9-15)

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 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.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn: 327 God Be With you Till We Meet Again

1 God be with you till we meet again,
By his counsels guide, uphold you,
With his sheep securely fold you—
God be with you till we meet again.

Refrain:

Till we meet, Till we meet,
Till we meet at Jesus' feet.
Till we meet, Till we meet—
God be with you till we meet again.

2 God be with you till we meet again,
'Neath his wings protecting hide you,
Daily manna still provide you—
God be with you till we meet again.

Refrain:

Till we meet, Till we meet,
Till we meet at Jesus' feet.
Till we meet, Till we meet—
God be with you till we meet again.





We pray your worship was blessed. Please come again!

Good morning and welcome!! To our Guests and Visitors, we welcome you in Jesus name and pray that you will want to hear more about our Savior. Please come again.

For our Members, it is good when we can meet together and grow in faith. May God bless our time together.

Everyone is invited over to the fellowship hall for some snacks and Bible Study.



9/26	Wednesday	10 AM	AM Book Club Bible Study -- Chapter 3
9/27	Thursday	6:30 PM	Movie Night: The King's Speech
9/29	Saturday	9:00 AM	Sorting Party # 1
10/2	Monday	6:30 PM	Ministry Team
10/14	Sunday	10:15 AM	Listening Sunday
		11:15 AM	Brat Fry
10/20	Saturday	3-4:30 PM	Trunk or Treat
11/9 & 11/10	Friday and Saturday		Garage Sale



Welcome!! Mark and Shawnee Osterberg and their children Sarah and Alex. We pray that our time together is blessed, surrounded by our congregation and God's Word.



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.



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



Every member is important. The council, elders and Pastor think it is very important to keep in touch with every member. We'd like to keep in touch and meet with every member by having Pastor make some visits again. These visits will be scheduled for no more than 30 to 40 mins. A sign-up sheet is available on the board to the right as you exit. There are morning, evening and lunch slots.



Movie Night is scheduled for Thursday, September 27 at 6:30 PM. The movie will be King's Speech. Bring your own snacks and favorite drinks (you can even bring supper if you like). We will provide the movie and popcorn.



LISTEN
OBSERVE
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Listening Sunday is scheduled for Sunday, October 14 during fellowship hour. We had some amazing discussions last year and want to continue to build our ministry and congregation. But we need your help. This listening Sunday is intended to include all members of the congregation. Your thoughts, ideas and comments help to shape our mission and ministry.



A Brat Fry picnic lunch will be provided after we complete our listening sessions. We will enjoy a meal, some fellowship, and maybe put a game on TV. We hope and pray that we can enjoy the time together.



We will be hosting our trunk or treat activity on Saturday, October 20 from 3 to 4:30. Donate candy, decorate a trunk, or come down to run a game. It's simple, it's fun, and it helps us meet our neighbors. Sign-ups are in the narthex.



Willing Hands to Serve the Lord next week:

Ushers: Mark Boehringer, Chuck Ochsner

Altar: Kelley Buch

Tellers: Jean Tartaglia and Jim Moldenhauer

Kitchen helpers: Daryl and Nancy Lucke



Our Thanks to the Lord:

Last week, 58 people came to worship the Lord.



Church Council Officers:

Church Chairman / Treasurer: Mr. Chuck Ochsner

Vice-Chairman / Trustee: Mr. Mark Boehringer

Elder: Mr. Duane Meyer