

Every GOOD
and PERFECT gift
is from above.
JAMES 1:17

Celebrate the Gifts God Gives

Summerlin Evangelical
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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: Mark Boehringer & Chuck Ochsner

Tellers: Jim Moldenhauer and Jean Tartaglia

Kitchen Helpers: Daryl and Nancy Lucke

Suggestions Before Worship: It can become easy to undervalue the gifts that God gives to us and overvalue what he has given to others. This can lead us into all sorts of sins. We can covet the gifts of others, we can become jealous of them, we can become frustrated and stop working for the Lord. Today we are reminded to give thanks for all of God's gifts: the one's he gives to us and the ones he gives to others. This morning say a prayer of thanks that God blesses his people with the gifts that his kingdom needs. Also ask that we would use them to his glory.

Welcome and Opening Prayer



Opening Hymn: 262

All Glory Be to God Alone

1 All glory be to God alone, Forevermore the highest one,
Who did our sinful race befriend And grace and peace to us extend.
Among mankind may his good will All hearts with deep thanksgiving fill.

2 We praise you, God, and you we bless; We worship you in humbleness;
From day to day we glorify The everlasting God on high.
Of your great glory do we sing, And to your throne our thanks we bring.

3 Lord God, our King on heaven's throne, Our Father, the Almighty One;
O Lord, the Sole-begotten One, Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's Son,
True God from all eternity, O Lamb of God—to you we flee.

4 You take the whole world's sin away; Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.
You take the whole world's sin away; Oh, listen to the prayer we say.
From God's right hand, oh, send today Your mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

5 You only are the Holy One; O'er all things you are Lord alone.
O Jesus Christ, we glorify You and the Spirit, Lord most high;
With him you evermore shall be One in the Father's majesty.

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 51

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

P: O Lord, open my lips,

C: and my mouth will declare your praise.

P: You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it;

C: you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.

P: The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;

C: a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

P: Create in me a pure heart, O God,

C: and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

P: Do not cast me from your presence

C: or take your Holy Spirit from me.

P: Restore to me the joy of your salvation

C: and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

P: Then I will teach transgressors your ways,

C: and sinners will turn back to you.

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:

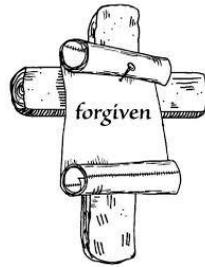
The Lord has blessed us with earthly gifts and heavenly forgiveness, we thank him for his blessings to us and to many others.

We sing together the verses 1-3 of hymn 238

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.



M: Let us pray.

Mercifully grant, O God, that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts, for without your help we are unable to please you; 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: Numbers 11: 16, 24-29

Although Joshua didn't think Eldad and Medad deserved the gifts from the Lord, Moses told him to rejoice in the blessing from the Lord.

¹⁶The LORD said to Moses: "Bring me seventy of Israel's elders who are known to you as leaders and officials among the people. Have them come to the Tent of Meeting, that they may stand there with you.

²⁴So Moses went out and told the people what the LORD had said. He brought together seventy of their elders and had them stand around the Tent. ²⁵Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke with him, and he took of the Spirit that was on him and put the Spirit on the seventy elders. When the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied, but they did not do so again.

²⁶However, two men, whose names were Eldad and Medad, had remained in the camp. They were listed among the elders, but did not go out to the Tent. Yet the Spirit also rested on them, and they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷A young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp."

²⁸Joshua son of Nun, who had been Moses' aide since youth, spoke up and said, "Moses, my lord, stop them!"

²⁹But Moses replied, "Are you jealous for my sake? I wish that all the LORD's people were prophets and that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!"

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: James 4:7-12

We cannot be double-minded in our service to God. To serve the Lord takes a heart and mind that humbly serve God and others not for personal glory, but out of thanks to Jesus.

⁷ Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸ Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. ⁹ Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom. ¹⁰ Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.

¹¹ Brothers, do not slander one another. Anyone who speaks against his brother or judges him speaks against the law and judges it. When you judge the law, you are not keeping it, but sitting in judgment on it. ¹² There is only one Lawgiver and Judge, the one who is able to save and destroy. But you—who are you to judge your neighbor?

P: Alleluia. At the name of Jesus every knee should bow, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Alleluia. (Philippians 2:10,11 cf. NIV)

C: Praise be to you, Oh Lord!!

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

The Gospel of the Lord : Mark 9:38-50

Glorify God with whatever gifts he gives.

³⁸ “Teacher,” said John, “we saw a man driving out demons in your name and we told him to stop, because he was not one of us.”

³⁹ “Do not stop him,” Jesus said. “No one who does a miracle in my name can in the next moment say anything bad about me, ⁴⁰ for whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹ I tell you the truth, anyone who gives you a cup of water in my name because you belong to Christ will certainly not lose his reward.

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⁴² “And if anyone causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to be thrown into the sea with a large millstone tied around his neck. ⁴³ If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life maimed than with two hands to go into hell, where the fire never goes out. ⁴⁵ And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷ And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸ where

“ ‘their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.’

⁴⁹ Everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰ “Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with each other.”

Sermon Hymn: 469 Take My Life and Let It Be

1 Take my life and let it be Consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days; Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

2 Take my hands and let them move At the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet and let them be Swift and beautiful for thee.

3 Take my voice and let me sing Always, only for my King.
Take my lips and let them be Filled with messages from thee.

4 Take my silver and my gold; Not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect and use Ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine; It shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart—it is thine own; It shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour At thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be Ever, only, all for thee.

Sermon Text: Mark 9:38-41

Sermon Theme: Celebrate the Gifts God Gives

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After the sermon is completed, please rise to sing hymn 467:

**1 May the mind of Christ my Savior Live in me from day to day,
By his love and pow'r inspiring All I do or say.**

**3 May the peace of God my Father Rule my life in ev'rything,
That I may be calm to comfort Sick and sorrowing.**

**6 May his spirit live within me As I seek the lost to win,
And may they forget the channel, Seeing only him.**

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: 484 Brothers, Sisters Let us Gladly

1 Brothers, sisters, let us gladly
 Give to God our all, our best—
 Service hearty, thorough, honest,
 With a living love impressed.
 All our duty, all our striving,
 All our time to him belong;
 Praise him, then, with true devotion;
 Come before him with a song.

2 By his mercy, by his bounty,
 By the gift of Christ, his Son,
 What great goodness he has shown us,
 What high marvels he has done!
 Let us to him promptly, freely,
 Yield our bodies and our souls,
 Thankful that his love protects us,
 That his wisdom all controls.

3 Gracious Lord, accept our service
 For the sake of Christ, your Son;
 Lo, our hope abides now only
 In the righteousness he won.
 Bless and save us; help and guide us;
 Watch to comfort and restore
 Till in heav'n we rest rejoicing,
 Praising you forevermore.



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

Coming Up:

Today	9/30	9:00 AM	Worship
		10:15 AM	Fellowship, Bible Study, Sunday School
		4:00 PM	Catechism Class
Tuesday	10/2	6:30 PM	Ministry Team
			Finalize Listening Sunday and Brat Fry
Wednesday	10/3	10:00 AM	AM Bible Study Book Club
Sunday	10/7	9:00 AM	Worship with Member Communion
		10:15 AM	Fellowship, Bible Study, Sunday School
		4:00 PM	Catechism Class

LISTEN
 OBSERVE
 GROW

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.

**BRAT
 FRY**

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: Loren Schlodfeldt & Bryan Becht
 Altar: Kelley Buch
 Tellers: Dick and Cathy Yeakel
 Kitchen helpers: None signed up



Our Thanks To The Lord. Last week, 51 people came to worship the Lord.