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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: *Jim Behmer* Altar Care: *Janene Malzer*
Ushers: *Brian Becht & Ken Dingman* Tellers: *Jim Moldenhauer & Jean Tartaglia*
Kitchen Helpers: *Roxanne Ochsner*

Suggestions Before Worship: While we are on earth we will never escape the evil that sin produces. We see it in the content that is on our TV and in movies, in the way we treat one another and in the visible displays of evil that occur more and more often. While these things affect us greatly, we have something much greater that we look forward to. On this Sunday of End Times we focus on the Last Judgment. The great blessing we have of knowing that one day Jesus will come back and take us to be with him to our home in heaven. We thank the Lord that heaven is our home.



Welcome and Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn: 204 V 1,2

O God, Our Lord, Your Holy Word

1 O God, our Lord, Your holy Word Was long a hidden treasure
Till to its place It was by grace Restored in fullest measure.
For this today Our thanks we say And gladly glorify you.
Your mercy show And grace bestow On all who still deny you.

2 Salvation true By faith in you—That is your gospel's preaching,
The heart and core Of Bible lore In all its sacred teaching.
In Christ we must Put all our trust, Not in our deeds or labor;
With conscience pure And heart secure Love you, Lord, and our neighbor.

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.**

Responsive Reading of Psalm 90

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

P: Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.

C: Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

P: For a thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by, or like a watch in the night.

C: You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your presence.

P: You turn mortals back to dust. You sweep them away in the sleep of death.

C: The length of our days is seventy years—or eighty, if we have the strength; yet their span is but trouble and sorrow.

P: Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

C: Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love, that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.

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.**

*We have a moment of silence for private confession
of our own personal, 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. 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 final 2 verses of hymn 204.

3 Lord, you alone This work have done
By your free grace and favor.
All who believe Will grace receive
Through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
And though the foe Would overthrow
Your Word with grim endeavor,
All he has wrought Must come to naught—
Your Word will stand forever!

4 Since you are mine, My Lord divine,
Death holds no dreadful terrors;
Your precious blood, My highest good,
Has blotted out my errors.
My thanks to you—Your Word is true!
Fulfill your promise ever,
And mercy give While here I live
And heav'nly bliss forever.

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: Rule and govern our hearts and minds
by your Holy Spirit that we may always look
forward to the end of this present evil age
and to the day of your righteous judgment.
Keep us steadfast in true and living faith
and present us at last holy and blameless
before you; through 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: Daniel 7: 9,10

*What is more comforting: an almighty God of love who sits on his throne and judges wisely
or the unknown where there is nothing? Those who believe are comforted to know that their
God is a God of life everlasting.*

⁹ “As I looked, “thrones were set in place, and the Ancient of Days took his seat. His
clothing was as white as snow; the hair of his head was white like wool. His throne was

flaming with fire, and its wheels were all ablaze. ¹⁰ A river of fire was flowing, coming out from before him. Thousands upon thousands attended him; ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. The court was seated, and the books were opened.

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.

I Am Trusting You Lord Jesus

1 I am trusting you, Lord Jesus, Trusting only you,
Trusting you for full salvation, Free and true.

4 I am trusting you to guide me; You alone shall lead,
Ev'ry day and hour supplying All my need.

6 I am trusting you, Lord Jesus; Never let me fall.
I am trusting you forever And for all.

C: Be near me Lord Jesus, I ask you to stay. Close by me forever and love me I pray. Bless all the dear children in thy tender care, and take us to heaven to live with you there. Amen

Jesus Shepherd of the Sheep

1. Jesus, Shepherd of the sheep,
Who your Father's flock does keep,
Safe we wake and safe we sleep,
Guarded still by you

2 In your promise firm we stand;
None can take us from your hand.
Speak—we hear—at your command,
We will follow you.

5 We, in robes of glory dressed,
Join th' assembly of the blest,
Gathered to eternal rest In the fold with you.

The Second Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

The apostle Paul tells us to focus on the important stuff. When you see the end coming, be ready standing firm in faith.

Now, brothers, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, ² for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³ While people are saying, "Peace and safety," destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.

⁴ But you, brothers, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. ⁵ You are all sons of the light and sons of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. ⁶ So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be alert and self-controlled. ⁷ For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. ⁸ But since we belong to the day, let us be self-controlled, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet. ⁹ For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁰ He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. ¹¹ Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

P: Alleluia. Watch, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.
Alleluia. (Matthew 24:42)

C: Thanks be to you Oh Lord!!

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

Gospel: Matthew 25: 31-46

The day will come when our Savior will return and will declare his perfect love and perfect justice on Judgment Day.

³¹ "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his throne in heavenly glory. ³² All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³ He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

³⁴ "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. ³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, ³⁶ I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'

³⁷ "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? ³⁸ When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? ³⁹ When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'

⁴⁰“The King will reply, ‘I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.’

⁴¹“Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. ⁴²For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.’

⁴⁴“They also will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?’

⁴⁵“He will reply, ‘I tell you the truth, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.’

⁴⁶“Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.”

Sermon Hymn: 207 V 1-4

The Day is Surely Drawing Nigh

1 The day is surely drawing near When God’s Son, the Anointed,
Shall with great majesty appear As judge of all appointed.
All mirth and laughter then shall cease When flames on flames will still increase,
As Scripture truly teaches.

2 A trumpet loud shall then resound And all the earth be shaken.
Then all who in their graves are found Shall from their sleep awaken
And with the living in that hour By the Almighty’s boundless pow’r
Be changed at his commanding.

3 A book is opened then to all, A record truly telling
What each has done, both great and small, When he on earth was dwelling,
And ev’ry heart be clearly seen, And all be known as they have been
In thoughts and words and actions.

4 Then woe to those who scorned the Lord And sought but carnal pleasures,
Who here despised his precious Word And loved their earthly treasures!
With shame and trembling they will stand And at the judge’s stern command
To Satan be delivered.

Sermon Text: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Sermon Theme: Be Built Up and Build up

⁹For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁰He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

Please rise after the sermon as we sing the final verse of hymn 207 v 5,6.

5 My Savior paid the debt I owe And for my sin was smitten;
Within the Book of Life I know My name has now been written.
I will not doubt, for I am free, And Satan cannot threaten me;
There is no condemnation!

6 O Jesus Christ, do not delay, But hasten our salvation;
We often tremble on our way In fear and tribulation.
Your saints are waiting patiently; Come soon, Redeemer; make us free
From ev’ry evil. Amen.

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: As we see the signs of the end of the age all around us, we cry out to you, Oh Lord, we ask you to hear our prayer

C: Let your ears be attentive to our cries for mercy.

P: Heavenly Father, we confess with sorrow that we have sinned against you and deserve your anger and punishment

C: If you kept a record of our sins, we would surely be lost forever.

P: We confess with joy that your unfailing love has redeemed us.

C: Our hope is in you alone for our full freedom from sin.

P: We see the birth pangs of the last days all around us: violence, wars, famine, earthquakes, false prophets and spiritual apathy

C: Use these signs to remind us that we do not know the day or hour when Christ will come again.

P: Keep us faithful to your Word; send your Spirit to strengthen our faith so that we are always prepared for your Son's return to judge the world

C: Make us faithful in sharing your Word, and cause many more to put their hope in you before the end comes.

P: Build our fellowship of love as brothers and sisters in faith

C: Help us support one another when trials and troubles come our way.

Special prayers may follow

P: Hear us Lord as we bring you our private petitions.

P: Heavenly Father, we eagerly wait for Jesus to come again and make all things new. May he find us, whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life, faithfully enduring to the end, through the power of the Holy Spirit.

C: Come, Lord Jesus. May your grace be with us.

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: 439

Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me

1 Lord, take my hand and lead me Upon life's way;
Direct, protect, and feed me From day to day.
Without your grace and favor I go astray;
So take my hand, O Savior, And lead the way.

2 Lord, when the tempest rages, I need not fear;
For you, the Rock of Ages, Are always near.
Close by your side abiding, I fear no foe,
For when your hand is guiding, In peace I go.

3 Lord, when the shadows lengthen And night has come,
I know that you will strengthen My steps toward home,
And nothing can impede me, O blessed Friend!
So take my hand and lead me Unto the end.



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



Today	11/12	9:00 AM	Worship
		10:15 AM	Bible Study and Sunday School
Tuesday	11/14	9:30 AM	Caring Hands
		6:00 PM	Elders
		7:00 PM	Council
		5:30 PM	Fellowship Hall in Use
Wednesday	11/15	1:00 PM	Back to the Basics
		6:00 PM	Back to the Basics



If you don't have these dates on your calendar, it's a good time to add them.

November	22	6:30 PM	Thanksgiving Eve Service
November	23	12:00 PM	Thanksgiving Feast
December	9	10:30-1:30	Christmas For Kids

Willing Hands to Serve the Lord:



Next Week's Worship:
 Ushers: Ted Maasch, Bill Meyer
 Thanke Eve: Tom Johnson, Loren Schlodfelt
 Altar: Nancy Bucklin, Janene Malzer
 Tellers: Jim Moldenhauer and Jean Tartaglia
 Kitchen helpers: Janene Malzer and Dorie Heyn



Our Thanks to the Lord: Last week 79 people came to worship their Savior. God's people brought offerings of \$3620 which was very close to our target budget number for the second week in a row. May we give as freely and thankfully as we have been blessed. To God be the Glory, great things he has done!!!!



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FOR GOD DID NOT APPOINT US TO SUFFER WRATH BUT TO RECEIVE SALVATION THROUGH OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST. ¹⁰ HE DIED FOR US SO THAT, WHETHER WE ARE AWAKE OR ASLEEP, WE MAY LIVE TOGETHER WITH HIM.

1 THESSALONIANS 5: 9,10

NOVEMBER 12, 2017

Welcome

Good morning. 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.

Thanks

Thanks to all that came and helped with the Garage Sale over the last two days. It is always wonderful when the work falls on many instead of a few.



Diaper Drive. The Pregnancy Counseling Center is asking for newborn baby diapers. Please bring your donations and place them in or by the bassinet in the narthex.

Ministry
Team



The Ministry Team is continuing to discuss the items from the Listening Sunday. Immediate action can be taken on some of the items. These items from the short term planning list need in the way of official discussion and planning. Maybe you have already seen some of those tweaks to our ministry.

Other items may need a bit more planning and discussion and have been put on a medium range planning list. These items we will need a few months to discuss and plan effectively.

Finally, there are items that are even large in scope that we will have to continue to address and look into. These items are placed on a long term planning list.

The Ministry Team is planning on having those items at our Open Forum after Christmas in order to share the meetings with you and discuss what steps are being taken to address those items.



As in the past, we will be having out Thanksgiving worship service on Wednesday evening, November 22, at 6:30 PM.

We will also be having our Thanksgiving Day meal on Thursday, November 23, beginning at noon. Everyone is invited to this meal: members of the congregation, your family, friends, co-workers. Anyone who does not have plans for Thanksgiving can come and sit with our Christian family as we sit and thank the Lord together.

- Set-up for the meal will begin at 10:30 AM.
- Meal is at 12:00 PM.
- Clean-up is from 1:00 to 1:30 PM.

Look for the sign-up sheet on the board to the right as your exit the sanctuary. We would like to get a number of those planning to come and an idea of what everyone is bringing.

- Cranberries
- Stuffing
- Buns
- Vegetables
- Desserts
- Other:

