

# Summerlin Evangelical Lutheran Church



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**Good Morning and Welcome!**

Summerlin Lutheran Church is a group of believers in Jesus Christ gathered by the Holy Spirit around the Word of God and the Sacraments. We exist to fill the world with the true guiding light of God's Word. This will be accomplished by faithfully preserving and proclaiming God's infallible and inerrant Word and administering the Sacraments as they were instituted by Christ.

We are a member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS), a branch of the Lutheran Church noted for its faithful confession of Scripture. Our calling: "to preach Jesus Christ resurrected!"

This morning we have a very special service. Our children will present to us the wonderful news of Christmas using the Advent wreath. A special quartet will also beautify the service through song. May God bless our worship this morning.

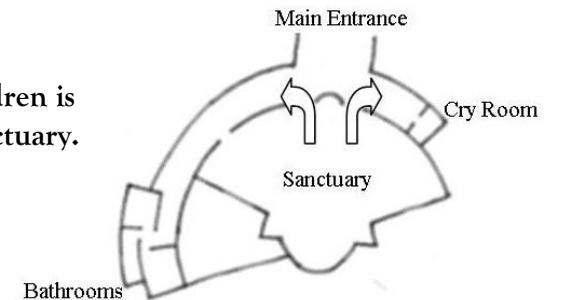


## Children's Christmas Service

December 23, 2018

If you have any questions, please speak with one of the ushers for assistance.

- ❖ Large print bulletins are available. Please ask an usher for a copy.
- ❖ Restrooms are located down the hall, to the left, as you exit the sanctuary.
- ❖ A cry room for parents and small children is located to the right as you exit the sanctuary.



## Welcome and Opening Prayer

Pastor In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: *(spoken)* Amen.

1 Little children, can you tell?  
Do you know the story well?  
Every girl and every boy  
While the angels sing for joy  
On this Christmas morning.

P: A voice of one calling in the wilderness, "Prepare the way for the LORD;

C: **make straight in the desert a highway for our God.**

P: Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low;

C: **the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain.**

P: And the glory of the LORD will be revealed,

C: **and all people will see it together.**

P: The people walking in darkness

C: **have seen a great light.**

P: On those living in the land of the shadow of death

C: **A light has dawned.**

P: For to us a child is born to us a Son is given

C: **And the government will be on his shoulders**

P: And he will be called:

C: **Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

P: Of the increase of his government and peace

C: **There will be no end.**

P: He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness

C: **from that time on and forever.**

P: The zeal of the almighty will establish this.

C: **Come, Lord Jesus.** (words of Isaiah 9)

2. For a little Babe that day  
Cradled in a manger lay,  
Born on earth our Lord to be;  
This the wondering angels see  
On the Christmas morning.



P: All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,

C: **so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.** (2 Timothy 3:16,17)

P: Yet so often we have despised God's Word and failed to gladly hear and learn it. For this and all our sins, we bow before God and humbly ask his forgiveness.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

*We have a moment of silence for individual repentance.*

M: God gave his Word so "that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name" (John 20:31). The Scriptures testify about Jesus, who lived a perfect life for you, died on the cross to pay for all your sins, and rose again to assure you of your salvation. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

3. All our hearts with joy shall fill,  
Peace and love, and all good-will;  
Here he is, our Savior, see  
Come to earth to set us free  
On this Christmas morning.

Peace

joy

## Prayer of the Day

P: We pray together:

**C: Hear our prayers, Lord Jesus Christ, and come with the good news of your mighty deliverance. Drive the darkness from our hearts and fill us with your light; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

4. Children Sing: Yes, we know the story well;  
Listen now, and hear us tell  
Every girl and every boy,  
Why the angels sing for joy,  
On the Christmas morning.

## The Word

### First Lesson: Isaiah 11: 1-3.

*Isaiah Prophecies of the Savior who would come from David's line.*

A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse;  
from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.

<sup>2</sup>The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him—  
the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding,  
the Spirit of counsel and of might,  
the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the LORD—  
<sup>3</sup>and he will delight in the fear of the LORD.



### Second Lesson: Galatians 4: 4-7

*The Apostle Paul shows us the importance of Christmas is not in a baby, but in the promise that God fulfilled.*

But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup>to redeem those under the law, that we might receive the full rights of sons. <sup>6</sup>Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, “Abba, Father.” <sup>7</sup>So you are no longer a slave, but God’s child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.

## The Gospel: John 1:1-14

*The light of the world has come. Jesus, the Savior, is here to bring light to hearts that are darkened in sin and unbelief.*

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was with God in the beginning. <sup>3</sup>Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. <sup>4</sup>In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.

<sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

<sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. <sup>8</sup>He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

<sup>9</sup>The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. <sup>11</sup>He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. <sup>12</sup>Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— <sup>13</sup>children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband’s will, but born of God.

<sup>14</sup>The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

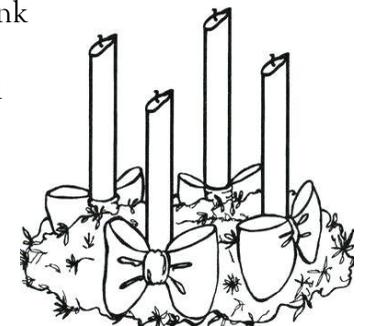
Children and Quartet Sing: I am So Glad When Christmas Comes

## I. Introduction to the Advent Wreath: Sydney Buch

Recitation: The wreath reminds us what to think  
In Advent, we prepare  
To meet our Savior, born so small  
Our sins for us to bear.

Children Sing: In A Little Stable

## II. The Prophecy Candle: Sarah Osterberg



Recitation: God pointed to this Savior  
For years and years on end.  
He promised to forgive all sins  
Our broken hearts to mend.

Quartet Sings: O Little Town of Bethlehem

### III. The Candle of Preparation: Jacob Stephens

Recitation: Get ready now, your hearts to hear  
For the Savior loves you too.  
Help us to be ready Lord  
The newborn king to view.

Quartet Sings: Were You There

### IV. The Angel Candle: Jacob Stephens

Recitation: I bring Good News for all to hear  
A Savior's born for you.  
Christ the Lord has come to earth  
His promise has come true.

Quartet Sings: Gloria!

### V. The Shepherd Candle: Keeton Buch

Recitation: The shepherds heard the angel's news.  
With joy they ran to see  
The little boy who had been born  
The Savior he will be.

Quartet Sings: Lately We Watched



### VI. The Christ Candle: Sydney Buch

Recitation: This one last candle stands alone.  
We wait until the day  
When we will sing His praises new.  
The Savior's born today!!



Congregation and Children sing: Away in a Manger  
Children sing verse 1. The congregation joins to sing the rest of the hymn.

Children: 1 Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.  
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

Congregation: 2 The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,  
But little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.  
I love you, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky,  
And stay by my side until morning is nigh.

3 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 your tender care,  
And take us to heaven to live with you there.

### We Bring Our Offering Of Thanks To The Lord

If you haven't already, please take a moment to sign the friendship registers.

- **Visitors and Guests:** Please fill in as much information as you feel comfortable sharing so that we can stay connected.
- **Members:** Please sign your name and indicate whether you will be taking communion this morning.

## Responsive Prayer for Advent

P: Eternal Father, throughout the centuries you repeated and affirmed your promise to send the offspring of the woman to crush the serpent's head. Through your prophets of old, you continually directed the eyes of your people to the advent of their Savior.

**C: We praise you, O Lord, for keeping your promise and sending your Son to destroy the works of the devil.**

P: As we prepare to celebrate the birth of our King, use your mighty Word to shatter our pride and to rouse us from spiritual slumber and apathy.

**C: Move us to take to heart the words of John: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near."**

P: You sent your Son to redeem us from sin. Let this good news be our joy and strength. Use it to cheer the lonely, encourage the fearful, and give hope to the despairing. In these days before Christmas, spare us from the stress of deadlines and the frenzy of commercialism.

**C: Fill our lives with the message of your peace and the music of your grace.**

P: Direct our eyes not only to the manger but also to the skies, where we will see your Son coming again, not as a lowly child but as the Lord of lords.

**C: Lift up our hearts in joyful anticipation of that day.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

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

*Silent prayer.*

P: Come quickly, Lord Jesus, in your grace, in your power, and in your glory.

**C: Come, Lord Jesus! Amen.**

## 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

P: 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.

C:



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

## Closing Hymn: A Great and Mighty Wonder Verses 1,2,4



1 A great and might - y won - der, A  
2 The Word be - comes in - car - nate And  
3 While thus they sing your mon - arch, Those  
4 Since all he comes to ran - som, By



glo - rious mys - ter - y: A vir - gin bears an  
yet re - mains on high, And cher - u - bim sing  
bright an - gel - ic bands, Re - joice, O vales and  
all be he a - dored, The in - fant born in



in - fant Who veils his de - i - ty.  
an - thems To shep - herds from the sky.  
moun - tains, And o - ceans, clap your hands.  
Beth - l'em, The Sav - ior and the Lord.

*Refrain*



Re - peat the hymn a - gain: "To God on high be  
glo - ry And peace on earth to men."

**Announcements:**

- 👉 We thank our children for bringing us the Good News that Jesus has been born for us.
- 👉 We thank the quartet for adding their special music to our worship.
- 👉 We thank Jim Behmer for his work in writing, arranging, and directing the quartet.
- 👉 We thank our God for giving us such an amazing and wonderful Savior who gives us the reason to join together and hear this good news.

**Coming up at SLC:**

Today	12/23	9:00 am	Children's Service
		10:15 am	Fellowship
		10:30 am	No Bible Class or Sunday School
		4:00 pm	No Catechism
Monday	12/24	7:00 pm	Candlelight Christmas Eve Service
Tuesday	12/25	10:00 am	Christmas Day Service
			The Savior Has Been Born For You!!!
			A very merry and blessed Christmas to all!!!
Sunday	12/30	9:00 am	Worship and WELS Connection
		10:15 am	Fellowship
		10:30 am	No Bible Class or Sunday School
		4:00 pm	No Catechism
Monday	12/31		New Year's Eve
Tuesday	1/1		Happy New Year!!!

**Usher Schedule for our Special Services**

Today: December 23	Jim Moldenauer, Larry Wiersum
Monday: December 24	Christmas Eve Jim Moldenhauer, Tom Johnson
Tuesday: December 25	Christmas Day Jim Moldenhauer, Tom Johnson
Sunday: December 30	Cliff Talgo, Chuck Ochsner



**Willing Hands This Morning:**

Organist: Carol Johnson Altar Care: Kelley Buch  
 Ushers: Jim Moldenauer & Larry Wiersum Tellers: Dick and Cathy Yeakel  
 Kitchen Helpers: Dori Heyn and Janene Malzer

**Serving the Lord Next Week:**

Ushers: Cliff Talgo, Chuck Ochsner  
 Altar: Kelley Buch  
 Tellers: Dick and Cathy Yeakel  
 Kitchen helpers: The Buchs

**Our Thanks to the Lord:**

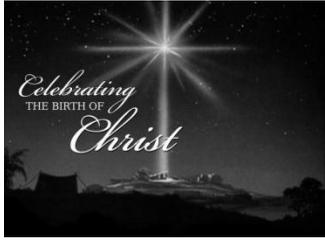
The bulletin was printed early this week. No financial information is available. Please see next week's bulletin for more information.



**We Pray for Those Who Carry Heavy Loads:**

Jack Turner: Health and Strength  
 Carl Danweber: At the loss of his wife, June  
 Lisa Zacarria: Cancer treatment  
 Lou Howard: Patience and Peace  
 Byron and Nancy Houseworth: Health and Strength  
 Daryl Lucke continued strength

.... And all others, whether we know it or not, who are hurting either physically or emotionally today. Lord help them and us to find peace in you.



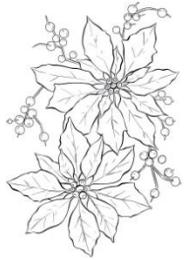
Please note our Special Services:

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Monday, December 24  
7:00 PM

Christmas Day Worship

Tuesday, December 25  
10:00 AM



Poinsettias have been provided by donations from our congregational members. The list will be included in our Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and December 30<sup>th</sup> bulletin.

## on the table.

Don't forget to check the table in the narthex from time to time. You will find calendars, Forward in Christ, Meditations, and other helpful information about the congregation and what's going on.



Two member letters were handed out last week at church or sent through the mail. Please take a moment to read those letters.



There will be no Bible Study, Sunday or Wednesday morning, over the holidays. **Bible Study will resume Sunday, January 6 and Wednesday, January 9.** Please mark your calendars.



Offering envelopes are available on the table by the water fountain in the entry way of church. Please pick yours up today. This year, you may still pick up your envelopes even if you are giving electronically. Just write on your weekly envelope 'E-Giving' to inform the counters and Treasurer.



Online Giving, or E-Giving is also available. If you would like to start the new year giving electronically speak with Kelley Buch, take a packet from the table or click on the blue banner on our website or emails.

*Merry*  
CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY *New Year*

From Pastor Buch, Kelley and the kids  
The Church Council and Elders  
And your Christian Family at Summerlin Lutheran Church



# Were here to Serve

January 6	Jim Moldenhauer	Bill Meyer
January 13	Bryan Becht	Larry Wiersum
January 20	Duane Meyer	Joe Schindler
January 27	Cliff Talgo	Chuck Ochsner
February 3	Bryan Becht	Mark Boehringer
February 10	Cliff Talgo	Bill Meyer
February 17	Joe Schindler	Tom Johnson
February 24	Larry Wiersum	Duane Meyer
March 3	Jim Moldenhauer	Duane Meyer
<u>Ash Wed. March 6</u>	Jim Moldenhauer	Tom Johnson
March 10	Bryan Becht	Mark Boehringer
<u>Wed, March 13</u>	Wally Marsh	Tom Johnson
March 17	Tom Johnson	Bill Meyer
<u>Wed. March 20</u>	Jim Moldenhauer	Tom Johnson
March 24	Chuck Ochsner	Cliff Talgo
<u>Wed, March 27</u>	Wally Marsh	Tom Johnson
March 31	Joe Schindler	Larry Wiersum



**Summerlin Lutheran Church:**  
**Church Chairman / Treasurer:**  
**Vice-Chairman / Trustee:**  
**Elder:**

**Church Council Officers:**  
**Mr. Chuck Ochsner**  
**Mr. Mark Boehringer**  
**Mr. Duane Meyer**

For the Kids...  
Crayons and pencils are available. Please ask an usher for assistance



The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. John 1.