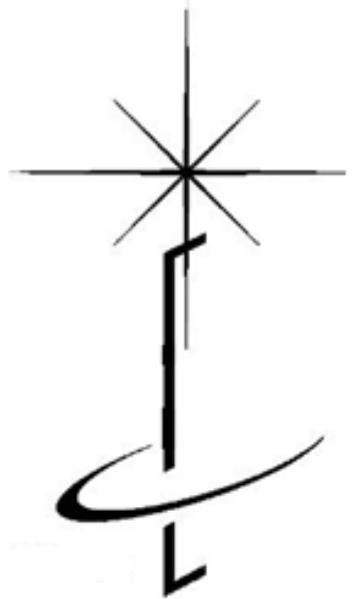
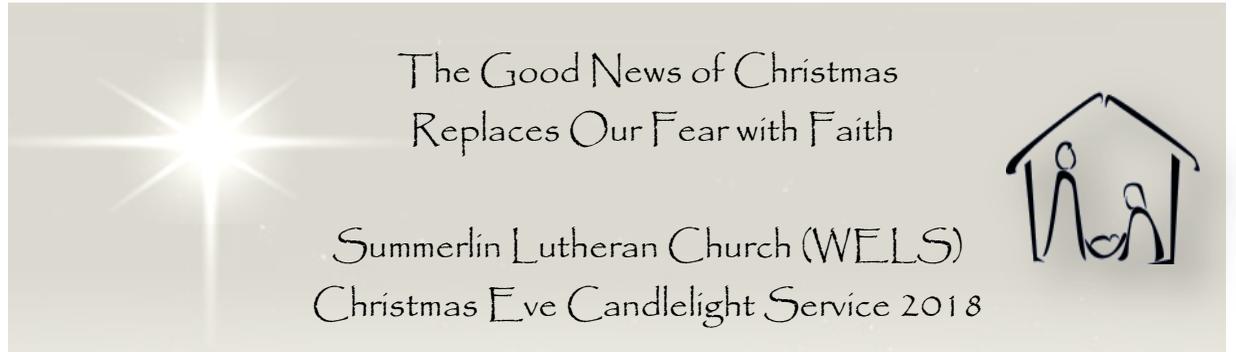


Summerlin Evangelical
Lutheran Church



A Service of Scripture and Song
On the Eve of the Savior's Birth
December 24, 2018



Quartet: A Christmas Medley

Introduction and Opening Prayer

Hymn: 28: 1, 2 and 4 "Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord"

1 Let the earth now praise the Lord, Who has truly kept his word
And at last to us did send Christ, the sinner's help and friend.

2 What the fathers most desired, What the prophets' heart inspired,
What they longed for many a year Stands fulfilled in glory here.

4 Welcome, O my Savior, now! Joyful, Lord, to you I bow.
Come into my heart, I pray; Oh, prepare yourself a way.

Come let us
Adore
Him

I. God Replaces Fear with Faith in the Garden of Eden.

✦ Scripture Lesson: Genesis 3: 10-15

Hymn: 32 vs. 1 & 4..... "When Sinners See Their Lost Condition"

1 When sinners see their lost condition And feel the pressing load of sin
And Jesus comes on his blest mission To heal the sin-sick heart within,
All grief must flee before his grace, And joy divine will take its place.

4 When Jesus comes—O blessed story—He works a change in heart and life;
God's kingdom comes with pow'r and glory To young and old, to man and wife.
Through sacrament and living Word Faith, love, and hope are now conferred.

II. God Replaces Fear with Faith Through the Promise of the Coming Savior.

✦ Scripture Lesson: Isaiah 6: 4, 34: 14, 40: 1-2 and 9: 2, 6

Hymn: 11 vs. 1 & 2....."Comfort, Comfort All My People"

1 "Comfort, comfort all my people; Speak of peace," so says our God.
"Comfort those who sit in darkness, Groaning from their sorrows' load.
Speak to all Jerusalem Of the peace that waits for them;
Tell them that their sins I cover, That their warfare now is over."

2 All their sins our God will pardon, Blotting out each dark misdeed;
All that well deserve his anger He no more will see or heed.
They have suffered many a day; Now their griefs have passed away.
God will change their aching sadness Into ever-springing gladness.

III. The Fear of Sin is Replaced with Faith in the Coming Savior.

✦ Scripture Lesson: Isaiah 7:14 and 53: 4-6

Hymn: 12....."Hark the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes"

1 Hark the glad sound! The Savior comes, The Savior promised long;
Let ev'ry heart prepare a throne And ev'ry voice a song.

2 He comes the captives to release, In Satan's prison held.
The gates of brass before him burst; The iron fetters yield.

4 Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace, Your welcome shall proclaim,
And heav'n's eternal arches ring With your beloved name.

IV. Mary's Fear is Turned to Faith Through the Good News of the Birth of Jesus.

✦ Scripture Lesson: St. Luke 1: 26-38

Solo:....."Mary Did You Know?"

V. Joseph's Fear is Turned to Faith Through the Good News of the Birth of Jesus.

✦ Scripture Lesson: St. Matthew 1: 18-25

Hymn: 23 vs. 2,4 "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

2 Oh, come, O Root of Jesse, free Your own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell your people save, And bring them vict'ry o'er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to you, O Israel!

4 Oh, come, O Key of David, come, And open wide our heav'nly home.
Make safe the way that leads on high, And close the path to misery.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to you, O Israel!



VI. The Account of Jesus' Birth St. Luke 2: 1-7 King James Version

The congregation joins together with the pastor to read the Christmas account.

C: And it came to pass in those days that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) And all went to be taxed, everyone into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, (because he was of the house and lineage of David,) To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

Hymn: 65 vs. 1 & 3....."O Little Town of Bethlehem"

1 O little town of Bethlehem, How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep And dreamless sleep The silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth The everlasting light.
The hopes and fears Of all the years Are met in thee tonight.



3 How silently, how silently The wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts To human hearts The blessings of his heav'n.
No ear may hear his coming, But in this world of sin
Where meek souls will Receive him still, The dear Christ enters in.

VII. The Christmas Good News for Which the World has been Waiting,

✦ St. Luke 2: 8-14 King James Version

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⁸And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. ¹⁰And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. ¹¹For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. ¹²And this *shall be* a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,
¹⁴ Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, Good will toward men.

Hymn: 61 vs. 1 and 3..... "Hark The Herald Angels Sing"

1 Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all you nations rise, Join the triumph of the skies;
With th' angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"



3 Hail, the heav'nly Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, Ris'n with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, Born that we no more may die,
Born to raise us from the earth, Born to give us second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

VIII. The Birth of Christ Replaces the Shepherds' Fear with Faith.

Hymn: 54 vs. 1, 2 "Where Shepherds Lately Knelt"

1 As shepherds lately knelt and watched their flocks by night
To them appeared a host of a--ngels bright
Behold the pre--cious little babe they said
Is there in Beth'lems lowly manger laid.

2 In that unlikely place I find him as they said:
Sweet newborn Babe, how frail! and in a manger bed,
A still, small voice to cry one day for me,
A still, small voice to cry one day for me.



Offering - Solo: "O Holy Night"

St. Luke 2: 15-20

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¹⁵And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Beth-lehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. ¹⁶And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. ¹⁷And when they had seen *it*, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. ¹⁸And all they that heard *it* wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. ¹⁹But Mary kept all these things, and pondered *them* in her heart. ²⁰And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

Solo: The Savior Has Become My Son Tonight

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

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.

Hymn: 60....."Silent Night"

1 Silent night! Holy night! All is calm, all is bright, Round yon virgin mother and child. Holy Infant, so tender and mild, Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.	2. Silent Night, Holy Night Shepherds quake at the sight. Glories stream from heaven afar; Heav'nly hosts sing, Alleluia; Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!
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3 Silent night! Holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.



IX God's Love at Christmas Replaces Crippling Fear with Saving Faith.

✦ Scripture Lesson: I John 4: 9; I John 3: 16-18

Hymn: 35 "Of the Father's Love Begotten"

1 Of the Father's love begotten Ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega, He the source, the ending he,
Of the things that are, that have been, And that future years shall see
Evermore and evermore

5 Christ, to you, with God the Father, And the Spirit ceaselessly
Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving And unending praises be,
Honor, glory, and dominion And eternal victory
Evermore and evermore.

X. Jesus' Voice Replaces Fear with Faith.

✦ Scripture Lesson: St. Matthew 9: 2; St. John 14: 1-2 & 27; St. Luke 12: 23

Closing and Benediction

Closing Hymn: 62 "Joy to the World"

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King; Let ev'ry heart prepare him room And heav'n and nature sing, And heav'n and nature sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.	2. Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.
3 No more let sins and sorrows grow Nor thorns infest the ground; He comes to make his blessings flow Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is found, Far as, far as the curse is found.	4 He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the nations prove The glories of his righteousness And wonders of his love, And wonders of his love, And wonders, wonders of his love.

May God grant to you a blessed Christmas and a very happy New Year.
Please join us tomorrow morning at 10:00 am for Christmas Day worship
or on Sunday at 9:00 am for our regular worship services