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Opening Hymn: 55

Oh Come All Ye Faithful

Please Stand for the Responsive Reading and Confession of Sins

Good Morning: 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!!

*Restrooms are to the left and down the hallway, as you exit the sanctuary.
A fully equipped Cry Room located to the right as you exit the sanctuary.*

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.

If you need a large print copy of the bulletin please ask an usher for assistance.

Willing Hands This Morning:

Organist: *Carol Johnson*

Altar Care: *Kelley Buch*

Ushers: *Jim Moldenhauer & Noah Longworth* Tellers: *Cathy and Dick Yeakel*

Suggestions Before Worship: As we gather to celebrate this Christmas morning, we realize that our Christmas celebration lasts the whole year. Every Sunday is a celebration of Christmas and of Easter. Every Sunday we praise and thank God for his gift to us of a Savior who would take away our sins. Every Sunday we praise and thank God that he has opened heaven for us. This morning, thank God for the precious gift of his Son who takes away the sins of the world; yours and mine.

M: On this Christmas Day, we marvel at the Savior being born for us.
C: **With thanks and joy we praise you for your love in the manger.**

M: We use the words of Psalm 98 to praise our God for his love: Sing to the LORD a new song
C: **For he has done marvelous things.**

M: The Lord has revealed his salvation
C: **And revealed his righteousness to the nations.**

M: He has remembered his love and faithfulness to the house of Israel
C: **All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.**

M: Shout for joy to the LORD all the earth
C: **Burst forth with jubilant song.**

M: Make music to the LORD with the harp
C: **With the harp and the sound of singing.**

M: Shout for joy to the Lord, the King
C: **He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with equity.**



Confession of Sins

M: God has sent a Savior to a world that is filled with sin. Sin entered the world through Adam and Eve. But even after that first sin, God promised that he would send a Savior to take away those sins and open heaven. God has kept his promise, he has been faithful in his love for all people by sending the Savior. Yet, even though God's love is on display, especially at this time of year, we continue to sin against him and disobey him, choosing our own way instead of following his. On this Christmas Day we confess our sins to our God. We confess we don't deserve the love of a Savior and plead for God to show us his love and mercy once again.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am born in sin. In countless ways I sin against you. I sin against you in outward ways, in the way I speak and act towards others, and in inward ways, with a heart that is full of selfishness, greed and pride. I do not deserve to be called your follower and child. But, I see the Savior being born in the manger and I hear the good news of great joy that is for all people, me and all nations. In the name of my Savior from sin, Jesus, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Forgive me of my sins, and take away my guilt.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. He has kept all his promises to our first parents Adam and Eve, which were repeated through the ages to countless others. Be joyful at the proclamation of the angels. This Savior has been born for you. By his perfect life and innocent death on the cross, our Savior, Jesus has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live in the joy of his forgiveness.

C: Amen.

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord as we sing the printed verses:
(Hymn 42: 2,3)

**2 See how God, for us providing,
Gave his Son and life abiding;
He our weary steps is guiding
From earth's woe to heav'nly joy.**

**3 Christ, from heav'n to us descending
And in love our race befriending,
In our need his help extending,
Saved us from the wily foe.**

Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray.
Almighty God, grant that the birth of your one and only Son in the flesh may set us free from our old bondage under the yoke of sin; through 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

First Lesson: Isaiah 9: 2,6,7

The light of the world has come. Jesus is the light that brings salvation to those who sit in the darkness of sin.

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.

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.

In a Little Stable

1. In a little stable Far across the sea
Was a little baby Just like you and me
2. Shepherds knelt before him, angels watched with care
Cause this babe was Jesus, Lying smiling there.
3. Oh, I love this Jesus, who was little then,
For I know he loves me, Little though I am.



P: Let us fold our hands, bow our heads and ask Jesus our loving Savior to hear us as we pray together.

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

Little Children Can You Tell?

1. Little children, can you tell,
Do you know the story well,
Ev'ry girl and ev'ry boy,
Why the angels sing for joy
On the Christmas morning?

2. Yes, we know the story well;
Listen now, and hear us tell,
Ev'ry girl and ev'ry boy,
Why the angels sing for joy
On the Christmas morning?



3. For a little babe that day,
Cradled in a manger lay,
Born on earth our Lord to be;
This the wond'ring angels see
On the Christmas morning?

The Second Lesson: John 1:1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was with God in the beginning.

³ Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴ In him was life, and that life was the light of men. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.

⁶ There came a man who was sent from God; his name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all men might believe. ⁸ He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. ⁹ The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world.

¹⁰ He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. ¹¹ He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. ¹² Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— ¹³ children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

¹⁴ The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

P: Alleluia! The Light of the world brings light in the darkness. Alleluia!!

C: Thanks be to you Oh Lord!

Hymn of the Day: 34

Now Sing We Now Rejoice

Sermon Text: Luke 2:1-20

Sermon Theme: Listen to the Shepherd Tell His Story

Come and See the Savior. Your Savior, My Savior.

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. ² (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) ³ And everyone went to his own town to register.

⁴ So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. ⁵ He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. ⁶ While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, ⁷ and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

⁸ And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. ⁹ An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹ Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

¹³ Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests."

¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

¹⁶ So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. ¹⁷ When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, ¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.



After the sermon is completed please rise as we join together in singing:

Hymn 12: Hark the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes

We confess our Christian faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

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

If you haven't already, please take a moment to sign the friendship registers. If you notice someone hasn't had a chance to sign, please hand them the register. Thank you. During the offering a quartet will sing.

Please rise for prayer



Responsive Prayer and Lord's Prayer

P: On this holy day, dear Father, we rejoice to hear the good news of great joy that a Savior has been born for us. For fulfilling your prophecies and in the fullness of time sending your Son to be our Savior, we give you our heartfelt thanks and praise.

C: Unto us a child is born! Unto us a Son is given!

P: What a great mystery of our faith this is; that God has become fully human for our salvation! Even though he is the all-powerful Lord of all, he is wrapped in strips of cloth and lying in a manger.

C: Help us always believe that this precious child was born as our substitute to be our Savior.

P: In the midst of our joy, we grieve for the many people in our world who do not know that Jesus has come to bring them forgiveness and healing. As the shepherds spread aboard the good news of the birth of the Savior born for all the world, may we also make the use of the unique opportunities this holiday presents to tell others of what we have seen and heard concerning the child.

C: Grant that the true peace between God and fallen mankind may comfort all people.

Special prayers

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

Silent prayer

P: As the angels sang out their praise, move us also to sing out our praise to you, today and every day, as the joy of Christmas remains in our hearts.

C: Glory to God in the highest! Amen.

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.

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.



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

Closing Hymn: 62



Joy to the World



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GIFTS ON MY ALTAR

Place these gifts on my altar this Christmas;
Gifts that are mine, as the years are mine:
The quiet hopes that flood the earnest cargo of my dreams:
The best of all good things for those I love,
A fresh new trust for all whose faith is dim.
The love of life, God's precious gift in reach of all:
Seeing in each day the seeds of the morrow,
Finding in each struggle the strength of renewal,
Seeking in each person the face of my brother.
I place these gifts on my altar this Christmas;
Gifts that are mine, as the years are mine. --Howard Thurman



**We pray your worship has been blessed!
Please come again!**



Your Brothers and Sisters in Christ at Summerlin Evangelical Lutheran Church wish you and your family a Merry Christmas with the Christ-Child and a blessed New Year in the Lord's blessings.

**It's Not Over With One Service.
Jesus Is Our Savior All Year Long.**



For
unto
you is
born this
day in the
city of David
a saviour, which
is Christ the Lord.
Luke
2:11

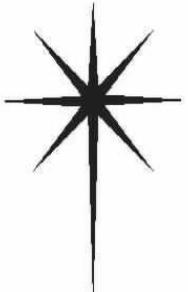
If you are new to the area, new to our church, or are looking for a church to attend, Summerlin Lutheran would like to invite you back to hear more about Jesus the Savior of the world.

Our next two Sundays will continue with the theme of Christ in Christmas. Please join us to hear more about our Savior from sin and our Messiah who opens heaven.

In January, we will be looking at how Jesus is revealed to us and the world. God does not want his Savior to be hidden, he wants the whole world to hear and believe that he has sent his Son to forgive us. He shows us his Son in many ways.

We invite you to come and hear of the love of the Savior that God has sent for you. Hope to see you again very soon.

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE



For unto us,
a Child is born....
Isaiah 9:6

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