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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.

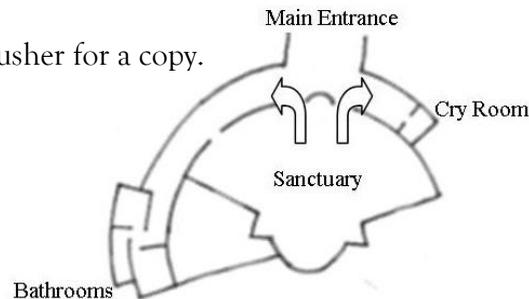
We are a member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS), a branch of the Lutheran Church noted for its faithful confession of Scripture. Our calling: "to preach Jesus Christ resurrected!"

During the season of Advent, we prepared our hearts and minds for Jesus to come. We celebrated his coming earlier this week as we sat by candlelight and saw that there is no Christmas without the cross and celebrated his birth on Christmas Day.

Although most radio stations have stopped playing Christmas songs, the TV Christmas specials are done airing, and the stores have moved onto something else, we do not. We will use the special Christmas hymns one more time, to focus our hearts and minds on the fact that Christmas is in our hearts all year long because of the cross.

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

First Hymn: 55 O Come All Ye Faithful

### Words of our Repentance and God's Love

*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**

### We Confess our Sins to God

*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.*

P: Christmas is a time of joy and happiness. Yet, while most people focus on family, gifts, or tradition as the source of their joy, we realize that our joy and happiness comes from a Savior who has taken away our sins. Even though we focus on Bethlehem, we know that the road to the cross that Jesus walked for us began at Bethlehem in the manger. During our celebration of Christmas, it is good that we should see the joy of the forgiveness that Jesus won. This morning, we confess our sins and celebrate the forgiveness that comes from our Savior who was born in the manger at Bethlehem.

**C: Dear Lord, Heavenly Father, in the light of the joy of Christmas, I confess that I have committed many sins of thought, word and action. I have sins that I am aware of and sins I do not know. I have committed sins of weakness and sins of choice. As the Scriptures teach, I was born in sin and by nature I am lost in sin. As a sinner, I deserve the punishment and death that sin deserves. I am sorry for all of my sins and I humbly ask you to forgive me because of what Jesus has done for me.**

P: God showed his love to us in the manger of Bethlehem. God sent his Son to earth on a mission because our sin had separated us from Him. Jesus came to make peace between us and God. By the perfect life and innocent death of Jesus, the peace and joy of Christmas are yours. Your sins are forgiven, they are gone forever. Through Jesus, you are God's own dear child. May God give you strength to live in the joy of your forgiveness today and every day.

**C: Amen.**

## We Thank God for His Goodness

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

### Hymn 12 Hark the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes

The Congregation will sing all verses

#### Part 1. We Prepared our Hearts and Minds for the Savior to Come.

Hymns:

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| 32. When Sinners see Their Lost Condition | V 1,2   |
| 47. Behold a Branch is Growing            | V 1,2   |
| 23. O Come O Come Emmanuel                | V 1,2,4 |

#### Part 2. The Glorious Revelation: Christ the Savior is Born

Hymns:

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| 65. O Little Town of Bethlehem   | V 2,3 |
| 54. Where Shepherds Lately Knelt | V 1,2 |
| 63. Angels We Have Heard on High | V 1-3 |



#### Part 3. Why is There Christmas?

Hymns:

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| 35. Of the Father's Love Begotten | V 1,2,3 |
| 68. Away in a Manger ~ Old Melody |         |
| 67. What Child Is This            | V 1,2,3 |

### We Bring our Offerings 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.

### Prayer

P: I will exalt you, my God the King, I will praise your name for your great love.

C: **Every day I will praise your name.**

P: It is fitting that we should express our gratitude to you for the countless blessings which you give.

C: **We thank you for the blessing which you gave at Christmas of our Savior, our forgiveness and our salvation.**

P: It is fitting that at the end of the year we should thank you for the blessings of the past year.

C: **You have been faithful to your promises to watch over us and care for us. You have given us more than we deserve.**

P: It is fitting that we should look forward with hope and confidence to the future.

C: **We trust in your promises and know that you will continue to bless us as you have promised in your Word.**

P: We thank you especially for your Word and Sacraments through which you strengthen our faith and equip us for service to you and to others.

C: **Increase our commitment to these special gifts so that we may continue to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Savior, Jesus Christ.**

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

P: Almighty God, as you led your people out of Egypt to the promised land, lead us by your Word that we may live our lives in the joy of Christmas every day of our life.

C: **We ask these things in the name of our one and only Savior, Jesus. In his name we began 2019 and in his name we close it, looking forward to another year of his grace, Amen.**

### The 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.**

### 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: Amen

### Part 4: God's Love at Christmas Shines Into the New Year

Hymns:

- 62. Joy to the World V 1,4
- 64. Let Us All with Gladsome Voice



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



It is our prayer that the joy of the Christmas message will continue throughout the year. We pray that the news of the baby in Bethlehem born for you, brings you back to the Lord's house again and again to look in wonder at the manger and in awe and thanks at the cross.

May God bless you with a Merry Christmas in this New Year.



## Poinsettia Flower Donations



The poinsettia plants beautifying our worship services throughout the Christmas season were donated by members and friends of our church.

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 Loved Ones  
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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.  
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 Gifts that are mine, as the years are mine.

-Howard Thurman



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The Joyful Songs of Christmas

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