

“Keepin’ it simple, on Thanksgiving Day”  
ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH “Oasis of Joy”

Thursday, November 23, 2017  
*approximately 10:00 am*

Welcome to our “humble temple” ... a good way to start a “day of thanksgiving.” We do like our services to be quiet and spiritual. We don’t have an “official nursery” this morning ... but if you need to use the nursery area ... you are welcome to go back there.

***A warm welcome to our friends from St. Coletta’s ... we have a nice dinner for you in Charter Hall after worship.***

welcome ... maybe an announcement or two

#### OPENING PRAYER

*Help me keep it simple today, Lord.*

*Family. Friends. Ordinary moments, laced with love.*

*I hurt and am saddened by all the violence and unrest in our world.  
When innocence is violated, and barriers keep us apart. I feel, too,  
the un-rest inside my own soul.*

*I pray today for those for whom soup-kitchens and lonely re-hab  
hallways are their banquet tables.*

*Our days will probably get more fast and furious.*

*Schedules and deadlines can easily define us.*

*Can you help me slow down, Lord?*

*Can you help me stay in touch with the spiritual side of giving?*

*My time. My attitude. My perspective. Putting others first.*

*Listening more. Sharing. Gentleness and kindness.*

*No price tags ... just giving from the poverty and majesty  
of my own soul.*

*May I walk in the sandals of your humble carpenter son.*

*Maybe a limp, instead of a walk ...*

*but I least I’ll be going in the right direction.*

*Thank-you, Lord ---- amen.*

opening song  
“Praise and Thanksgiving” 689

#### PSALM 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.  
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures ... he leadeth me beside  
the still waters ... he restoreth my soul. He leadeth me in the paths of  
righteousness for his name’s sake.  
Yea, tho’ I walk through the valley of the shadow of death ... I fear no  
evil. For thou art with me ---- thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.  
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies ...  
thou anointest my head with oil ... my cup runneth over.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life.  
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

morning reading ... from “Guerrillas of Grace”

“will my younger friends come forward?”  
kids’ time

song  
“Let all things now living” 881

meditation

offering and choir anthem ... “Thankful”

prayers and sharing the Lord’s Supper  
Kathy & Mike: “America” spirit: 27 (2x), 46, 53  
“alleluia, he’s my savior, alleluia”

closing song  
“America the beautiful” 888

benediction and 3-fold “amen”

### **CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY OUTREACH**

The names of the folks we are “adopting” are on the narthex table.

Please read the instructions carefully ... and don't forget to leave a copy of the sheet with us. THE LOVE BUCKET for the next few weeks is dedicated to our outreach. Your donations help us buy food for the families we are helping, and give each family some holiday cash. It's fun to give and share. The church enjoys getting Christmas cards from you. We display them in the narthex.

### **COMING UP AT ALL SAINTS**

- \*Worship on Sunday, 8:30 & 11 (no Sunday School) ... but there will be a kids' sermon in church!!
- \*Senior young-at-hearts ... Wednesday, November 29, 11:30 ... we are cooking for you ... please rsvp.
- \*Saturday, December 2, 9:00 AM ---- decorating the church for the Advent-Christmas season ... sign-up if you can help us.
- \*ARTISTS' FAIRE ... December 7 and 10 ... still room if you'd like to share your “artistic side” with us.

ADVENT SUPPERS ... around the Christmas tree in Charter Hall.

Thursdays before church, 6:30 --- December 7, 14, 21.

You can rsvp in the narthex. If you'd like to help by bringing something to share, indicate that ... but you don't have to.

A FEW MORE OPENINGS FOR THE “container workshop”  
at Melka's on Wednesday, November 29.

FORMS FOR POINTSETTIA PLANTS ... if you'd like to donate one for the Christmas season ... in the narthex.