

“A season of LOVE AND EXPECTATION ... Advent!@!!”
ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH “Oasis of Joy” USA

Today is ... SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2017

Welcome to our “humble temple” ... and humble it is!!

We hope your soul is nourished, being with us this morning.
We are honored by your presence. We enjoy having kids in church.
When they get a bit noisy and goofy ... we ask you PLEASE TO
RESPECT the sanctity of our worship experience, and the comfort of
your neighbor. We have a fine nursery for kids age 5 and under. Our
highly paid, moderately Lutheran, and ever-festive staff is always
anxious to care for your children. Please accompany your
son/daughter to the nursery, and introduce yourself to the
attendants. Your Advent—coffee awaits you in Charter Hall!!

an announcement or two??

OPENING PRAYER

In a way, Lord ... this morning: my heart and soul are full of peace.
The music. The tree. The feeling “in this very room.”
So much happens in this place ... so much of our journey begins
and ends here.
A baptism. A dollar-store toy from “my aging pastor.”
Saying “good-bye” to someone I love.
In this very room ... I laugh and I cry ... I get sad and I hope ...
my faith gets stronger ... my doubts don’t consume me.
Here I am free ... to be ... to be me ... to be your child,
in this crazy world around me.
Lord, your son Jesus is a gift. Reminding me not just this season,
but every day ---- LIFE IS A GIFT.
Not perfect. Not always fair. Not always easy.
Help me accept ... with grace and humility ... the gifts coming my way.
Especially the gift you shared so many years ago.
Yes, a son is born.
Amen.

**The gift of music ... from the Stagg High School madrigal choir.
Welcome ... students & director Chris Betz --- 8:30

opening song

“Hark the herald angels sing” 270

the liturgy ... page 98

“This is the feast” page 101

readings for the day

*1st lesson *the psalm *2nd readings
please rise for the gospel ... “alleluia” page 102

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

song

“It came upon the midnight clear” 282

meditation

the creed, page 105

offering and offertory

“holy, holy, holy” page 108

choir anthem: “Let there be peace on earth” 8:30

prayers and sharing the Lord’s Supper

“Lamb of God” page 112

Communion songs: 278, 279, 281, 288

“Take a walk through Bethlehem” Kathy Janik, 11:00

closing song

“Go, tell it on the mountain” 290

Benediction and 3-fold “amen”

We have beautiful flowers gracing our church today ...

*from Joanne Triezenberg, in loving memory of her mom, Elsie Kozak, who would be 89 ... and her dad, Frank Kozak, who would have been 100 ... God bless their memories and spirits.

The eternal light shines brightly this morning ...

*from the Turner family, in loving memory of Bob Turner, Sr.

*from Ruth Vogel, in loving memory of her husband Bill, who would have been 94.

*from Barb Reibel, in loving memory of her husband Bill, on the 1st anniversary of his death.

Memories & Spirits --- they keep us going !!

A FEW HAPPENINGS AND REMINDERS

Today: *The Artists' Faire continues ...

Monday: *Youth Christmas Dinner, 6:00 at Papa Joe's

Tuesday: *Stitch and Sew Christmas Party

Wednesday: *Gift wrapping, 10 am

*Men's Club Christmas party, 6:30 pm

Thursday: *Advent Supper, 6:30 ...

followed by Advent worship at 7:30.

Saturday: *Sunday School Christmas Eve service rehearsal, 9:00 am

Next Sunday: *"The Carlo Experience"

*Outreach Sunday (all day!!)

Sunday, December 24, Christmas Eve Worship

10 am 4:00 Sunday School 10 pm Candlelight

Monday, December 25, Christmas Day 10 am

Sunday, December 31 8:30 & 11

STILL TIME TO ORDER A POINSETTIA!!