

“Wow where did the time go???? 2017 to 2018 ... “
ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH “Oasis of Joy” USA

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2017

**On this cold winter morning ... we are honored by your presence.
We hope your soul is nourished ... and warmed-up a bit ...
being with us today.**

We enjoy having our “younger friends” in church. We do ask --- when they get a bit noisy and restless ... please 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 festive, and intensely Lutheran staff is always anxious to care for your children. Please accompany your son/daughter to the nursery, and introduce yourself to the attendants. Welcome to our “humble temple” ... some “fine coffee” awaits you in Charter Hall.

welcome ... possibly an announcement or two

OPENING PRAYER

In the silence of this humble place, I hear your voice ---- gently nudging me to hold onto what is most precious in life.

As the needles dry-up ... and the poinsettia leaves fall ... I need my soul to stay fresh. Sure ... at times --- I feel “puny” ... like I don’t make all that much of a difference in the world. But your son reminds me:

I do have purpose.

I do and can make a difference.

There is a place for me “in my little corner of the kingdom.”

Whoever I am ... whatever I do ... wherever my journey takes me:
may it be laced with an extra dose of kindness ... a few more
moments of goodness & grace ... a few messages
of forgiveness and hope and joy.

It’s too easy, Lord, to be cynical ... to 2nd guess myself and others ...
to think that your message just doesn’t “work” in all the noise
and harshness surrounding us.

WRONG!! We need it. I need to be a part of it. Keep on speaking

to me, Lord ... I’ll do my best to listen --- amen.

opening song

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Readings for the day

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please rise for the gospel ... “alleluia” ... page 102

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

song

“O come all ye faithful” 283

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offering and offertory

“holy, holy, holy” page 108

prayers and sharing the Lord’s Supper

“Lamb of God” page 112

Communion songs: 278, 279, 281, 282

“alleluia, he’s my savior, alleluia”

closing song

“Go tell it on the mountain” 290

benediction and three-fold “amen”

The eternal light shines brightly today ...

*from the Splayt family ... in thanksgiving for all
of our blessings ----- thanks for sharing this!!

COMING UP IN THE HUMBLE TEMPLE

“Happy new year” ...

Thursday: Evening worship, with Lord’s Supper 7:30

Next Sunday: SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES ...

**Youth group sponsors brunch at the Ronald
McDonald House in Oak Lawn.

LOVE BUCKET TODAY ...

*for the Stagg High School madrigal singers

*Sarah Hanson is raising money for Riley Hospital for Children in
Indianapolis, where she goes to college. Glad you are
here today, Sarah.

OK ... “PACK THE HOUSE”after my emotional plea last Sunday ...
we already have 2 people signed up!@!! ... oh, well!!

Saturday, January 13, noon at Marist High School. Special Olympics
basketball games ... and one of the games features our very own
Ben Fritz and Henry Krickl. We’ve won the “attendance contest” two
years in a row ... can we do it again? Our church is now one of the
sponsors. Sign-up in the narthex!!

OFFERING ENVELOPES AND PLEDGE FORMS ARE AVAILABLE
in the narthex. We appreciate your support all year long. If you don’t
have envelopes and you’d like them ... there is a form to fill
out on the table ----- thanks so much.

Don and Peggy and family thank you so much for your generous
Christmas gift ... given to us on Christmas Eve ... and for all the
kindnesses you have shared ----- not just now ... but all year long.
We are humbled and incredibly grateful.