

“Heat wave ... spirit wave ... good to be together today!!”
ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH “Oasis of Joy” USA

Sunday, January 7, 2019

So good to have you here ... so honored you are joining us.

We hope your soul is nourished a bit ... sharing worship with us today.
We sure do 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 festive, and intensely Lutheran staff is always anxious to care for our children. Please accompany your son/daughter to the nursery, and introduce yourself to the attendants. Welcome to our “humble temple” ... coffee and hot water for tea await you in Charter Hall.

welcome ... an announcement or two

OPENING PRAYER

I look back on 2017 ... and reflect.

2017 is forever a part of who I am today. Every turn ... every decision ... my moments of failure ... some successes along the way ... the twists and turns, marking my journey: some ok, some laced with joy, others I long to forget ---- it’s all “me” ... a part of who I am. Yes, there’s some “stuff” I’d like to change. Lord, grant me the courage to do what I can ... but also the wisdom to know what

I need to let go.

I know there is a powerful prayer about this ---- the serenity prayer. Lord, help me live in the present ... without being over-burdened by what has happened, and without being unrealistic about what lies ahead.

I keep thinking of the word “KINDNESS.” I see it on hats and shirts.

I hear it from an “aging minister type.”

Help me “live it” wherever life takes me today.

Thanks for walkin’ with me, Lord.

Amen.

opening song

“Here I am, Lord” 574

the liturgy ... page 98

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Readings for the day

*1st lesson *the psalm *2nd lesson

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

“will my younger friends come forward?”

kids’ time

“Is Jesus your friend???”

song

“Bright and glorious is the sky” 301

meditation

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offering and offertory

“holy, holy, holy” page 108

prayers and sharing the Lord’s Supper

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Communion songs: 302, 310, 543, 556

“alleluia, he’s my savior, alleluia”

closing song

“Savior again to your dear name we raise” 534

benediction and three-fold “amen”

Our altar flowers this morning are shared by ...

The Kruse Family ... in celebration of Karen's 64th birthday ...
and also David's 24th, Danny's 30th, and Linda's 68th.

The eternal light shines brightly today ...

*from the Kruse Family ... in celebration of all their
family birthdays!!

*from Jay Woolley and Barb Reibel, in loving memory of Nancy
Woolley, on the 2nd anniversary of her passing.

The center-piece on the altar is in loving memory of

*Jack Mitchell ... from Don and Peggy. Jack died two years ago
on January 5, at the age of 17.*

Today: All Saints serves brunch at the Ronald McDonald House.

Tuesday: Stitch and Sew, 6:30

Thursday: Evening worship, 7:30 ... with the Lord's Supper

NEXT SATURDAY ... JANUARY 13 ... beginning at noon ... is the annual
PACK THE HOUSE for south suburban special Olympics. Ben Fritz and
Henry Krickl are playing in one of the basketball games. We're hoping
to defend our 2-year attendance championship ... but, most of all, we
want to support our buddies and a great cause.

This all happens at Marist High School.

IT IS TIME TO THINK SPAGHETTI ... our only "fund-raiser" of the year is
on Saturday, February 24, 6:00. The cost is \$20 ----- less than it was
10 years ago!@!! The evening features an auction ... and we sure
need your help with this. Items donated need to be new. Also --- gift
cards and tickets and services rendered are very welcome and
needed. You can begin purchasing your tickets today.

OFFERING ENVELOPES AND COMMITMENT FORMS are in the narthex
If you don't see envelopes for you ... please fill out the form, and they
will be there next week.