

“Keepin’ it simple on THANKSGIVING”  
All Saints Lutheran Church “Oasis of Joy” USA

Thursday, November 22, 2018  
approximately 10:00 AM

Welcome to our “humble temple” --- a good way to start this day of thanks. We don’t have an official “nursery” this morning ... but you are welcome use the area if you need it. SPECIAL WELCOME to our friends from St. Coletta’s ... looking forward to a nice dinner after worship.

welcome ---- we could us a few kind words!@!!

#### OPENING PRAYER

Easy to say, Lord --- keep it simple. But then all kinds of “stuff” gets in the way. Maybe some family tension ... missing someone on their “first holiday” not being with us ... too much to do ... not slowing down, like I know I should.

Help me step back, Lord ... help me look at life through your eyes: eyes of gentleness, kindness, and hope.

The precious present.

The miracle of an “ordinary moment” turning into something special.

Help me make this time of the year .... just a bit different ... even a bit better ...

\*less busy-ness ... a little more reaching out.

\*less “me” ... and more “us.”

\*less rushing ... more “thank-you’s” ...

More “Jesus” in my heart and soul.

I’ll let you know how it’s workin’, Lord ..... even tho’ I know you’ll be watching!!

Amen.

#### opening song

“Come, ye thankful people come” 693

#### 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

“will my younger friends come forward?”  
are any of you here?????? ----- kids’ time

#### song

“Let all things now living” 881

#### meditation

offering and choir anthem ... “We thank you, Lord”

prayers and sharing the Lord’s Supper

spirit songs: 27 (2x), 55, 98

“alleluia, he’s my savior, alleluia”

#### closing song

“America the beautiful” 888

benediction and three-fold “amen”

### CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY OUTREACH

The names of folks we are “adopting” are on the narthex table. Please read the instructions carefully ... and remember to leave a copy of the sheet with us. The LOVE BUCKET for the next few weeks is dedicated to our Christmas outreach program. Your donations help us buy food and provide some extra cash for the families we help. We are helping about 20 families, 6 of the group homes from St. Coletta’s, and Karen Weyer’s brother’s group home. We also enjoy receiving Christmas cards from our church families. We display them in the narthex.

\*Worship on Sunday, 8:30 and 11 (no Sunday School) ... ahh, but there will be a kids’ sermon on Sunday.

\*Senior “young a hearts” on Wednesday, 11:30

\*Thursday evening worship, 7:30

\*Decorating the church on Saturday, 10:00 am.

\*ARTISTS’ FAIRE ----- Thursday, Dec. 6 and Sunday, Dec. 9 ---- could use a few more exhibitors!!

ADVENT SUPPERS ... Dec. 6, 13, 20 ... 6:30  
rsvp’s in the narthex.

POINSETTIA PLANTS ... \$25 ... order forms and payment envelopes available in narthex.

NEED A HAT??? ----- lots of them by the love bucket.  
Yours for a modest outreach donation!!