

“The magic of simplicity”
ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH “Oasis of Joy” USA

Today is the first Sunday in Advent
December 2, 2018 ... “how about that??”

**Welcome to our “humble temple” this morning. We hope
your soul is nourished a bit, being with us today.**

We enjoy very much 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
and moderately festive staff is always anxious to care for your
kids. Please accompany your son/daughter to the nursery, and
introduce yourself to the attendants. We have some fine
coffee (in Don’s opinion) awaiting you in Charter Hall.

ENJOY BREAKFAST THIS MORNING ... 9:30 – 10:00
(Thanks to our youth group and sponsors!!)

OPENING PRAYER

Lord, it’s time for a little less “scurrying around” ... and a little
more prayer and thoughtfulness.

Less worrying about “presents” ... more time basking in the
“presence” of the Christ—child.

More grace. More moments of patience and goodness.

More walkin’ in the sandals of a humble carpenter ... born in the
humility and majesty of a star-graced stable.

Lord, in quiet moments like this --- I am reminded and re-reminded
what life is all about.

The gift.

The precious-often-taken-for-granted moments.

Thank-you’s. I’m sorry’s.

The healing power of love ... coming alive in the silent
power of your presence.

All born of a baby ... years ago, far away ...
yet in my soul every day. Amen.

ADVENT VERSE: Come Emmanuel, come Emmanuel, come
Emmanuel, come and be born in our hearts. (2x)

opening song

“Prepare the royal highway” 264

the liturgy (setting one) ... page 98

“This is the feast” ... page 101

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

song

“It came upon a midnight clear” 282

meditation

the creed ... page 105

offering and offertory

“holy, holy, holy” page 108

choir anthem: “A prayer for advent” 11:00

prayers and sharing the Lord’s Supper

“Lamb of God” page 112-113

Communion songs: 257 (vv. 1,2,3), 269, 277, 279

“alleluia, he’s my savior, alleluia”

closing song

“Joy to the world” 267

benediction and three-fold “amen”

We have beautiful flowers gracing our church today ...

*from Ken Johnson ... in celebration of his wife Kathy and their grandson Juleon on their birthdays,

*from Peggy and family ... in honor of Don's #70 birthday.

The eternal light shines brightly this morning ...

*from Joanne Triezenberg ... in loving memory of her mom – Elaine Kozack.

*from the staff ... in honor of our bosses' 70th b-day.

Tuesday: *Stitch and Sew, 6:30

Wednesday: *Youth group "thank-you" dinner at Papa Joe's, 6:30 ---- please rsvp in narthex ... no cost ... Pastor Don's and Peggy's and the church's treat!!

ARTISTS' FAIRE ----- Thursday, December 6 ... before and after church ... and all morning Sunday, December 9.

OUR OUTREACH IS IN FULL-SWING. There are a few more folks to adopt. We also gratefully accept money donations --- helping us buy food and provide some cash for those in need. We are reaching out to 20 local families and 6 group homes from St. Coletta's ... and Danny Spoerl's group home (Danny is Karen Weyer's brother). We also enjoy getting Christmas cards from you.

ADVENT SUPPERS THE NEXT 3 Thursdays ... 6:30, before Advent worship at 7:30.

WE ENJOY POINSETTIA PLANTS THIS TIME OF THE YEAR.

Forms and payment envelopes are in the narthex. As you order them ... we display them in the church. All donations will be listed in the Christmas Eve and Christmas day bulletins.