

“The magic of the word THANKS”
All Saints Lutheran Church “Oasis of Joy” USA

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2019

**In the peace and quiet of our “humble temple” ...
we rejoice and are nourished by God’s spirit.**

Welcome ... we are honored by your presence. 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 service, 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.

Welcome --- how about a kind word or two??

OPENING PRAYER

Sometimes, Lord, I just need to say THANKS.

I have so many blessings I too often take for granted.

I think of all the “random acts of kindness” coming my way. From the bagger at Jewel, to the unexpected smile in aisle 3. Even the kind word at church, from a “stranger” who doesn’t know how much her gesture means to me.

And there is you, Lord.

Your carpenter son. Your quiet-yet -powerful spirit.

The nudge you give me ----empowering me with the courage to face yet another day.

I know “Christmas is in the aire” ... but first comes this simple DAY OF THANKSGIVING.

Which needs to be more than a day.

It’s a life-style. It’s a blueprint for my soul.

It’s accepting ... with grace ... the goodness surrounding me ----- amen.

opening song
“Morning has broken” 556

the liturgy page 147
“This is the feast” page 149

readings for the day
*1st lesson *the psalm *2nd lesson
please rise for the gospel
“alleluia” page 151

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

song
“How great thou art” 856

mediation

the creed page 105

offering and offertory
“holy, holy, holy” page 153
choir anthem, 8:30 ----- “Simple Praise”

prayers and sharing the Lord’s supper
“Lamb of God” page 154
Communion songs: 638, 658, 676, 685
“alleluia, he’s my savior, alleluia”

closing song
“O Savior, Precious Savior” 820

benediction
and
“three-fold amen”

Beautiful altar flowers grace our sanctuary this morning ...

**from the FRITZ FAMILY ... in loving memory of Adam Bretl.*

He was a beautiful young man ---- we miss you!!

The eternal light shines with spirit today ...

**in loving memory of Terry Levenda – brother of Gerry Levenda.*

Terry died on Monday, and his funeral was yesterday. Prayers for Gerry and Pat and your extended family.

Monday: Confirmation class, 7:15 – 8:30 ----- “thanksgiving pizza will be served”!!!!

Tuesday: Stitch and Sew, 6:30

*Thursday: *Thanksgiving worship at 10:00 ... followed by our annual Thanksgiving feast for our friends from*

St. Coletta’s. Your donations are deeply appreciated.

(we also can use some help serving on Thursday ...)

*Saturday: ***We need your help ... decorating our church for Advent/Christmas ... 10:00 AM. Please sign-up in narthex.*

***Artists’ Faire ---- December 5 and 8 (before and after worship each day.) There are still openings.*

***Advent Suppers: Thursdays, December 5,12,19 --- 6:30 ... gathering around the Christmas tree. RSVP today,*

*OUR OUTREACH IS BEGINNING ... *You can adopt someone beginning Thanksgiving Day ... names will be available.*

We are focusing on a few local families and some of the group homes at St. Coletta’s. We also need your financial help to buy food and provide some spending money ---- the “love bucket” welcomes your generosity.

*CHRISTMAS WORSHIP: *December 24, 4:00 & 10. *Open house here 7:30 – 10:00 *Christmas Day, 10:00.*

POINSETTIAS FOR OUR SANCTUARY ----- forms and envelopes on the narthex sign-up table and far table.