"Lovin' Advent on a Sunday morning" ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH "Oasis of Joy" USA

Sunday, December 8, 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 Advent word!@!!!

OPENING PRAYER

"Slow down ... you move too fast ... gotta make the moment last."

In a way ---- I wish this "moment" would last ... not just for an hour ... but last into tomorrow and the next day ... when I can easily get "stupid" and "scurry around" for no good reason. This morning, I thank you, Lord:

*for the gift of love

*for the "Noel sounds" of an angel

*for the manger ... holding your son and our savior.

This is what it's all about. It's not about "me" ... or what

I get done ... or how much I have or don't have.

It's about the miracles I sometimes just don't notice, or just

don't take the time to see.

And, Lord? ---- for those who are struggling ... for those experiencing loss ... for anyone who is in pain and feels alone ... may I reach-out, and share the gift of love.

Amen.

opening song
"The first Noel" 300

the liturgy 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
"Take it slow ... let the moment last!!"

song "Away in a manger" 277

meditation

the creed page 105

offering and offertory "holy, holy, holy" page 108 choir anthem ... "Listen" 8:30

prayers and sharing the Lord's Supper "Lamb of God" page 112 Communion songs: 244, 275, 282, 288 "alleluia, he's my savior, alleluia"

closing song "Go, tell it on the mountain" 290

Benediction and three-fold "amen"

We have beautiful flowers gracing our church today ...

- *from Joanne Triezenberg, in loving memory of her mom Elsie Kozack.
 - *from Ron and Shari Krywanio ... in loving memory of Catherine Krywanio.
 - *from Blair Kelch ... in loving memory of his wife Dawn, who passed away on December 7, 2008.

The eternal light shines with light and spirit ...

- *from Blair Kelch, in loving memory of Dawn.
- *in loving memory of Robert Gember son of Doris Gember – who died on Thursday night.
- *in support and prayers for the St. Michael's Church family. We deeply care about you and your loss. Elizabeth Kosteck is now home ... Margaret Leja died and her spirit will always grace our path.

FORMS AND ENVELOPES for pointsettia plants are in the narthex.

PLEDGE FORMS for your 2020 financial contributions are now available.

ENJOY THE ARTISTS' FAIRE ---- it's beautiful.