

“Christmas ... still in the aire”

ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH “Oasis of Joy” USA

Sunday, December 29, 2019

**Welcome to our “humble temple” ----- home of strong coffee and average preaching!!**

We hope your soul is nourished ... being with us today.  
We 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 festive staff is always anxious to care for your children. Please accompany your son/daughter to the nursery, and introduce yourself to the attendants.

Welcome ... maybe an announcement or two

**OPENING PRAYER**

It's over ... but it's not.

A little less “hurry” ... maybe a bit less commotion and stress. But ---- what about the joy? the reaching-out? the quite inspiration of a “silent night”??

Christmas --- more than a season. More than a holiday.  
More than the calendar.

A son is born.

A gift given.

Stars and angels.

The message of peace ... and hope ... and coming together as one. This knows no season.

It's a spirit: calling us to dig deep, and make a difference.

To overcome the “gunk” getting in the way of goodness and kindness. Lord ---- your unconditional love empowers and sustains us.

I will do my best to walk in the humility and grace of your son's sandals ---- amen.

opening song

“Angels from the realms of glory” 275

the liturgy page 98

“This is the feast” page 101

readings for the day

\*1<sup>st</sup> lesson \*the psalm \*2<sup>nd</sup> lesson

please rise for the gospel

“alleluia” page 102

“will my younger friends come forward?”

kids' time

“ready for a new year????”

song

“Good Christian friends, rejoice” 288

meditation

the creed page 105

offering and offertory

“holy, holy, holy” page108

prayers and sharing the Lord's Supper

“Lamb of God” page 112

Communion songs: 268 (vv. 1,2,3), 272, 278, 282

“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 “humble temple”  
this morning ...**

\*from Rob and Shannon Schweiger, in honor of their  
14<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. So happy for you@!!

**The eternal light shines brightly today ...**

\*in honor of Sarah Hanson, for the 3 years she has spent  
raising money for kids at Riley Hospital for Children. You  
carry that “love bucket spirit” in the love you share!!

“Angels Among us” ... Thursday, 4:00

EVENING WORSHIP: Thursday at 7:30

FINANCIAL COMMITMENT FORMS AND OFFERING  
ENVELOPES are available. Please fill out form if you  
want envelopes, but have not been getting them.  
We appreciate your support and generosity.

PACK THE HOUSE, Saturday, January 18, 12:30 at  
Ohlms School --- 5345 W. 99<sup>th</sup> St., Oak Lawn.  
Supporting Ben Fritz and South Suburban Special  
Recreation. No cost ---- our church is one of the  
sponsors. Let's “pack the house” with love!!  
You can sign-up in the narthex,.

Sunday School resumes January 12 ... next  
confirmation class ---- Monday, January 13.

LOVE BUCKET TODAY ... supporting Sarah's fund-  
raiser for Riley Hospital for Children.