"Could anyone us a good EPIPHANY?? ... what's that?"
ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH "Oasis of Joy" USA

Sunday, January 5, 2020

Welcome to our "humble temple" --- home of strong coffee, average preaching, ordinary folks!!

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? a kind word?

OPENING PRAYER

This time of the year ... as the calendar moves ahead ...
I pause to think about the "passage of time."
I think of all the seasons gracing my path ... and the paths of all those gathered here in this "humble temple and gracious space."

The beginnings and endings.

The "alleluia moments" ... and those times when I struggle and wonder what life is all about.

Lord, help me muster the grace ... the quiet courage ... the faith ---- to face all these seasons and moments with some new-found perspective.

It is easy to get caught-up in "me."

Maybe this year: a little more "us" ... a bigger dose of "together" ... listening more to the heartbeat of those around me ...and being more open to the winds of your spirit. Yes ---- for everything a season, and we're in these seasons together ---- amen.

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readings for the day
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"will my younger friends come forward?" kids' time yes ------ you have a friend!!

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offering and offertory choir anthem, 11:00 "Angels we have heard on high" "holy, holy, holy" page 108

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Communion songs (spirit) --- 7, 14, 25, 26, 37
"alleluia, he's my savior, alleluia"

closing song "O come all ye faithful"

Benediction "3-fold amen"

We have beautiful altar flowers gracing our church today ...

*from Don and Peggy ... in loving memory of Jack Mitchell, who died 4 years ago on January 5 (he would have turned 21 this past December 3) ... and in memory of Don's mom Doris and brother Gary --- who have birthdays on January 5.

*from the Kruse family ... in honor of David's 26th birthday (Jan. 5) and Karen's 66th birthday (Jan. 7).

The eternal light shines brightly this morning ...

*from the Kruse family, in honor of David's and Karen's birthdays.

**Stitch and Sew resumes this Tuesday, January 7, 6:30.

**Angel Arts --- Wednesday, 3:00

**Evening worship, Thursday ---- 7:30 (plenty of seating available!!)

**Sunday School resumes next Sunday, January 12

**Confirmation class resumes, Monday, January 13

PACK THE HOUSE

Saturday, January 18 ... 12:30 at OLHMS School: 5345 W. 99th St. in Oak Lawn. Let's support our own Ben Fritz and Ethan Gowaski. This event benefits South Suburban Special Olympics ... and our church is one of the sponsors. Let's "pack the house" with love ... need another All Saints t-shirt???

LOVE BUCKET TODAY ------ supporting Sarah Hansen and the Riley Children Hospital.

THINK SPAGHETTI ... only major fund-raiser for the year. Saturday, February 29. Tickets now available. Any good ideas for auction items? Gift cards and bottles of wine are a hit. It's a fun event ... hope you can join us.