

“Are we keepin’ it simple? ... is it complicated too  
keep it simple???? ... oh, well ... “

ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH “Oasis of Joy” USA

Today is SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2018

**Welcome to our “humble temple” this morning.**

**We hope your soul is nourished, being with us today.**

We sure do enjoy having kids in church. When they get a bit  
goofy and noisy ... 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.

any announcements? ... kind words? ... joy to share??

**CALL TO WORSHIP (11:00) ... “Jesus what a wonderful child”**

OPENING PRAYER

Trying to “keep it simple” ... Lord --- how about you??

I sometimes wonder what Christmas is like in heaven?

Hopefully more relaxed than down here.

This morning: it feels simple.

A few candles. Good music. Common folks, like me.

Most of all: THE GIFT. YOU. YOUR SON.

As I wend my way through each day ... help me hold onto the  
gentle strength of the message.

Peace on earth (I wish!!). Hope. Goodness.

Giving unto others. It’s ironic, Lord --- I sometimes feel a bit  
lonely this time of the year. Lots of noise and lots of people,  
but inside my soul ... there can be an emptiness.

You help fill it: your grace, your unconditional love.

I will stop taking this for granted ... at least, I’ll try.

Thanks for listening ---- amen.

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*Advent verse: Come Emmanuel, come Emmanuel, come  
Emmanuel ... come and be born in our hearts.*

*Come O prince of peace, come O prince of peace, come O prince of  
peace ... come and be born in our hearts.*

*Come, our light and life ... come, our light and life, come, our light  
and life ... come and be born in our hearts.*

opening song ... “My Lord, what a morning” 438

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> reading

please rise for the gospel ... “alleluia” ... page 102

“will my younger friends come forward?”

kids’ time

song ... “Rejoice, rejoice believers” 244

meditation

the creed ... page 105

offering and offertory

“holy, holy, holy” page 108

prayers and sharing the Lord’s Supper

“Lamb of God” page 112-113

Music: Kathryn and Mike ... 296, 298 (vv. 1,2,3,4)

“alleluia, he’s my savior, alleluia”

closing song ... “Hark the herald angels sing” 270

Benediction and three-fold “amen”

**Our beautiful altar flowers this morning are from  
JEANNE TURNOCK, in honor of her mom's 99<sup>th</sup> birthday.**

**THE ETERNAL LIGHT SHINES BRIGHTLY TODAY.**

*\*from Tony and Sharon Nicosia --- in loving memory of  
Corrine Di Francesca (Sharon's mom) and her twin, Rose Marie  
Pasquarella (Sharon's aunt) ... and her brother  
Dennis Di Francesca.*

*\*from Rick Frothingham ... in loving memory of his parents –  
John & Catherine ... who passed away 2 years ago.*

*\*from Vern and Mary Ann Bock, in loving memory of  
Ellen Bock on her birthday today.*

TODAY IS OUTREACH SUNDAY ... THANKS TO ALL,  
for reaching-out and caring.

Tuesday: Stitch and Sew Christmas party, 6:30

Thursday: \*Advent supper, 6:30

\*Advent worship, 7:30 ----- come and enjoy!!

Saturday: \*Sunday School rehearsal, 9:00 AM

Next Sunday ... December 23 ... regular schedule

Christmas Eve, December 24

4:00 – Sunday School Christmas program

8:00 – 10:00 open house at the church ... hosted by

Don and Peggy ... enjoy some good food and drink.

10:00 Candlelight service (followed by Communion, for  
those desiring to stay.

Christmas Day ---- worship at 10:00 am.

\*\*Still time to order a poinsettia for our worship  
at Christmas .... see forms and envelopes in narthex

**Enjoy some fine coffee and glogg in Charter Hall.**