

It's here ... the gift ... the moment ...
ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH "Oasis of Joy" USA

Sunday ... it is!! ----- December 23, 2018

a bit of pre-service music ... by the "O'Malley band"
AND WELCOME TO OUR "HUMBLE TEMPLE."

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

We enjoy very much 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 spirited 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 (8:30) ... "Jesus what a wonderful child"

OPENING PRAYER

I'm tryin' to keep it simple, Lord.

Sometimes it works ... sometimes it doesn't.

I'm sorry ... but sometimes I "flit-around" like an idiot ---
movin' fast, getting nowhere. I get wrapped up in "me" ...
it seems like this is all that matters.

Then I hear a song like "Silent Night," and my heart stops.

I think of a homeless family ... I can see the lonely lady in
room 224. I pray for a family, who seems so lost since their
loved-one passed away. Yes, then I am reminded of what this season
is all about. The gift. The unconditional love. A broken world ---
calling out for healing and kindness.

This morning I look "inside" for a moment: my spirit, my soul,
my heartsong. And I know: goodness and grace have got to start
somewhere. Yes --- it's gotta start with me.

Right "in here" ----- amen.

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. *Come gentle savior,
come gentle savior, come gentle savior, come and be
born in our hearts.

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readings for the day

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"will my younger friends come forward?"
where are all the elves hangin' out???

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closing song

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benediction and three-fold "amen"

We have beautiful flowers gracing our church today ...

*from Peggy and Don Merker, in loving memory of Peggy's sister's birthday in heaven --- December 25.

May God bless her memory and spirit.

The eternal light shines brightly this morning ...

*from the Splayt family, in thanksgiving for blessings.

*from Paul and Karen Kruse, in honor of Dan Kruse, on his 34th birthday --- December 24.

*from the Kuehn family, in honor of Ron's #24 birthday.

TOMORROW, Christmas Eve ...

*4:00 Sunday School Christmas service.

*8:00 – 10:00 PM --- open house, Charter Hall.

*10:00 PM Candlelight service (Communion afterwards for those desiring to stay).

CHRISTMAS MORNING ... worship at 10:00 AM

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30 ... Worship at 8:30 and 11:00

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6 ... same schedule

(Sunday School resumes --- January 13)

*First outreach bingo of the season ... Friday, January 11.

Always a festive adult evening ... and always for a good cause. You can begin rsvp's today.

*PACK THE HOUSE ... a wonderful celebration of special Olympians ... a basketball festival ... starring one-of-our own ---- Ben Fritz ... and Henry Krickl, too. This year it's at Ben's school ... can we repeat as attendance winners??

SATURDAY, JANUARY 19 ... PLEASE rsvp and come!!

There may be a t-shirt ion the works!!

THANKS FOR THE SPECIAL MUSIC ... Len, Kathy, Linda, Doug, Laura B, Brenda, Ben, Joe, and Mike ...