

“Christmas in the aire ... Christmas in my heart”  
ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH “Oasis of Joy” USA

Sunday, December 15, 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 as 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 ---- sure could use a kind word today!!

#### OPENING PRAYER

There are times, Lord, when I think the world has gone  
upside-down and nuts!! From long lines and harsh words ...  
acts of violence and moments of hate.

The rush. The hurry. The worry.

Then I have one of those moments: standing silently,  
looking at this amazing red-white-and-blue flag.

With a prayer in my heart ... looking at a random  
manger scene.

Watching someone I don’t even know ---- barely able to  
climb into his car. Being in her apartment --- no tree and  
an empty ‘frig ... looking tired and forgotten.

Help me, Lord, to see your son – the CHRIST CHILD – in life’s  
most ordinary and simple places.

May my heart open up ... and beat to the rhythm of  
your grace. The “real” Christmas. Your spirit.

Your son’s footsteps. Me: putting  
peace and goodness first. Amen

opening song  
“O come, all ye faithful” 283

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

“my younger friends come forward?”  
kids’ time

song  
“The bells of Christmas” 298

meditation

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offering and offertory  
“holy, holy, holy” page 108  
choir anthem, 11:00 “And the glory”

prayer and sharing the Lord’s Supper  
“Lamb of God” page 112  
Communion music: Kathryn & Mike ... 296, 282, 279  
“alleluia, he’s my savior, alleluia”

closing song  
“Hark the herald angels sing” 270

benediction and three-fold “amen”

**We have beautiful flowers gracing our church this morning ...**

\*from Jim and Susan Van Burk ... celebrating their  
50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary!@!! ----- Wow!!

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

\*from Lynne and Gaylord Nelson ... celebrating their son  
Jake's graduation from Western Michigan University.

Yeahhhhhh .... last one!!

\*from Mary Ann Bock ... in loving memory of  
Vern's mom Ellen.

\*Today: OUTREACH SUNDAY ... thanks for all your  
sharing and caring.

\*Thursday: "Angels Among Us" Christmas party, 4:00  
Advent Supper, 6:30 Worship, 7:30

COMMITMENT FORMS for your 2020 contributions  
are available. Your support and generosity mean a lot.  
OFFERING ENVELOPES are in Charter Hall ... there is a  
form to fill out if you don't have envelopes, but would  
like to get them.

NEXT SUNDAY: Regular schedule, 8:30 and 11

\*Christmas Eve: 4:00 and 10:00 (Peggy's and Don's  
open house 7:30 – 10 in Charter Hall.)

\*Christmas Day: 10:00

\*December 26 ... 7:30

\*December 29: 8:30 and 11 (no Sunday School)

\*\*You can still order a poinsettia for our Christmas  
worship --- forms in narthex.