

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

Sunday, December 22, 2019  
\*\*How about some pre-service music by  
the "Great Mighty Brass"!!

**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 as 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 --- how about a kind word or two??

OPENING PRAYER

Trying to keep it simple, Lord.  
Trying not to "hurry and scurry" too much ... and I'm  
not sure it's working!! Maybe I'm just too wrapped-up  
in "me"?? Then I hear the song "Silent Night" ... and my  
heart stops. I think of a family with no place to call home.  
The lonely lady in room 224. The family who seems lost  
since saying good-bye to their loved one.  
Yes --- I'm 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" --- my spirit, my soul.  
This is where goodness and grace need to start.  
In here.  
My heartsong. Your son. Amen.

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readings for the day  
\*1<sup>st</sup> lesson \*the psalm \*2<sup>nd</sup> lesson  
please rise for the gospel  
"alleluia" page 102

The sacrament of Baptism song 781  
We are honored to share in the baptisms of --- Janie Adeline  
Colwell --- daughter of Joel and Jennifer. And we are sharing  
in Janie's mom Jennifer's baptism. "My Lord, what a morning!"

"will my younger friends come forward?"  
kids' time

song  
"My Lord, what a morning" 438

meditation

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offering and offertory  
"holy, holy, holy" page 108  
choir anthem, 8:30 "And the glory"

prayers and sharing the Lord's Supper  
"Lamb of God" page 112  
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closing song  
"Angels we have heard on high" 289  
benediction and three-fold "amen"

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

\*from Anita Delgau and Carol Sandler & the good folks from "stitch and sew" ---- in honor of Jen's and Janie's baptisms and in loving memory of Jackson.

**The eternal light shines brightly this morning ...**

\*from the Kuehn family, in honor of Ron's 25<sup>th</sup> birthday.

\*Christmas Eve: worship at 4:00 and 10:00

Open house here in Charter Hall from 7:30 – 10:00

\*Christmas Day worship ... 10:00

SUNDAYS, December 29 and January 5 ... worship at usual times: 8:30 and 11

(Sunday School resumes on January 12)

\*Last call for POINSETTIAS ... forms in narthex.

COMMITMENT/PLEDGE FORMS are now available ... and OFFERING ENVELOPES are in Charter Hall.

We really appreciate your generosity and support. If you don't see envelopes for yourself ...there is a form to fill out --- they will be there next week.

PACK HOUSE ... in support of SOUTH SUBURBAN SPECIAL RECREATION ---- Saturday, January 18. Our very own BEN FRITZ participates ... and we always have a good turn-out. (Last year we slipped a bit ... this is now come-back time!!) Please sign-up ... there may be a t-shirt in the works!!