"Precious Lord ... take my hand" ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH "Oasis of Joy" USA

Sunday, January 19, 2020

Welcome to our "humble temple" --- home of strong coffee, average preachin' ... and good 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 ---- any kind words out there??

OPENING PRAYER

Precious Lord, take my hand ... lead me on, let me stand ...
these words speak to me, Lord --- so much.
All the emotions coming my way. Moments of incredible sadness ... and then, in another moment of time ...
I could be shouting "alleluia" for a miracle I never expected.
Lord --- take my hand. Help lead me in paths of goodness and grace. When my world looks dark ... I am gifted with your light.

When my world sparkles and shines ... I need to be more grateful, say "thanks" more often.

I know, Lord ... it's in this often confusing, sometimes painful, incredibly majestic "circle of life" ---- this is where you live and speak to us.

Thanks for walkin' my circle withs me. Thanks for loving and forgiving and granting me the courage ... to walk this circle with new-found purpose and strength ----- amen.

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please rise for the gospel
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"will my younger friends come forward?" kids' time "honoring those who serve"

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meditation

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prayers and sharing the Lord's Supper "Lamb of God" page 12 Communion songs (spirit) – 59, 65, 77, 83 "alleluia, he's my savior, alleluia"

closing song "God bless our native land" 891

benediction and three-fold "amen"

We have beautiful flowers gracing our church today ...

*from Pastor Don, Peggy, and "all the saints" ... in loving memory of Jerry Arnold, who died Monday morning. Visitation today at Colonial, funeral tomorrow here at 10:00. Proud Korean War veteran ... amazing husband and family man.

*from the Kruse family, in honor of Paul's 70th birthday.

The eternal night shines brightly this morning ...

*in loving memory of Jerry Arnold.

*in honor of Paul's 70th birthday.

*in loving memory of Eileen Ammann --- mother of Doug Ammann, Debbie Burns, and Jan Hurth.

We go from PACK THE HOUSE (yesterday) to PACK THE GYM ----- for our annual spaghetti dinner:
Saturday, February 29, 6:00.
A great adult evening. Tickets (\$22) on sale at the far table. Our only major fund-raiser for the year. If you have access to auction items ... you can bring them as soon as possible. Remember, too --- we need gift cards and bottles of wine.

37 shopping days 'til Lent