

"FOR ALL THE SAINTS"
All Saints Lutheran Church "Oasis of Joy" USA
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"Almost Easter" 2021

I remember a year ago ---- planning for Easter ... and it happened.

Shut down!! No public worship.

Easter Sunday a year ago ----- we had all the music ... the message ... a lily or two ... and all of you watching from "wherever." Our commitment: we won't lock the door ... and when we get back to being open ... we'll keep our humble temple as safe as possible.

We've done that. Not perfect ... but it's ok. We have stayed "together" and connected.

Thanks to your generosity, support, prayers, and caring ----- we have survived and stayed strong.

I miss so many of you.

So many of our kids ... loved ones who are "shut-in" ... it's been too long.

Here is our plan for the balance of Lent and Easter.

*Regular Thursday evening worship on March 18, 7:00 --- no rsvp needed.

*Sunday worship, March 21, 8:30 and 10:00 --- please rsvp.

*Thursday evening, March 25, 7:00.

**PALM SUNDAY, March 28, 8:30 and 10:00 --- please rsvp.

HOLY THURSDAY, April 1, 7:00 PM

This will be a service of the "Seven Last words" of Jesus on the cross.

(It will also be live-streamed on Friends of All Saints Facebook and YouTube.)

GOOD FRIDAY, April 2, Noon

This is also a service of the "Seven Last Words" ----- and will be live-streamed

EASTER SUNDAY, April 4

We are adding another later service ... so, worship at 8:30, 10:00, and 11:15.

There will be a separate "app" on the web-site for making an Easter rsvp ... or you can call the church. The "app" will be available beginning the week of March 21. Really important that you use the "app" or call the church for Easter. So far ---- the 8:30 service has been the "most attended" of our services. 10:00 not as many folks ... and having an 11:15 service hopefully gives you an additional option.

***The "thought for the day" continues. We hope it's still something that helps and is meaningful for many of you. THIS FRIDAY, March 19 ... we "celebrate" the 1 year anniversary of the "thought."

**YOU CAN DONATE FLOWERS for Easter, if you would like.

Lilies, Hyacinth, Tulips are available for \$20.

Forms are here at the church. You can also call us if you cannot come by.

A few random thoughts ...

We ended the year 2020 in good financial shape.
We hope this will continue in 2021. Your support is vital ... as we continue to navigate this challenging journey. Offering envelopes are here at the church ... we can send them to you if you cannot be here. Our spaghetti dinner that we "didn't have" brought in \$21,000 ---- souvenir tickets, special donations, the silent auction over 3 weeks ... an amazing response. We also received our annual donation from the Andrew Foundation.

You can send your offerings via the mail. Even without your envelopes ... if your name is on the check ... Kathy can record your donation. Also, you can set-up "direct deposit" by calling Kathy Klang ---- 708-945-0588. Most of all ----- thank you!!

We really miss the energy of our Sunday School kids and staff.
Hopefully we can be back safely together in the not-too-distant future.
****a note to you families with 3rd graders ... and any families with kids 3rd grade and older who do not yet receive Communion.

This is the time of year when we would have had our class to prepare you for receiving the Lord's Supper. I would like to "make this happen" sometime later this spring or summer ... so you can begin receiving Communion.

If you are interested ... please call the church (708-448-2939) and/or email me ... or drop by the church and sign-up. First Communion is an important milestone in our spiritual journey ... and we want you to be a part of this moment.

Also ----- it's time to reach-out to families of our 6th through 8th graders. "Confirmation class" came to an abrupt halt once the pandemic started. I hope we can get back "on track" soon.

We have a good place here.
A an "oasis" of kindness and joy.

Stop by anytime.
Take a moment to pray ... to be refreshed in the silence of our sanctuary.
This is your home.
Your place.

Our shared spirit speaks of hope to get us through yet another day.

love and peace to all

