

“A total eclipse of the heart??”
ALL SAINTS LUTHEAN CHURCH “Oasis of Joy” USA

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 2017

**Worship at All Saints can be fun ... maybe a few tears, mixed with
laughter ... hopefully a moment, touching your soul.**

It’s good having you here. 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 highly paid, over-trained, 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. Most of all --- welcome. Enjoy some coffee and hot water for tea in Charter Hall.

OPENING PRAYER

I don’t understand it ... never will ... not sure I want to.

The solar eclipse. The sun is covered. The “world” grows dark.

We wait for it ... we line up.

There’s another kind of eclipse, Lord ... where the world grows dark ... the “son” is covered up. Innocence is invaded.

When prejudice and hatred and ugly self-righteousness take over.

New York. Barcelona. London. Paris. The south-side ... so close to us.

There are places, too ... where refugees, by the 1000’s ...
have to flee their homeland.

Oh, we could turn the other way ... but you teach us not to.

You teach us to care ... to reach-out ... to give unto others ...
and I’m glad you do.

Help me ... as imperfect as I am ... to “walk” in the sandals of your son.

I know I can’t be “him” ... or even close.

But I can care and share more than I do.

I can do more. Be more. And grow.

Yes, I can --- thanks to you.

Amen.

opening song

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“alleluia, he’s my savior, alleluia”

closing song

“Just a closer walk” 697

benediction

and

3-fold “amen”

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

*from Vern and Mary Ann Bock ----- in honor of their 43rd wedding anniversary ... and in honor of Roger and Pat Thompson's 49th wedding anniversary ----- WOW!! Congratulations.

The eternal light shines brightly this morning ...

in honor of Jim Gedmin's birthday, on August 26.

Happy birthday, dear friend!!

OUR LAST FUN-FEST OF THE SUMMER with St. Coletta's is Tuesday, 5:30 --- in the gym. They all come here ... and share food with us, to say THANKS for a great summer. St. Coletta's ---- you are family, and we are honored to have you as friends.

THURSDAY EVENING WORSHIP, 7:30 ... with the Lord's Supper.

A REMINDER THAT OUR "FALL SCHEDULE" BEGINS on Sunday, September 10 ... with worship at 8:30 & 11 ... and Sunday School, Youth group breakfast club, and adult choir between services.

Registration forms for Sunday School, Youth Group, and Confirmation are on the far table in the narthex.

PLEASE BEGIN SIGNING UP FOR THE CIVIL WAR BAND CONCERT on Sunday, October 1, 2:00 --- followed by dinner in Charter Hall. Bring the kids, bring a friend ... let's have a good turn-out. Pastor Don's late brother Gary began the band years ago ... and now they want to come back. Their web-site is --- 33rdband.com.

YOU CAN HELP ... AND WE NEED YOU ----- sharing altar flowers, the eternal light, helping Don with Communion. Sign-up for these are in the narthex.

STITCH AND SEW..... season opening dinner at Jane Miller's at 5:00 on Wednesday, August 30. New folks welcome. Then they begin meeting on Tuesdays at 6:30. Please RSVP in the narthex.