"Thanksgiving for our veterans and all those who serve"
ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH "Oasis of Joy" USA

TODAY IS ---- SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2017

We honor our veterans today ... and we hope all of you gathered here today receive a bit of nourishment, joy, and hope ...

We certainly enjoy having kids in church ... "Fred" love you, too!!

When your kids get a bit goofy and noisy, we ask you <u>please to</u>

<u>respect</u> 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-achieving, and moderately festive staff is always anxious to care for your children. Please accompany your son/daughter to the nursery and introduce yourself to the attendants. We have wonderful coffee (well, that's Don's opinion) in Charter Hall ... blessings to all.

Welcome ... maybe an announcement or two??

## **OPENING PRAYER**

Lord, you know more than anyone of us, there are men and women, who just can't do enough. They serve. They give. The welfare of others is more important than their own.

How about our VETERANS!! ... it was "their day" yesterday ... and it should be "their day" every day. A trip to Elwood ... thinking of those who have made the "ultimate sacrifice."

I wonder about those who just don't care ... those who destroy innocent lives ... those whose hate and prejudice tear-down what others work so hard to build-up.

Yes, a prayer of thanks to our veterans.

A prayer laced with sadness for those in a small Baptist church in Sutherland Springs. They were doing just what we are doing now ... on a supposedly ordinary Sunday morning. I cherish the gift you give us, Lord. Sometimes this amazing "circle of life" goes backwards or sideways ... and I don't understand "why." But ---- I DO BELIEVE!! I know you are here.

"Have thine own way, Lord" ... may we be together in bringing healing to our world ---- amen.

opening song "O beautiful for spacious skies" 888

the liturgy ... page 138 "This is the feast" page 140

readings for the day

\*1st reading

"Blades of Grass and Pure White Stones" (Kathy & Mike)

\*2nd reading

please rise for the gospel ... "alleluia" ... page 102

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

song "Mine eyes have seen the glory" 890

meditation

the creed ... page 105

offering and offertory
"holy, holy, holy" ... page 144
choir anthem, 8:30 "Children of the heavenly father"

prayers and sharing the Lord's Supper "Lamb of God" page 146 Communion songs: 631, 632, 654, 656 "alleluia, he's my savior, alleluia"

closing song ... "This is my song" 887 benediction and three-fold "amen"

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

\*from Den and Joyce Di Santo, in honor of their
45<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Wow!! ... and blessings!!
\*from Carol Sandler, in honor of all veterans ... and especially
her son Larry. God bless, all of you!!

The eternal light shines brightly this morning ...

\*from Robin Jost, in loving memory of her mother – Dorothy Peddycord, who died 10 years ago.

Wednesday: \*Men's Club meeting/Blackhawks game, 6:30 at the ice arena on the southeast corner of 108<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 159<sup>th</sup> St. ---- new folks welcome. \*Bible study, 7:00 (final session ... come & enjoy!)

Thursday: \*Evening worship, 7:30

## \*THANKSGIVING DININER FOR ST. COLELTTA'S ...

please sign-up if you'd like to bring something to share.

## \*ARTISTS' FAIRE REGISIGTRATION FORMS

Thursday, Dec. 7 ... Sunday, Dec. 10

\*ADVENT SUPPERS ... 6:30 ... Dec. 7, 14, 21

\*DECORATE THE CHURCH ... Saturday, Dec. 2

Love bucket the next few weeks is for our holiday/Christmas outreach ----- thanks so much for sharing and caring.

**BIG BAND SIGN-UP ... SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26!!**