

**“Amazing Grace ... thank heavens for God’s grace!@!!”
ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH “Oasis of Joy” USA**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 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, moderately festive, and border-line-Lutheran staff is always anxious to care for your children. Please accompany your son/daughter to the nursery, and introduce yourself to the attendants. Enjoy some coffee and hot water for tea in Charter Hall.

OPENING PRAYER

I can’t imagine, Lord ... what it’s like ... to lose everything.
My stuff. My house. The safe place I come home to everyday.
Washed away.

Lord ... I see the tears, the despair, the panic.
I look at what I have ... how I complain when something doesn’t work.
This morning ... I step back. I pray for our brothers and sisters:
the kids, the pets, the 1st responders.
I see the love: the determination, the sharing, people coming
together. I see the human spirit ----- tested, yes ...
tired, yes ... but strong and resilient.
I know we can lose stuff ... it can all be taken away, in a moment of
time. But my spirit? ... my soul? ...that “inside something”
making me ME ... and my neighbor MY NEIGHBOR.
It’s always here ... inside of me, inside all of us.
Yes, it’s time to pray ... and to give ... and to share ...
and to look beyond “just me” ...

AMEN

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please rise for the gospel ... “alleluia” ... page 188

“will my younger friends come forward?”
kids’ time

song
“For the beauty of the earth” 879

meditation

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offering and offertory
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prayers and sharing the Lord’s Supper
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Communion songs (spirit) --- 8, 27 (2x), 37, 55
“alleluia, he’s my savior, alleluia”

closing song
“Holy, Holy, Holy” 413

benediction and 3-fold “amen”

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

**from the Kirchhoff family ... in honor of the Kirchhoff family reunion.*

The eternal light shines this morning ... in honor of the courage, grace, faith of our brothers and sisters affected by hurricane Harvey ---- we dedicate this day to you!!

THE LOVE BUCKET IS READY!!

***We are collecting money for hurricane relief --- targeting two areas: Redeemer Lutheran Church in Houston and Holy Comforter Lutheran Church in Kingwood. They will give the money directly to those who have lost so much. Please make checks out to All Saints.*

***You can also make a donation to help us pay for Walt Schillinger's lift ... and to help with Kieran Conway's treatment for his cancer.*

WE HOPE TO PACK THE HOUSE FOR OUR 1ST OUTREACH BINGO OF THE SEASON ---- Friday, September 15, 6:30 ...

All monies will go towards the hurricane relief effort. Please rsvp today. It's a fun adult evening ... and we always have a purpose thanks for sharing and caring.

CIVIL WAR BAND CONCERT ... Sunday, October 1, 2:00

The band comes from Bloomington, IL ... was founded by Don's late brother Gary. The Jude Borling Love Bucket fund is sponsoring the band ... we will have food and drink in Charter hall afterwards ... free-will offering. Let's have a good turn-out ... "I don't want my brother to haunt me forever!@!!"

NEXT SUNDAY WE BEGIN HAVING WORSHIP AT 8:30 & 11.

It's also the beginning of Sunday School, the Youth Group, and the adult choir. Parents are welcome to come to our 1st youth group gathering in the basement.

Also-----parent/student meeting for Confirmation (7th-8th grade) is on Monday September 25, 7:00 PM.