

“People, friendship, goodness ----- needing it more than ever!!”
ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH “Oasis of Joy” USA

Today is SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2017

The freedom to be here ... to share this time ... what a gift!

We hope you enjoy being with us today.

We sure do enjoy having kids in church. When they get a bit goofy and noisy ... 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-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 some “wonderful” coffee (in Don’s opinion!) awaiting you in Charter Hall.

welcome ... with an announcement or two? ... any loving and nice words to share??

OPENING PRAYER

Lord, I sometimes find myself looking for you all over the place!
Goin’ to church ... prayin’ on my knees ... reading books, even the Bible. I got people telling me ---- come on, don’t you accept Jesus?
I should go to church more ... so they say ... be a better person!
My life is goofy enough. I got stuff to do, and I’m not getting it done.
Deadlines, people to please ... trying to be “all things to all people.”
And ... at the end of the day ... I wonder if
I’ve been anything to anyone!!
She held the door for me.
He called ... to ask how I’m doing.
The hand-written note in the mail --- so unexpected.
I saw a young kid walk up to a veteran and say:
THANKS FOR YOUR SERVICE!
I held an old lady’s hand at “assisted living” --- for half an hour!!
She gives me a cookie ... she says “thanks” with her eyes.
I sit next to a guy at church ---- he gives me a hug,

Now I know where you live, Lord.
You found me ... I didn’t have to find you ----- amen.

opening song
“Blessed Assurance” 638

the liturgy ... page 138
“This is the feast” page 140

readings for the day
*1st reading: Psalm 95. 1-7 *2nd reading: a “Mattie moment”
please rise for the gospel ... John 5. 9-17

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

song
“Lord, speak to us, that we may speak” 676

meditation

the creed ... page 105

offering and offertory
“holy, holy, holy” ... page 144
choir anthem 11:00 “Thankful”

prayers and sharing the Lord’s Supper
“Lamb of God” page 146
Communion songs (spirit): 7, 18, 25, 37
“alleluia, he’s my savior, alleluia”

closing song
“Love divine, all loves excelling” 631

benediction and 3-fold “amen”

We have beautiful flowers gracing our church this morning ...

**from the Fritz family, in loving memory of Anne's brother Adam,
who died 6 years ago.*

**from the family of Rosalie Turner, in honor of her 85th birthday.*

The eternal light burns brightly today ...

**from Barb Biscan, in loving memory of her husband Michael,
who died 5 years ago.*

Today: Youth group serves breakfast to the Sunday School.

Tuesday: Stitch and Sew, 6:30

THANKSGIVING DAY ... worship at 10:00 ... dinner for St.
Coletta's afterwards ... thanks for all your donations ... see sign-up
to bring food in the narthex.

ARTISTS' FAIRE ... Thursday, Dec. 7 and Sunday, Dec. 10.

Registration forms in narthex.

ADVENT SUPPERS, 6:30 --- December 7, 14, 21

"BIG BAND" HOLIDAY FESTIVAL OF MUSIC ... SUNDAY, November 26,
5:30 in Charter Hall. Best bargain in town: \$15 for the concert
and for all food and drink. Tickets available on far table.

MEN'S CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY, Wednesday, December 13

DECORATE THE CHURCH, Saturday, Dec. 2 --- 9:00 AM.

LOVE BUCKET ... to help with our holiday outreach.
20 families in need & 5 group homes with St. Coletta's.

WINTER CONTAINER WORKSHOP AT MELKA'S ...

Wednesday, November 29 ... a few spots left.