

“Pack the house???? ... on an ordinary Sunday in January?”

ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH “Oasis of Joy” USA

Sunday, January 14, 2018

Always an honor sharing worship with you. We hope your soul is nourished a bit ... sharing some time in the humble temple.

We sure do enjoy having kids in church. We 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, moderately festive, and intensely Lutheran staff is always anxious to care for your children. Please accompany your son/daughter to the nursery, and introduce yourself to the attendants. Welcome to our church ... some fine post-Christmas coffee awaits you in Charter Hall.

welcome ... may an announcement or two? ... a kind word??

OPENING PRAYER

Lord, in this time of short days and long nights ... when darkness comes early, and the dawn comes too late ... it's a time to “hunker-down” and reflect on what life is all about. It's too easy to get cynical, to stop believing, to lose whatever “skip in my step” I have left. I can't let this happen. I've got a song in my head --- “Give a little bit.” It's all I have to do. A little bit each day. A little bit tomorrow. And then ... maybe, Lord ... all these “little bits” can turn into bigger bits. Moments of kindness. Sharing. Helping. Caring. Little miracles: ordinary moments, turning into moments of grace and goodness. Don't let me leave this to someone else. “Here I am, Lord ... send me.” (oooops ... we sang this song last week!@!!) Amen.

opening song

“Precious Lord” 773

the liturgy ... page 98

“This is the feast” page 101

readings for the day

*1st lesson *the psalm *2nd lesson

please rise for the gospel ... “alleluia” ... page 102

“will my younger friends come forward?”

kids' time

“give a little bit”

song

“As with gladness men of old” 302

meditation

the creed ... page 105

offering and offertory

“holy, holy, holy” page 108

prayers and sharing the Lord's Supper

“Lamb of God” page 112

Communion songs (spirit) --- 46, 53, 56, 77, 82

“alleluia, he's my savior, alleluia”

closing song

“O Savior, precious Savior” 820

benediction and three-fold amen

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

*from Wayne and Sandy Demkowicz ... in loving memory of Justin Fernandez's birthday on January 14, 1983. Justin died on July 7, 2016. May God bless his memory and spirit.

The eternal light shines brightly today ...

in honor of Ben Fritz and Henry Krickl ... for the spirit and joy they brought to "pack the house" yesterday.

Tuesday: *Stitch and Sew ... 6:30

Thursday: *Angels among us ... 4:00

*Evening worship, 7:30 (Lord's Supper and lots of peace and love)

OUR NEXT OUTREACH BINGO IS FRIDAY, JANUARY 26.

Doors open at 6:30 ... "first call" at 7:00. We are honoring our veterans once again ... and raising money for our next bingo at the Illinois Veterans' Home in Manteno. Let's "pack the house" ... enjoy ... and bring joy to those who have "answered the call."

SPAGHETTI DINNER: Saturday, February 24, 6:00

Tickets are now available ... \$20. Please begin making plans ... and, if you can help us with getting auction items ... we sure appreciate it. This is a great adult evening ... and it's our only major fund-raiser during the year.

WE ALWAYS NEED YOUR HELP HERE ARE SOME WAYS

*altar flowers, eternal light, helping Don with Communion --- sign-up in the narthex.

*read the lessons, usher (men and women), be a greeter ... just call the office ... let us know which service is best.

YOUTH GROUP BOWLING, January 28 ... please rsvp today.