"The spirit of love, hope, and joy ... and a good-bye to Mavis" ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH "Oasis of Joy" USA

Sunday, January 28, 2018

Welcome to our "humble temple" ... we hope you find some peace and joy ... sharing worship with us today.

We enjoy very much having kids in church. When they get a bit goofy and restless ... we ask you PLEASE TO RESPECT the sanctity of our worship experience. We have a fine nursery for kids age 5 and under. Our highly paid, over-trained, and moderately festive staff are always anxious to care for your children. Please accompany your son/daughter to the nursery, and introduce yourself to the attendants. Some of the southland's finest coffee awaits you in Charter Hall ---- well, that's Don's opinion. Welcome to all ... it's an honor having you here.

welcome ... with an announcement or two

OPENING PRAYER

This morning my thoughts turn to those who are "vulnerable." Those who are so easily taken-advantage-of. I guess that could be me, sometimes. Lord ---- your son always raised-up those who were easily pushed aside ...

... bringing healing to those who were broken.
...bringing hope to those whose hope had been taken away.
...bringing joy to those who never knew what "true joy" was.
...giving power to those whose inner power had been stripped from them.

I know each of us has a soul ... a heartsong ... that "inner something" defining who we are. It's such a gift. I need to find it inside myself.

I need to defend it for those who feel like they've lost it.

May we all share this journey together ... holding each other up ...

every step of the way. Amen.

opening song
"How Great Thou Art" 856

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 "the spirit of Americia"

song "Beautiful Savior" 838

meditation

the creed ... page 105

offering and offertory
"holy, holy, holy" ... page 108
choir anthem, 8:30 ----- "Here I am, Lord"

prayers and sharing the Lord's Supper Communion songs: "Lamb of God" ... page 112 779, 781, 785, 787 "alleluia, he's my savior, alleluia"

closing song "Abide with me" 629

benediction and 3-fold "amen"

We have beautiful flowers gracing our church today

*from Jan Mitchell, in loving memory of her parents ---Evelyn and Charles Singelman ... and her 82nd birthday!!

*from Vern and Mary Ann Bock, in loving memory of
their nephew Aron.

The eternal light shines brightly this morning ...

*in honor of Jan Mitchell's #82 ---- amazing!!
 *in loving memory of Mavis Carlberg.

(Mavis' service is here tomorrow ... noon gathering, worship at 1:00 ... light refreshments afterwards here.

TODAY: Youth bowling at the Frankfort Bowl.

Monday: CONFIRMATION CLASS, 7:15 – 8:30

Tuesday: Stitch and Sew, 6:30

Thursday: "Angels among us" 4:00

Evening worship, 7:30

Next Sunday: Annual meeting, after 2nd service

SPAGHETTI DINNER ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24 ... Please buy your tickets soon we have a limit of 300. It's our only major fund-raiser of the year ... it's a fun adult evening ---- thanks for your support.

SHOES FOR ASHLEY AND JOSH ... see flier a very worthy ministry and cause.

LOVE BUCKET FOR OUR VETERANS ... we are going there on Sunday, February 18.