

“And ... we never lose hope ... NEVER!!”
ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH “Oasis of Joy” USA

Sunday, February 18, 2018

Welcome to our “humble temple” ... and “humble” it is!!

Strong coffee, good folks, average preachin’!!

We hope you find a measure of peace and joy, sharing worship with us today. We sure do enjoy having kids in church. When they get a bit restless 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, ridiculously Lutheran, and moderately festive staff is always anxious to care for your kids. Please accompany your son/daughter to the nursery, and introduce yourself to the attendants. A nice winter-blend of coffee awaits you in Charter Hall. Great having you here!!

welcome ... any announcements? ... kind words??

OPENING PRAYER

In my prayer last Sunday, Lord ... I mentioned how I often “don’t know what to say.” This week ... after all that has happened and is happening ---- I REALLY DON’T KNOW WHAT TO SAY!@!!

A man who so proudly wears “the blue” ... kids in high school ... teachers, whose passion for decency and goodness can’t be measured ----- taken away from those who love them the most.

This morning, Lord ... I pray to you again.

But ----- I gotta do more than pray!@!!

I want to make a difference ... I want it all to STOP!!

This morning ... two babies being baptized ... the song “gift of love” ...

candles being lit ... kneeling or standing at the altar ...

I am reminded of the gentle power of your spirit.

What can I do?

Bury the hatchet. Say “I love you” more. Be kind.

Say “thanks” give back ...

And always remember ... forever ... Amen.

opening song
“My hope is built ...” 597

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

sacrament of baptism ... 11:00 ... hymn 732 (“Borning Cry”)
We are honored today to share in the baptisms of Michael Landon Rauba, son of Matt and Laura ... and Pauline Ainsley Javorski ... daughter of Michele and Chris. Welcome to your family and friends.

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

song
“What a friend we have in Jesus” 742

meditation

the creed ... page 105

offering and offertory
“holy, holy, holy” page 108
choir anthem ... “The gift of love” ... 11:00

prayers and sharing the Lord’s Supper
“Lamb of God” page 108 hymnal: 456, 462, 484, 492, 501
“alleluia, he’s my savior, alleluia”

closing song ... “My Lord, what a morning” 438

Benediction and 3-fold “amen”

We have beautiful flowers gracing our church today ...

**from Mary Nance, in honor of her grandson Michael Landon Rauba's baptism this morning.*

**from the Catalano family, in celebration of the baptism of Pauline Ainsley Javorski.*

The eternal light shines brightly this morning ...

**from Jan Mitchell, in celebration of her granddaughter Jennifer Keim's birthday.*

**from Clarice Bach, in loving memory of her parents ---
Sonny and Barb Bach.*

A FEW HAPPENINGS AND REMINDERS

****Today:** Bingo at the Illinois Veterans' Home

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

***Wednesday:** *Bible study, 7:00 --- the miracles of Jesus ... please rsvp in the narthex.

***Thursday:** *Lenten Supper, 6:30/Worship, 7:30

SPAGHETTI DINNER ON SATURDAY, 6:00 ----- we have tickets available please purchase them today. It's a great adult evening ... and an important fund-raiser.

YOUTH GROUP ... sign-ups and deposits for Laser Tag (March 4) and the movie (March 11) ... please rsvp today!!

LENTEN SUPPERS BEGIN THIS WEEK ... Thursday, 6:30.

Just come and enjoy. If you'd like to help "host" ... you can indicate that, too.

EASTER FLOWER SIGN-UP ... lily, hyacinth, or tulip plants.

We love he church full of flowers!!