

“America ----- a spirit, a way of living ...”
ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH “Oasis of Joy” USA

Sunday, February 25, 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, worshipping 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 service, 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. We have a “self-denial” special on our coffee today in Charter Hall ----- great having you here.

welcome ... announcements? kinds words? nice things to say?

Sunday School: “We are the people of love”

OPENING PRAYER

For a few moments this morning, Lord ... my insides feel “quiet.” I think about our country --- what we stand for, who we are, what we represent. America, America ---- God shed his grace on Thee.

We need your grace.

We need your spirit.

We need your quiet power: uniting us, empowering us,
surrounding us ----- each day, every step.

It’s easy to be a nay-sayer very sorry when I am.

I need to be a comforter ... a team player ... an embracer ...
a defender ... someone who can see the greater good ... where we all
come together. Am I naïve? ---- probably.

But ... it is who I am ... hopefully who you want me to be.
May I not wavier ... in my desire to dream ... to stand tall ... and
hopefully live in the spirit of what America is supposed to be.

Amen.

opening song
“America the beautiful” 888

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

song
“Just as I am” 592

meditation

the creed ... page 105

offering and offertory
“holy, holy, holy” page 108
choir anthem: “The gift of love” 8:30

prayers and sharing the Lord’s Supper
“Lamb of God” page 108
songs: 338, 353 (vv. 1,2,5), 534, 545
“alleluia, he’s my savior, alleluia”

closing song
“This is my song” 887

benediction and three-fold “amen”

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

in gratitude for the generosity of so many in making our annual spaghetti dinner so much fun. Special thanks to **Debbie Facius**, for her leadership and grace ... can't wait 'til Monday morning!!

The eternal light is from Debbie ---- thanking you for your generosity. And to the men's club and the auction committee, for their hard work and love in making our event a success.

*Also, from Ed and Bonnie O'Malley, in loving memory of Ed's mom, Vi Krause ... on the 7th anniversary of her passing.

Tuesday: *Stitch and Sew, 6:30

Wednesday: *Bible study (the miracles of Jesus), 7:00

Thursday: *Lenten Suppers (please rsvp) ... bring something to share, if you'd like, but you don't have to ... 6:30

*Lenten worship, 7:30

NEXT SUNDAY we will enjoy some special music from Gerry Dignan, at both services. He has a night of "Irish music" the following Friday, March 9, in Charter Hall.

TWO YOUTH EVENTS COMING UP ... PLEASE RSVP ... just need a \$5 deposit. Laser Tag next Sunday, March 4 ... our own movie private showing, Sunday, March 18

EASTER FLOWERS ARE ALWAYS A WELCOME ADDITION TO OUR EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP. You can sign-up and make a donation of flowers --- see far table: Lilies, Hyacinth, Tulips. \$22/plant.

THANKS TO THOSE OF YOU who spent last Sunday at the Illinois Veterans' Home and to Salon Davinci and staff and volunteers from our church ---- haircuts last Monday for our friends from St. Coletta's just love our church!@!! ... for moments like this.