

“What a wonderful world ... it could be ... if only.....!@!##d”
ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH “Oasis of Joy” USA

It is SUNDAY, MARCH 11 in the year 2018

**Welcome ... everyone ... to our “humble temple.” And ---
“humble” it is!! Home of strong coffee, good folks, rather average
preaching ... and the infamous “love bucket” ...**

We hope you find a measure of “peace” and “joy” ... worshipping with
us today. We sure do enjoy having kids in church --- just ask FRED!!

When they get a bit noisy and restless ... 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
intensely 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. Welcome ...
great having all of you here!!

Welcome ... any kind words? ... goodness to share? ... complaints
about the coffee???

OPENING PRAYER

*It's easy to get caught-up in the “goofiness” surrounding us.
The noise. The “hurried-pace.” The anger. Others' shortcomings.
My failures ... when things go “south” in my life --- often this
can consume me.*

*Lord, when I slow down and think of you ... your son ... his message,
and quiet humble power ... it's like you “call me” to higher ground.
To be more open ... especially to those whose path through life is
different than mine.*

*To be a bit less “judgmental” ... especially when I don't give
others a chance.*

*To take the “high road” ... even when it's not easy ... where the air
is “thin” ... and I'm afraid it won't make any difference.*

Yes, Lord ... I get too caught-up in “me.”

*Help me. Nudge me. To get “caught-up” in the hope and joy
your son brings thanks & amen.*

opening song
“Shall we gather at the river” 423

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 781
We are honored this morning to share in the baptism of
Xander James Anagnostopoulos, son of John and Deanna.
Welcome to your family and friends.

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

song
“There is a balm in Gilead” 614

meditation

the creed ... page 105

offering and offertory
“holy, holy, holy” page 108
choir anthem: “God so loved the world” 8:30

prayers and sharing the Lord's Supper
“Lamb of God” page 108
Communion songs: 856, 858, 865, 870
“alleluia, he's my savior, alleluia”

closing song ... “Blessing and Honor” 854
Benediction and 3-fold “amen”

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

*from Jackie Chmielecki, in loving memory of her dad ---
Leonard Paul.

The eternal light shines brightly this morning ...

*from Alan and Debbie Facius ... in celebration of the marriage of
their son Randy Mara and Michelle Dion, on March 23rd.

*from the Sparks family ... in loving memory of Maria Guth ---
daughter of a co-worker of Laura Sparks.

THANK-YOU for sharing the gifts of flowers and light.

*This morning Sarah Hanson is the recipient of a scholarship from
the Charlie Fund ---- founded by Kenn and Janet Block ... in loving
memory of their grandson Charlie Lawler.

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

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

Thursday: *Lenten Supper, 6:30

*Evening worship, with Lord's Supper ... 7:30

Next Sunday: *Youth group ... private showing
of "Black Panther" ...

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS for kids 3rd grade and older, who do not
yet receive Communion. At least one parent needs to attend ----
Sunday, March 18, 12:15. Please rsvp today. First Communion will be
at a special service, Sunday, March 25 (Palm Sunday) ... 2:00 PM.

EASTER FLOWERS

Tulips, Hyacinth, Lilies ----- they beautify our church on Easter Sunday.
If you'd like to donate a plant ... the payment envelopes and forms
are in the narthex. You can make your plant in honor of and/or in
memory of someone special in your life.