

Welcome to a day of hope and re-assurance
ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH "Oasis of Joy" USA

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 1, 2018
(breakfast today 7:30 – 10:30)

Welcome to our "humble temple" this morning ... home of strong coffee, ordinary folks, average preachin' ... and extraordinary love!

We hope your soul is nourished, being with us today. We enjoy having kids in church. When they are a bit goofy and noisy, we ask you please to respect the sanctity of our worship experience and, of course, your neighbor. We have a fine nursery for kids age 5 and under. Our highly paid, moderately festive, and over-achieving staff is always anxious to care for your kids. Please accompany your son/daughter to the nursery, and introduce yourself to the attendants. Blessings to all ... on this Easter Day!!

OPENING PRAYER

Lord, I need to shout ALLELUIA – at least, once-in-a-while!!
I'm tired of all the divisions & harsh words ... weary of disrespect ... so sad and troubled by much of the "stuff" going on around us.

I need to be reminded:

LIFE CAN BE GOOD.

GOODNESS AND GRACE AND DECENCY ... they make a difference!!

Love counts.

Giving is worth the risk.

Grit, and determination, and plain ol' hard work ----
it never gets old.

Yes, Lord ... I have my moments of doubt.

My soul gets wrinkled, and I wonder ... and I wander.

Today ... I am grateful for this moment.

Yes: "it is what it is."

And ... in the middle of all this ----- YOUR LOVE,
YOUR SPIRIT, YOUR SON, THIS JOURNEY WE SHARE ...

I'm going to enjoy it.

Thanks, Lord.

Amen ... and "alleluia" ...

opening song

"Now all the vault of heaven resounds" 367

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?"

"opening day" ... a GLORIOUS DAY!!

song

"Beautiful Savior" 838

meditation

the creed ... page 105

offering and offertory

prayers and sharing the Lord's Supper

"Lamb of God" page 112

enjoy the instrumental music

closing song

"Jesus Christ is risen today" 365 (8:30)

(congregation, vv. 1,2 choir vs. 3 everybody stand
and sing for verse 4)

benediction and 3-fold "amen"

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

*from Brenda Metz, in honor of her mom – Joyce Van Drie –
on her 89th birthday.

*from Jerry Knippenberg, in loving memory of his wife Judy,
who passed away a year ago on Easter.

The eternal light shines with spirit this morning ...

*from Jan Mitchell ... in honor of her son Clayton ...
on his 57th birthday.

*from “all the saints” ... in loving memory of Randy Mitchell ...
who died last Sunday.

**There is no confirmation class tomorrow ... our next session
is Monday, April 16 at 7:15 --- are you excited???

Tuesday: Stitch and Sew, 6:30

Thursday: *Evening worship, with the Lord’s Supper ...7:30

*Angels Among us ... 4:00

YOUTH GROUP OUR RETREAT IS April 27 – 29 ... please make your
reservation asap ...we only need a \$10 deposit.

OUR NEXT OUTREACH BINGO

Friday, April 20, 6:30 ----- a wonderful-fun evening ... as we raise some
money for our men’s club outreach, which touches a lot of people.

Please begin making your rsvp.

SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES NEXT WEEK.