"There is something in the aire ... is it spaghetti or is it love???? ... or both??? ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH "Oasis of Joy" USA

Sunday, February 24, 2019

Welcome to our humble temple today ... as we rejoice and celebrate our shared spirit and God's spirit.

We hope your soul is nourished a bit, being with us. We enjoy very much having kids in church. When they are 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 highly paid and moderately Lutheran 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 some wonderful coffee and hot water for tea in Charter Hall. A "heads up" ---- Don makes the coffee.

welcome and a few announcements

OPENING PRAYER

I think I spend too much time looking in the mirror: looking at myself, thinking about myself. A "reflection" of my inflated sense of self-importance. "It's all about me" ... too much. I need to turn around, and look out the window. Into the world you have created and given to us. A world of incredible majesty ... yet also full of lots of hurt and pain. I belong to this world. Here is where I live and work and breathe. Life can be complicated, for sure. So much I don't understand. I wonder "why" things happen. I hurry too much from one thing to the next ... and often miss-out on the joy of "ordinary things" and "ordinary moments" ----- laced with incredible acts of kindness and goodness. Your spirit, Lord, reflects the healing power of who you are. Yes, Lord ---- you are the window ...

opening us up to the beauty surrounding us. Amen.

opening song "Open now thy gates of beauty" 533

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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 "a time to reflect?????"

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

prayers and sharing the Lord's Supper Communion songs: 613, 614, 623, 628 "alleluia, he's my savior, alleluia"

closing song "I know that my redeemer lives" 619 vv. 1,2,3,4,8

benediction and three-fold "amen"

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

*from Peggy and Don Merker, in loving memory of Peggy's mom on her 91st birthday in heaven.
*from Debbie Facius, in thanksgiving to the "auction team" for all their endless hard work, and for "putting up with me." **The eternal light shines brightly this morning ...***from Linda Robinson, in loving memory of her dad, Dewey Robinson, on his birthday --- February 26.
*from Ed and Bonnie O'Malley, in loving memory of Ed's mom – Vi Krause – on the anniversary of her passing . **The rose on the altar** is in honor of the birth of Peggy Sullivan's new granddaughter --- Bree Michelle Sullivan.

Today: *Basketball and Pizza with our friends from St. Coletta's ... 12:30 – 2:30. Monday: *Confirmation class, 7:15 – 8:30 Tuesday: *Stitch and Sew, 6:30 Wednesday: *Senior young-at-hearts, 11:30 (we are cooking for you!!) Thursday: *Evening worship, 7:30

NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 3 ... Our Irish friend – Gerry Dignan – and his wife Denise will be with us for both services. He brings a lot of joy and good music to our morning. His evening of Irish folk music is Friday, March 15 here in Charter Hall. More information to follow.

THE SEASON OF LENT BEGINS with Ash Wednesday, March 6 ... services at noon and 7:30. We will share both the Lord's Supper and the distribution of ashes. Lenten suppers begin Thursday, March 14 prior to evening worship.
 OUR YOUTH GROUP is serving breakfast to everyone ... Sunday, March 10 ... between services ... 9:30 – 10:30.