## LIFE ---- lots of "surprises" along the way!@!! ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH "Oasis of Joy" USA

Sunday, March 10, 2019

Welcome to our "humble temple" today ... as we rejoice and celebrate ---- God's spirit, bringing us together.

We hope your soul is nourished a bit, being with us this morning. We sure do enjoy having kids in church. When they get a bit goofy and noisy, we ask you please to respect the sanctity of our worship experience, and the comfort or your neighbor. We have a fine nursery for kids age 5 and under. Our highly paid and moderately festive staff is always anxious to take care of your kids. Please accompany your son/daughter to the nursery and introduce yourself to the attendants. Some fine coffee (in Don's opinion) awaits you in Charter Hall.

welcome ... kind words? ... is spring here yet??

## **OPENING PRAYER**

I often wonder and fantasize ... about world peace. Everyone on the planet --- coming together, dancing to the music of goodness and grace ... being able to see through the barriers dividing us and causing so many to lash-out at others.

I know PEACE begins inside the soul of each one of us.

When I'm at peace with who I am ... I can begin to be at peace with others, and foster peace where I live and work each day.

Lord --- help me be an instrument of your peace.

Help me, more than ever ---- to believe in the power of "nice" ...

the power of kindness ... the gentle-yet-strong spirit

of humility and grace.

Your son ... Jesus ... somehow was able to make the ordinary extra-ordinary: quietly, in the face of nay-sayers and even his enemies. Grant me a dose of "what it takes" to make a difference one moment at a time. Amen.

## opening song "Let there be peace on earth" 27 (spirit) ... sing twice

the liturgy ... page 138 "This is the feast" page 140

readings for the day
\*1st lesson \*the psalm \*2nd lesson
please rise for the gospel ... "alleluia" ... page 142

"will my younger friends come forward?" kids' time (surprise??)

song
"Break now the bread of life" 515

meditation

the creed ... page 105

offering and offertory
"holy, holy" page 144
choir anthem, 11:00 "Sweet Hour of Prayer"

prayer and sharing the Lord's Supper Communion songs: 462, 471, 484, 492 "alleluia, he's my savior, alleluia"

closing song
"On our way rejoicing" 537

benediction and three-fold "amen"

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

in honor of Annie Steele's \_\_\_\_\_th birthday ...... from all your "all saints buddies." We love you, Annie ... thanks for being YOU!!

The eternal light shines brightly todoy ...

thinking of our brothers and sisters in Alabama ... out of the "ashes" of your loss ... may you find hope for tomorrow.

Monday: \*Confirmation class, 7:15 – 8:30

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

\*Wednesday: \*Bible study, 7:00

"Living not afraid" ... please rsvp in the narthex

\*Thursday: \*Lenten supper, 6:30

\*Evening worship, 7:30

Friday: Evening of Irish folk music with Gerry

Dignan, 7:00

Next Sunday: The youth group and sponsors are serving breakfast to all of you ... 9:30 – 10:30

## SIGN-UP

\*\*Lenten Suppers for the next 5 weeks ... informal, inexpensive, relaxing ... please rsvp.

\*\*Bible Study ... for the next five Wednesdays at 7:00 --- "Living not afraid" ... Ken Konecki does a great job ... book included by the same name.

\*\*Bingo to support our veterans ... one before the summer.

Friday, April 5, 6:30 ---- please sign-up today

YOU CAN BEGIN SIGNING UP FOR EASTER FLOWERS: lilies, hyacinth, tulips ... forms and payment envelopes are in the narthex.