

“How about a little love ... on this St. Patrick’s Day”
ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH “Oasis of Joy” USA
(Breakfast today---9:30 – 10:30 ... thanks youth group)
Sunday, March 17, 2019

Welcome to our “humble temple” today ... as we rejoice and celebrate God’s spirit --- bringing us together.
We hope your soul is nourished, being with us this morning.
We sure do enjoy having kids in church. When they get a bit goofy 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 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 some fine coffee (in Don’s opinion) awaiting you in Charter Hall.

welcome ... please ---- some kind words!!

OPENING PRAYER

In this season of Lent ... and I often forget what “Lent” means ... I need to discover (or re-discover) the power of humility and grace. Lent is about giving-back. It’s about the hope of spring. But Lent can lose its meaning if I don’t make the resolve to live in the “Lenten spirit.”

I’m tired of “me-first” ... tired of people pitting themselves against each other ... tired of negativity and half-empty cups.

Part of this is my fault. I can be this way ... I can get too caught-up in the crazy-ness around me.

Lord, can you reach inside my soul? Calm me down.
Slow me down. Give grace, and humility, and gentleness ... yes, give them some room. This is the kind of power I need.
It’s what the world needs. It’s what we all need to share.

Naïve??? ----- I don’t care.

Let’s give it a try!! ----- amen.

opening song
“Above the hills of time” 55
(feeling a bit “Irish” today??)

the liturgy ... page 138
“This is the feast” 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 ... staying a “kid” at heart!!

song
“When memory fades” ... dedicated to all those living with, caring for --- a loved one with Alzheimer’s and/or Dementia (#792)

meditation

the creed ... page 105

offering and offertory
“holy, holy, holy” page 144
choir anthem, 8:30 “Sweet Hour of Prayer”

prayers and sharing the Lord’s Supper
Communion songs (spirit) ... 56, 67, 80, 85
“alleluia, he’s my savior, alleluia”

closing song
“Earth and all stars” 731

benediction and three-fold “amen”

We have beautiful altar flowers this morning

*from Jerry Arnold ... in honor of his wife Connie's 70th birthday.

*from Peggy Sullivan and Don Borling ... in loving memory of
Mike Sullivan, on his birthday --- March 21.

*from Nadine Powers and family ... in loving memory of
her husband and their father Dan ... a great guy!!

The eternal light shines brightly today ...

*from Vern and Mary Ann Bock ... in loving memory of
Mary Ann's dad – Stan Pietraszek.

Tuesday: *Stitch and Sew, 6:30

*Church Council, 7:00

Wednesday: *Bible Study, 7:00

("Do not live afraid")

Thursday: *Lenten Supper, 6:30

*Lenten Worship, 7:30

LENTEN SUPPERS ... fun, informal, inexpensive (\$5??)
great food ... come by, bring the kids ... rsvp today.

OUREACH BINGO ... DEDICATED TO OUR VETERANS.

Friday, April 5, 6:30 ... let's have a great turn-out ...
it's a wonderful and fun adult evening. Sign-up today!!

EASTER FLOWERS ... tulips, hyacinth, lilies ... it's
beautiful having flowers for Easter worship. Envelopes
and sign-up forms in the narthex.

YOUTH GROUP ... SIGN-UP FOR our trip to the Buddhist temple
and Pacific Garden Mission --- next Sunday.

**BINGO at Illinois Vetans' Home/Manteno ... Sunday,
March 31 ... sign-up if you'd like to join us!!**