

“The amazing power of love”

ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH “Oasis of Joy” USA

Today is Sunday, March 31, 2019

Welcome to our “humble temple” today, as we celebrate the wonder and joy of God’s spirit & the human spirit.

We hope your soul is nourished a bit ... sharing worship here 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 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. Some fine coffee (in Don’s opinion) awaits you in Charter Hall.

welcome ... oh, please, how about a kind word or two??

OPENING PRAYER

Lord ... your son Jesus: simple or complicated??
Complicated to some ---- because so many could never come to grips with his unconditional love ... his openness to those who didn’t think they deserved it ... his way of capturing a spirit so often hidden behind rigid rules and barriers.

Most of all ... we rejoice in Jesus’ simplicity:

his walk, his eyes, the stories of goodness and healing,
being able to speak to our humanity and vulnerability.

Lord – I need more simplicity.

Back to basics: the handshake, honesty, honor, the power of one’s word. Watching the sunrise, the beauty of tulips, a cleansing laugh from deep inside my soul.

I know, Lord ... life takes us in so many unexpected directions.
In the middle of all this ...help me re-discover the majesty of your spirit.

Amen.

opening song

“Blessed Assurance” 638

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

“all on the same team”

song

“In the cross of Christ I glory” 324

meditation

the creed ... page 105

offering and offertory

“holy, holy, holy” page 144

choir anthem, 8:30 -----“All things bright and beautiful”

prayers and sharing the Lord’s Supper

“Lamb of God” --- page 154

from spirit book: 7, 14 , 53, 56, 76

“alleluia, he’s my savior, alleluia”

closing song

“We Praise You, O God” 870

benediction and three-fold “amen”

We have beautiful flowers gracing our church today ...

**from Virginia "Bubbles" Paige ... in loving memory of her niece – Frankie Frech – on her birthday, April 1.*

**from Alan Facius, in honor of his wife Debbie's birthday --- TODAY!!*

**from Ron and Shari Krywanio ... in honor of their wedding anniversary and Shari's birthday.*

The eternal light shines brightly this morning ...

**from Ray and Candace Frech, in loving memory of Frankie, on her April 1 birthday.*

**from Mark and Lori Nussle, in honor of Linda McAley's birthday --- TODAY!!*

**from Judy Chessare, in loving memory of her husband Bill --- on the 12th anniversary of his passing.*

**from "her buddies" --- in honor of Debbie's birthday.*

Today: *Bingo in Manteno – "thank-you" veterans!!

Tuesday: *Stitch and Sew" 6:30

Wednesday: *Bible study 7:00

Thursday: *Lenten Supper (hey, come!!) 6:30

*Evening worship 7:30

Friday: BINGO IN HONOR OF OUR VETERANS ...

6:30 doors open 7:00 first call.

*CPR/AED CLASSES: April 29 and May 19

please rsvp as soon as you can.

*EASTER FLOWERS ... they bring so much beauty to our

Easter worship ... forms and envelopes in narthex.

*YOUTH GROUP SIGN-UP for overnight ...

Saturday, April 27 ... make your rsvp!