

Welcome to our annual "Doubting Thomas" Sunday
ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH "Oasis of Joy" USA

Sunday after Easter ... April 28, 2019

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

We hope your soul is nourished, being with us today. We very much 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 ... sure could use some encouraging words!!

OPENING PRAYER

Lord, I can get so hung-up on "me."

I mean --- I like "me" ... but I don't like the way "me" gets sometimes. Angry and impatient. Snooty (is that a word?).

Pre-occupied. Upset over stupid "stuff."

And then? --- I don't listen. I act like I don't care. Even worse: maybe I don't care.

It's been quite a week, Lord. Holy week. Your journey from Jerusalem to the cross. Your powerful words of forgiveness, acceptance, thirsting for peace and eternal life.

Your sacrifice, Lord --- losing your son, giving it all ... so we have a chance to live ... with grace, dignity, and 2nd chances.

I hurt for our world. Sri Lanka --- far away, but in our hearts. 5 year-old Andrew ... just saying his name brings tears to my soul. I don't want to waste another moment ... being stupid and self-centered and "all about me."

Love. Justice. Goodness. Kindness.
A blueprint for living --- amen.

opening song

"Morning has broken" 556

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

sacrament of Baptism, 11:00 hymn 781

We are honored today to share in the baptism of Cole Alan Fredrick, son of Lindsay and Nick. Welcome, and lots of love!!

"will my younger friends come forward?"

kids' time

song

"Jesus loves me" 595

meditation

the creed ... page 105

offering and offertory

"holy, holy, holy" ... page 144

prayers and sharing the Lord's Supper

"Lamb of God" ... page 154

songs: 501, 502 (vv. 1,2,5,6), 515, 543

closing song

"Savior, again to your dear name" 534

benediction (sung by choir, 11:00)
with the "3-fold amen" – 8:30

We have beautiful flowers gracing our church today ...

*from Alan and Debbie Facius, in celebration their dear friend
Judy Chessare's birthday on May 2.

The eternal light shines brightly this morning ...

*from Lynne and Gaylord Nelson ... honoring and rejoicing
their son Spencer's graduation from Western Michigan Univ.

Today: CPR and AED CLASS, 1:00 (in the gym), 1:00

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

Tuesday: *Stitch and Sew, 6:30

Wednesday: Men's Club at Papa Joe's, 6:30

Thursday: Angels Among Us, 4:00

Evening worship, 7:30

CONTAINER WORKSHOP AT MELKA'S GARDEN CENTER ...

Wednesday, May 15, 5:30 ... sign-up and deposit envelope
in the narthex.

**Jim Melka ... is looking for some hard-working guys who
need a job. Give him a call ... 708-774-9509.

ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY PLANT SALE ... ALL MORNING
on Mother's Day ---- Sunday, May 12.

IN "LOVE BUCKET CORNER"

*Mitch Cook-Graver is collecting for Relay for Life.

*Accepting donations for Debbie Mallin's cousin –
Jennifer Dobbs – facing a serious transplant.