

"This is our moment ... the moment of NOW"
ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH "Oasis of Joy" USA

Sunday, February 23, 2020

**Welcome to our "humble temple" today ... as we
celebrate our shared goodness and spirit.**

We hope your soul is nourished, being with us. We enjoy very much 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 children. 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. Thanks for being here.

welcome --- maybe an announcement or kind word??

"This is our moment" 11:00 ---- kids and choir

OPENING PRAYER

I've been thinking a lot about RESPECT lately.

Maybe, Lord, it's because I see a lot of disrespect --- people like me, putting myself first all the time ... at the expense of others. Sorry when I'm like that!!

Sure --- I want to be respected: for who I am, for what I do, for what I believe in and stand for. But ---

I need to earn it.

Respect is not easy or free.

I need to respect you, Lord. Your spirit. Your greatness.

Your presence. I need to step back ... and respect my fellow man and woman. Their humanity. Dignity. Their pride and spirit. Our diversity. The journey we all share.

RESPECT breeds peace. It's the soil from which love and goodness grow. Help me be that soil ... that person ... who can make a difference.

Quietly. Humbly. With you, Lord, in my heart --- amen.

opening song

"On Eagle's Wings" 787

the liturgy page 98

"This is the feast" page 101

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

song

"Break now the bread of life" 515

meditation

the creed page 105

offering and offertory

choir anthem, 8:30 "Prayer of the children" (see insert)

"holy, holy, holy" page 108

prayer and sharing the Lord's Supper

"Lamb of God" page 112

Communion songs: 501, 502, 556, 581

"alleluia, he's my savior, alleluia"

"This is our moment" 8:30 --- kids and choir

closing song ... "Lord, dismiss us with your blessing" 545

Benediction and three-fold "amen"

We have beautiful flowers gracing our altar today ...

*from Clarice Bach Marinello, in loving memory of her dad Sonny Bach.

*from Don and Peggy Merker, in loving memory of Peggy's mom on her 92nd birthday.

*from Mike and Mary O'Malley, in loving memory of Mike's dad Charles and in celebration of Mike's mom Barbro on her 85th birthday.

The eternal light shines brightly this morning ...

*from Linda Robinson, in loving memory of her dad Dewey.

*from Ed and Bonnie O'Malley, in loving memory of Ed's mom Vi Krauss, on the 9th anniversary of her death.

Monday: "The Big Band" Franklin's Ale House

Tuesday: Stitch and Sew, 6:30

Wednesday: *Young at Hearts, 11:30

*Ash Wednesday worship, Noon & 7:30

*Saturday: *Spaghetti dinner, 6:00

*BIBLE STUDY begins Wednesday, March 4, 7:00

*LENTEN SUPPERS begin Thursday, March 5 ...
6:30 ... with worship following at 7:30.

*ST. PATRICK'S BINGO ---- Friday, March 20. Doors open at 6:30 ... "first call" at 7:00 ... the color is green ... and the cause is OUR VETERANS in Manteno!!

*FIRST COMMUNION CLASS, Sunday, March 29, 12:15
(for young folks 3rd grade and older)

*YOUTH GROUP (7th – 12th grades) ---- Bowling at Frankfort Bowl, Sunday, March 8 --- rsvp today.