

Love is a bridge ... bringing us together"  
ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH "Oasis of Joy" USA

Today is ... Sunday, August 26, 2018

**Another "summer Sunday" in the humble temple. Welcome to all.  
We hope your soul is nourished, being with us today.**

We very much enjoy having kids in church. When they are 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 festive staff is always anxious to care for your kids. Please accompany your son/daughter to the nursery, and introduce yourself to the attendants. Help yourself to some fine coffee and hot water for tea in Charter Hall ----- great having you here!!

announcements? kind words? commentary?

#### OPENING PRAYER

"America, America ... God shed his grace on Thee" ...

I love America. I love our shared freedom. I feel lucky and blessed.

I see the flags waving out back. I see all the names etched on the bricks. More than names ... reminders of the journeys bringing each of us to today. I forget ... too often ... the "spiritual part" of who we are ----- as a country, a nation, a people.

The poor ... the forgotten ... innocent kids, with dreams  
inside their souls.

The incredible stories of those who make it and use their gifts:  
defying the odds, climbing – with courage and hard work – to the top  
of the mountain. America: my home, my refuge, the ground  
upon which I build my dreams.

Help us, Lord, to be gentle and kind. To embrace the human spirit –  
in all it's diversity and wonder ... and even the fragility of those who  
cannot go-it alone.

We need you, Lord ... at the very center of who we are.  
You have given us life ..... may we always share what

you have given us so freely ..... amen.

opening song

"Morning has broken" 556

the liturgy ... page 184

"This is the feast" page 187

readings for the day

\*1<sup>st</sup> lesson \*the psalm \*2<sup>nd</sup> lesson

please rise for the gospel ... "alleluia" ... page 188

"will my younger friends come forward?"

kids' time

BUILDING A BRIDGE

song

"The gift of love" 25 (spirit)

meditation

the creed ... page 105

offering and offertory

"holy, holy, holy" page 190

prayers and sharing the Lord's Supper

"Lamb of God" page 191

Communion songs (spirit): 77, 82, 90, 92

"alleluia, he's my savior, alleluia"

closing song

"Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee" 836

benediction and three-fold "amen"

**We have beautiful flowers gracing our sanctuary today ...**

\*from Megan and Dave Michell ... in memory of their son Andrew,  
on his 24<sup>th</sup> birthday.

\*from John & Cathy Chlapecka, Char Hill, Anita Rogich, and Marlene  
Marek --- in celebration of Jim Gedmin's 75<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**The eternal light shines brightly this morning ...**

\*from Gaylord Nelson, in celebration of his wife Lynne's  
60<sup>th</sup> birthday.

\*in loving memory of Ed Steele – Mr. Fix-it – honoring his 85<sup>th</sup>  
birthday on August 30. We miss you!!

Tuesday: "Opening Day" for STITCH AND SEW ... pot-luck at  
6:00 in Charter Hall. New folks ---- come on down!!

Thursday: Evening worship, 7:30 ---- can we make it one more  
week outside???

BINGO AND REFRESHMENTS FOR OUR VETERANS ... at the Illinois  
Veterans' Home in Manteno. Sunday, September 16 ... leaving after  
2<sup>nd</sup> service. YOUR LOVE BUCKET donations help us with this event ...  
so we can bring "lots of money" --- all singles!! ... they love it.

OUR FIRST MEN'S CLUB OUTREACH BINGO is Friday, September 21.

Doors open at 6:30 ... "first call" at 7:00. These bingos help us do  
things like September 16 and St. Coletta's ... and all the other "stuff"  
we try to do to make life better for others.

REGISTRATION FORMS IN NARTHEX .... Confirmation class,  
Sunday School, Youth group ... all beginning soon.

PLEASE CONSIDER COMING TO OUR monthly "senior young at  
hearts" lunch ... fun, lively, good entertainment.