"Sometimes ... you just gotta DANCE" ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH "Oasis of Joy" US

SUNDAY, March 3, 2019

Welcome to our "humble temple" today ... as we rejoice and celebrate ... God's spirit bringing us together.

We hope your soul is nourished a bit, being with us. We sure do enjoy having kids in church. We 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 ... and our highly sought-after 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. Some fine coffee and hot water for tea await you in Charter Hall!! A special welcome today to Gerry and Denise Dignan ... we are honored to share this time with you.

welcome, announcements ... any kind words??

OPENING PRAYER

Sometimes, Lord, I just want to "hide under the covers." It's cold ... every day. The world can be noisy and harsh and rough, at times. I am so tempted just to escape ----- pretending everything is ok ... pretending my life is perfect. No tension or fighting ... everyone holding hands and singing "Kum Ba Yah." Then I think of people like Jason ... coming here last week: homeless, alone ... just wanting a bit of bread to eat. I see him walking out the door: blessed bread in hand, a few bucks in his pocket. Jesus? An angel in the night? Me? Lord, I don't know how much time I have on this planet. But let me not waste it on "stuff" that doesn't matter. Help me "unclutter" my heart and soul ... that I may be set free to use the time and humble gifts I have: to make a difference, to reach-out, to love. Lord, you are the bread of life. I need a "slice" of that bread ... that my journey may be one of hope and goodness. Amen.

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the liturgy ... page 198 "This is the feast" page 101

readings for the day *1st lesson "Lovingkindness" *2nd lesson please rise for the gospel ... "alleluia" ... page 102

"will my younger friends come forward?" kids' time "How about some dancing around the world??!!"

> song "Shepherd me, O God" 782

> > meditation

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offering and offertory "holy, holy, holy" page 108

prayers and sharing the Lord's Supper Communion music: Mike and Gerry

> closing song "Precious Lord" 773

benediction and three-fold "amen"

We have beautiful flowers gracing our sanctuary today ...

*from Ron and Shari Krywanio ... in loving memory of Ron's dad -- Michael Krywanio ------ a great guy!!
The eternal light shines brightly this morning ...
*from Joe and Nancy Crowther ... in honor of their granddaughter Ruby Nielsen, on her #8 birthday. Happy

birthday, Ruby ---- happy you are with us today!!

Today: *Sunday School "WINTERFEST" ... 9:45 *Sunday School staff lunch, 12:15, Charter Hall. Tuesday: *Stitch and Sew, 6:30, Charter Hall. Wednesday: ASH WEDNESDAY *Worship, noon and 7:30 (sharing the gift of ashes, and the Lord's Supper) (No worship on Thursday night)

We have LENTEN WORSHIP on Thursday nights ... preceded by informal and very "yummy" Lenten Suppers. Please come and enjoy ... only a free- will donation. If you'd like to bring something to share, indicate that on your rsvp. But ---- you don't have to. Just come and enjoy ... and worship with us, too. Dates: March 14, 21, 28 ... April 5, 12

OUR FINAL BINGO BEFORE SUMMER Friday, April 5, 6:30 ... we'd like this to be a "biggie." Supporting our veterans at the Illinois Veterans' Home in Manteno. Please begin making your rsvp's.

SPAGHETTI DINNER ... how about \$22,000!@!! We need it!@!! ... you made it happen!@!! ----- thanks to all.