

“The incredible circle of life ... going with the Flo’----”  
ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH “Oasis of Joy” USA

Another Sunday of goodness .... May 5, 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 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 (in Don’s opinion) awaits you in Charter Hall.

welcome ... any loving and encouraging words??  
 (“Angels among us” --- BUILD A BETTER WORLD, 11:00)  
OPENING PRAYER

I think of our son’s words on the cross: “I THIRST.”  
I thirst, too. Me. All of us gathered here this morning. Yes, we “thirst” for so many things, for so many people ... for all kinds of causes, big and small. I thirst for peace: inner peace, lasting peace, between nations and races and religions and families --- all God’s children. We have to come together. It’s the only way we’ll make it through this crazy world we share. It’s too easy to look the other way.  
Pretending things are ok ... when they are not.  
Yet, in the midst of everything ... I thirst. For goodness. For kindness. For love. For forgiveness. To see your spirit in those around me. To feel your presence in the moments and the journeys we share.  
Lord, I will always thirst for more light and hope in my life, and in the lives of those around me.

It all begins with believing in you --- amen.

opening song  
“For those tears I died” 77 (spirit)

the liturgy ... page 138  
“This is the feast” page 140

readings for the day  
\*1<sup>st</sup> lesson \*the psalm  
please rise for the gospel ... “alleluia” ... page 142

“will my younger friends come forward?”  
kids’ time

song  
“Shall we gather at the river” 423

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: 856, 879, 887  
“alleluia, he’s my savior, alleluia”

closing song  
“What a fellowship, what a joy divine” 774

benediction (the choir, 8:30)  
3-fold “amen”

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

\*from Ray Frech, in celebration of his wife Candy's birthday on May 1.

\*from Paul and Karen Kruse ... in loving memory of Paul's mom – Rita Bowman – on her 98<sup>th</sup> birthday.

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

\*in honor of Mary Ann Bock's birthday ... and for her being such a giving and caring "angel."

\*in loving memory of Paul Kruse's mom – Rita Bowman.

\*\*LAST CALL to make an rsvp for the Melka container workshop on May 15 ---- these are really fun!!

\*\*LOVE BUCKET TODAY .... in memory of Kathy and John Chlapecka's granddaughter Abby ... who died at the age of 7 in 2012 from a brain tumor. The kids at her schools – Oak Lawn/Hometown Middle School & Kolmar Elementary— are walking for brain tumor research on May 10.

Checks payable to "Live Like Abby."

IN MEMORY OF FLORENCE KENNEY ... her funeral is here on Wednesday, 11:30 ... with visitation beginning at 9:30. Lots of love and prayers for Kathy, Doug, Stephen, Danny ... and all her family.

PLANT SALE NEXT SUNDAY (Mother's Day)

\*3 more openings for May 19 CPR/AED CLASS.

\*Graduating Senior scholarship and Charlie Fund scholarship forms available.

\*you know? ... it's ok to take your Sunday bulletin with you ----- we have plenty!!