

“Lent ---- a season of giving back”
ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH “Oasis of Joy” USA

Sunday, March 1, 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 a kind word or two???

OPENING PRAYER

Someone asks me: “What are you giving up for Lent??”
And I’m thinking ... life is not about “giving up” ...
it’s about “giving back.”
Back to you, Lord --- for giving me life and hope.
Back to those, who have given me so much.
Back to those --- who need a boost ... who, through no
fault of their own, can’t “do it” on their own.
I know I spend a lot of my time and energy --- accumulating,
getting more, doing what I want to do.
How about a little more time sharing, giving back,
filling another’s heart with love and compassion.
And when it comes to giving up, Lord? ... how about giving
up some of my selfishness, a bit of my anger, my quickness
to judge others while not looking honestly at myself.
It’s Lent ... guess I have some work to do ... amen.

opening song
“Lord, speak to us” 676

the liturgy page 138 (setting 3)
“This is the feast” page 140

readings for the day
*1st lesson *the psalm *2nd lesson
please rise for the gospel
“alleluia” page 142

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

song
“My faith looks up the Thee” 759

mediation

the creed page 105

offering and offertory
choir anthem, 11:00 “Lamb of God”
“holy, holy, holy” page 144

prayers and sharing the Lord’s Supper
“Lamb of God” page 146
Communion songs: 338, 325, 785, 789
“alleluia, he’s my savior, alleluia”

closing song
“Earth and all stars” 731

benediction
and
“3-fold amen”

We have beautiful flowers gracing our church today ...

*from Craig and Linda Ruisz, in celebration of their
50th wedding anniversary.

The eternal light shines brightly this morning ...

*from Alan and Debbie Facius ... a huge “thank-you” to
the men’s club, auction committee, and the congregation
for your amazing generosity, making last night
a big success.

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

Tuesday: *Stitch and Sew” 6:30

Wednesday: BIBLE STUDY begins, 7:00
“Provocative Grace”

Thursday: *Lenten Supper, 6:30 ---- please rsvp if
you’d like to come.

*Evening worship, 7:30 (plenty of
good seating available)

Next Sunday: YOUTH GROUP BOWLING at the
ever-festive Frankfort Bowl ... 1:30 – 4:00.

Please sign-up in the narthex.

ST. PATRICK’S DAY BINGO

Friday, March 20 ... doors open at 6:30 ... first-call
at 7:00. Let’s have a smashing “green turn-out” ...
Our monies go to support our veterans at the Illinois
Veteran’s Home in Manteno ---- we are going there
on Sunday, April 19.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

Sunday, March 29, 12:15 ---- for young people 3rd
grade and older, who have not yet received their
1st Communion. Please sign up in the narthex. At least
one parent needs to be present.