

**“WHERE IS THE LOVE?”**

**All Saints Lutheran Church “Oasis of Joy” USA**

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**Worship 8:30 & 11 Thursday evenings 7:30**

**Sunday School & Breakfast Club 9:45 Adult Choir 9:30**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2008**

**Worship at All Saints is a time of quiet, joy, and celebration.**

*We hope your soul is nourished, being with us today. We enjoy having kids in church ... but when they are noisy and disruptive, we ask you please TO RESPECT the quiet & dignity --- both of our worship experience and your neighbor. We have a fine nursery for kids age 5 and under ... and our highly paid and moderately festive staff is anxious to care for your kids. Please accompany your son/daughter to the nursery and introduce yourself to the attendant. Most of all --- welcome to our “humble temple” ... there is fine coffee ... and a bit of love and fellowship in Charter Hall.*

welcome ... with an announcement or two

**“candles of hope” ... BELIEVE!!**

**opening prayer**

In the beginning was “the Word” ----- this is what it says in the Gospel, Lord ... right? Then ... the “good book” says: “the Word becomes flesh.” Your word, Lord ----- oozes with goodness and grace and hope. Your word, Lord ----- I need it now more than ever.

I need to hear it ... and feel it ... and live it.

Speaking of “living your Word” .... I guess I don’t do it enough.

In the way I walk.

My words.

My expressions.

How I use and live the “moments of my life” ... how I choose to share them with those around me. Help me walk ... gently and lovingly ... in the sandals of your son. Help me walk ----- in his “word” ... with his soul ... embraced by his cloak of forgiveness and hope. I have a lot on my mind and in my heart this morning ----- the people I love ...

economic struggles of so many ... the sorry “state” of our state ... those who have been hurt & betrayed. It feels good ... for a few moments ...to bask in what is good ----- a tree, some candles, some hope, “a silent night” and a peaceful morning. Amen.

opening song

“Go, tell it on the mountain” 70

the liturgy ... page 78

readings for the day

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

song

“It came upon a midnight clear” 54

meditation

song

“Silent Night” 65

the creed ... page 85

offering and offertory

*choir anthem --- “I saw three ships” 11:00*

prayers and Lord’s prayer

closing song

“Angels we have heard on high” 71

benediction and “3-fold amen”

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*A special welcome to the members of the Stagg High School choir, sharing the gift of music and spirit with us at 8:30. God bless Rolf Moan, who is retiring this year ... and special prayers for junior Julie Campbell, who has recently been diagnosed with hodgkins--lymphoma ...you are with us in spirit today.*

**The eternal light burns brightly and with spirit today:**

*\*from the Kirchoff family, in loving memory of Mark Santamaria & Audrey Kirchoff. \*from Vern & Mary Ann Bock, in loving memory*

*of Ellen Bock. \*from the Catalano & Javorski families, in loving memory of what would have been Juanita Saran's 86<sup>th</sup> birthday.*

*\*from the Nicosia family, in loving memory of Corine & Dennis Di Francessa. \*from Dan & Sharon Andersen, in loving memory of their sister-in-law, Marge Abeyta, who died on Tuesday.*

*\*from the Gename family, in loving memory of Joanne Gename's dad, Joe Dukendorf, who died on Thursday.*

**THANKS TO ALL FOR SHARING AND CARING!!**

**a few humble musings from around the temple**

*\*Today is "outreach Sunday" ... thanks to all for sharing.*

*\*Tuesday: \*Book Club Christmas, 7:00 \*Church council, 7:30*

*\*Wednesday: Seniors ... we are cooking for you ... 11:30*

*\*Thursday: Advent service, 7:30 ... Men's club potluck, 8:00 (if you are "new" ... please RSVP ... also, there is a list of the "good stuff" the men's club has done this past year.)*

*\*Saturday ---- \*Sunday School rehearsal, 10:00*

*\*Luminaria assembly ... 11:30 (sign-up if you can help)*

*NEXT SUNDAY: "Christmas around the world" in Charter Hall, between services. Please sign-up to bring some refreshments from your "ethnic tradition" Such fun!!*

*POINTSETTIAS ... if you'd like to donate one or more to decorate our sanctuary ... forms and payments envelopes are in narthex.*

*CHRISTMAS EVE ... \*Sunday School inspired worship at 4:00.*

*\*Open house at Borlings, 5:00 – 9:30*

*\*Candlelight worship, 9:30 & 11 (Communion at midnight)*

***our humble-yet-festive staff***

Debbie Facius and Kathy Janik, office administrators

Ed Steele, Mr. Fix-it Mark Nussle, choir director

Kathy Klang, comptroller Linda McAley, custodian

Craig Nelson, pastoral support Mike Hefter, organist