

**A little hope ... a bit of joy ... how about some good news!@!!**

**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, NOVEMBER 16, 2008**

*Worship at All Saints is a time of joy, reflection, & celebration.*

We hope you enjoy and are nourished, being with us this morning.

We like having kids in church ... but when they are noisy and disruptive, we ask you please to respect the quiet and dignity --- both of your neighbor and our worship experience. We have a fine nursery for kids age 5 and under ... and 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 attendant. Welcome to All Saints ... coffee "you can only dream about" awaits you in Charter Hall.

*welcome ... with an announcement or two ... and a bit of "stewardship talk"*

***opening prayer***

*More and more ... in life, Lord ... things seem to be "flitting out of my control." The economy ... life at work ... all the stuff going on around me and the world we share ----- I guess I'm a little scared ... a bit unsure ... less confident than I used to be.*

*I often find myself reflecting back to what I thought were simpler times ... maybe they were, maybe they weren't ...*

*But --- I catch myself reminiscing:*

*\*boiling coffee pots and casseroles in a church basement ...*

*\*cash registers that actually made noise ...*

*\*the neighborhood "tap" ... open garage doors ... front porches saying "welcome" ... teams where everyone played ... athletes with salaries that made sense. Help me always, Lord, to focus on what's important. Inspire me to cherish the moments and people and humble slices of life ---- that can drive me to re-discover the very soul of who I*

*am. Lord, there is so much I don't understand ... even more I can't control. But for now ... I rejoice in what you have given me. I need to say "thanks" more ... so, Lord ... THANK-YOU & AMEN!!*

opening song

"All things bright and beautiful" 767 (blue)

the liturgy ... page 78

readings for the day

*\*Ecclesiastes 3 Psalm 70 1 Thessalonians 4 Matthew 25*

*"will my younger friends come forward?" ... kids' time*

song

"Blessed be the tie that binds" 370

meditation

the creed ... page 85

offering and offertory

*choir anthem, 11:00 ---- "I hope you'll dance"*

prayers and sharing the "Lord's Supper"

*music during Communion --- 90 (spirit) ... interlude ... 39 (spirit) ... "alleluia, he's my savior, alleluia"*

closing song

"Battle Hymn" 332

benediction and 3-fold "amen"

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**We have beautiful altar flowers this morning ...**

*\*from Karen Weyer, Dan, and family ... in honor of "All Saints Joy."*

*\*from the Melka family ... in honor of Nancy's \_\_\_th b-day ... and Lauren's 19<sup>th</sup> b-day ... a joyous birthday to Nancy and Lauren.*

*\*from our friends at Heartland ... in honor of the birth of Elizabeth Joy Terrasses, daughter of Dawn and "Big Mike."*

**The eternal light shines brightly today ...**

*\*from Lynne & Gaylord Nelson and Grandma & Grandpa Heiser, in honor of Jacob and Spencer's 12<sup>th</sup> birthdays. Happy b-day, BOYZ!!*

***Thanks to all for the flowers and light!!***

**A FEW HAPPENINGS AROUND THE HUMBLE TEMPLE**

*Today ---- TAILGATE AFTER CHURCH ... enjoy!!*

*Tuesday: \*Stewardship Committee, 6:00*

*\*Church council, 7:30*

*Wednesday: Senior young at hearts ... 11:30*

*\*Yoga --- 6:00 (new folks are welcome!!)*

*Thursday: \*Evening worship, 7:30*

*\*Men's Club, 8:00*

*WE ARE BEGINNING OUR STEWARDSHIP EMPHASIS ... soliciting your financial support for fiscal year 2009. Pledge forms are available on the far narthex table ... next to our "raise me up" balloon.*

*Remember --- your pledges are very confidential.*

***THANKSGIVING WORSHIP AND DINNER***

*We have a worship service on Thanksgiving day --- 10:00 am.*

*Afterwards we have a nice dinner for our friends from St. Coletta's.*

*We need donations of food ... sign-up if you can help.*

***DECORATING THE CHURCH FOR ADVENT/CHRISTMAS.***

*Saturday, November 29, noon ... revp today.*

*THE ARTISTS' FAIRE --- Thursday, Dec. 4 (evening) and Sunday,*

*December 7 (all morning). A chance to share your creativity*

*with your All Saints family ---- forms are in narthex.*

***You can begin adopting people for Christmas outreach next Sunday!***

***our humble yet festive staff***

*Debbie Facius and Kathy Janik, office administrators*

*Kathy Klang, comptroller Mark Nussle, choir director*

*Linda McAley, custodian Mike Hefter, organist*

*Ed Steele, Mr. Fix-it Craig Nelson, pastoral support*