

**LOVE & JOY IN A “HUMBLE PLACE”**

**All Saints Lutheran Church**

**13350 LaGrange Road Orland Park, IL 60462**

**Don Borling, Pastor 708-448-2939**

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

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

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2008**

*Worship at All Saints is laced with quiet dignity & a spirit of joy.*

We hope your soul is nourished, being with us today. We enjoy having kids in church ... but when they are disruptive ... we ask you PLEASE TO RESPECT the quiet-spirit-and-dignity 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 children. Please accompany your child to the nursery and introduce yourself to the attendant. Most of all --- welcome to our “humble temple” ... the coffee in Charter Hall will definitely enrich your life!!

welcome, with an announcement or two

*opening prayer*

Lord, in these post-Christmas days ... days of wilting poinsettias and a bit of melancholy remembering ...

I want the spirit of your SON to shine inside my soul.

\*Where there is harshness ... help me a voice of gentleness.

\*Where there is sadness ... may I be a slice of joy.

\*Where hope seems to get lost ... can I help at least one other person have the courage to face another day.

\*Where the spirit of the season seems fleeting ... help me walk with the Christ-child in my step.

Lord, thanks for your grace.

For your hands --- both smooth and rugged.

For your voice --- often heard in the silence of our journey.

For all those nudges ... pushing me to look beyond myself, into the “heart-songs” of those around me.

As this year ends ... as the tree gets kind-of dry ...

as the noise and laughter of distant family fades ...  
help me find hope & joy ----- in the gentle goodness of your spirit,  
and the quiet power of your love. Amen.

opening song

“Hark the Herald Angels Sing” ... 60

the liturgy ... page 78

readings for the day

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

song

“Silent Night” ... 65

meditation

song

“Away in a Manger” ... 67

the creed ... page 85

offering and offertory

*Choir anthem ----- “Carol of the Bells” 11:00*

prayers

closing song

“Angels We Have Heard on High” ... 71

benediction and 3-fold “amen”

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Don and Jude and their entire family are vacationing this week. If you need pastoral assistance, call the church office anytime. You can call Craig Nelson anytime: 815-735-8975.

Thanks to Craig and Kathy Janik for leading worship today.

Today's ALTAR FLOWERS are from the Aanerud family in memory of Marti's dad, Joe Bonarigo. Also from Shannon & Rob Schweiger in honor of their 3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary. God Bless Joe and Shannon & Rob. The ETERNAL LIGHT shines brightly today from Cara King in memory of her son Julian on what would have been his 25<sup>th</sup> birthday. God bless the memory of Julian.

***Coming Up in the Humble Temple...***

Our first **OUTREACH BINGO** for 2009 is Friday, January 9, 6:30 (1<sup>st</sup> call at 7:00) ... please rsvp with your phone number today.

**ADULT BOWLING** is coming up on Sunday, January 25. Please begin signing up. The cost is \$25/person ... dinner, bowling, shoes all included. Lots of fun last year!!

**YOUTH GROUP**

\*TODAY, between services --- Panera

\*Next Sunday ---- "team connect" ... visiting our friends at Sunrise Assisted Living.

\*Sunday, January 11 ... donuts in the kitchen between services ... then "lunch by Wayne" and volleyball in the gym after 2<sup>nd</sup> service. Cost? ----- \$3.00 ... what a bargain!!

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

\*January 25, 2009 --- after second service --- about 12:15, is our Annual Meeting. Please try to attend.

\***PLEDGE FORMS** are still available in narthex.

\***OFFERING ENVELOPS** are in Nickerson Bridge.

*our humble yet festive staff*

*Debbie Facius and Kathy Janik, office administrators*

*Ed Steele, Mr. Fix-it Linda McAley, custodian*

*Craig Nelson, pastoral support Kathy Klang, comptroller*

*Mark Nussle, choir director Mike Hefter, organist*