

**ANOTHER SUNDAY ... ANOTHER MOMENT ... A BIT O F JOY**

**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**

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**Today is ... SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2009**

**Worship in this humble place is laced with quiet & goodness.**

We hope you enjoy and are 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 and dignity ---- both of our worship experience and your neighbor. We have a fine nursery for kids age 5 and under ... and our highly paid-good-looking-and-moderately-festive staff is anxious to care for your children. Please accompany your son/daughter to the nursery and introduce yourself to the attendant. Most of all ---- welcome to our church. Fine coffee, fun art, and lots of love await you in Charter Hall.

**welcome ... an announcement or two ... and a "call to worship"  
at 8:30 by the fine musicians from Stagg High School**

**opening prayer**

It seems, Lord ... that I've forgotten how to do something. I've forgotten to take joy, find joy, share joy --- in life's "little things." I remember, as a kid ... how "little things and moments" made me laugh from my insides-out. A funny word, my weird uncle's laugh, silly-ness my mom didn't like at the dinner table. I feel, Lord ... like I get so "taken-down" by life. Yes, life can be tough. Life so often tests us ... almost beyond our ability to make it through just one more day.

Certain words cause me to tremble and wonder: laid-off, cancer, Alzheimer's, depressed, addicted, over-drawn, un-paid bills, mortgage, late, angry. I care about this stuff, Lord ... always have, always will. But --- help me never ... please never ... to lose the joy of the moment.

The life you have given us is so full of moments --- one after the other ... big and small ... noticed and un-noticed ... remarkable and ordinary. Please remind me: it's in a moment that I fall in love ... it's

in the moment, I discover the gift of laughter ... it's in the moment, a friendship is born ... it's in the moment, you send your and bring-on the angels. It's in the moment ... we worship on a Sunday morning.

It's good ... it's now. Thanks ----- amen.

**opening song**

"My Lord, what a morning" 627 (blue)

**the liturgy ... page 78**

**readings for the day**

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

**song**

"O come, O come, Emmanuel" 34 (green)

**meditation**

**song**

"Rejoice, rejoice, believers" 25 (green)

**the creed ... page 85**

**offering & offertory**

choir anthem, 11:00 ----- "Breath of Heaven"

**prayers and Lord's prayer**

**closing song**

"Angels we have heard on high" 71

**benediction and 3-fold "amen"**

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**We have beautiful altar flowers ...** \*from Rich & Jane Ford, in memory of Jane's mom Kitty and Rich's mom Darlene.  
\*from Veronica Cullinan's family, in honor of her 16<sup>th</sup> b-day.  
**Thanks to Rich, Jane, and Veronica's family for sharing the love!!**

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

*\*from the Gename family, in loving memory of Joseph Dukendorf,  
father and beloved grandfather.*

*\*from the Catalano & Jovorski families, in loving memory of Juanita  
Saran, who would have been 87.*

*\*from Mary Stancik, in loving memory of her husband Ed.*

*\*from Wayne & Vera Heiser, in honor of Veronica's #16 b-day.*

***Thanks to all for the gift of light.***

**A FEW HAPPENINGS AROUND THE HUMBLE TEMPLE**

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

\*Tuesday --- Church council, 7:30

\*Wednesday --- Men's Club Christmas party, 7:30 .... non-men's-clubbers are  
welcome to join us ... come and enjoy!!

\*Thursday --- Advent supper, 6:30 (please rsvp) ... followed by  
worship at 7:30.

\*Next Sunday ---- "Christmas around the world" at 9:30 ... would you bring  
a "little something to share"???? .... as of the printing of this bulleting ...  
all we have is glogg!! (such is life!!)

**There is still time to order a POINSETTIA ...**

Forms and payment envelopes are in narthex.

**Our love-bucket and mailboxes** are still accepting your donations for  
holiday outreach. Thanks for sharing.

**Pledge forms and "finance facts"** are in the narthex ... **offering envelopes  
for 2010 will be available beginning next Sunday.**

**NEXT SATURDAY ... Sunday School rehearsal ... 9:00 am.**

***OUR ALWAYS FESTIVE AND HUMBLE STAFF***

Debbie Facius and Kathy Janik, office administrators

Kathy Klang, comptroller Ed Steele, Mr. Fix-it

Craig Nelson, pastoral support Mike Hefter, organist

Linda McAley, custodian Mark Nussle, choir director