

'TIS THE SEASON ... JESUS ... JOY ... LIFE & LOVE

All Saints Lutheran Church "Oasis of Joy" USA

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Worship 8:30 & 11 Thursday evening 7:30

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

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Today is ----- SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2009

*Worship in this humble place is laced with quiet reflection  
and goodness of spirit.*

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 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 always 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. A good cup of "spiritual coffee" awaits you in Charter Hall.

welcome ... with an announcement or two

opening prayer

Lord, I peak at the news ... read the paper ... and I am stunned ... sometimes beyond belief ... at what a TRAINWRECK the world seems to be.

Where is the love?

Where is the hope?

Where is the goodness of spirit?

I keep looking for all this ELSEWHERE ----- in spaces and places I can't control ... in spaces and places that really aren't a part of my world.

I look "out-there" ... maybe it's time to look "in-here" ...

Inside of me.

In my heart ... in my soul ... listening to my very own heart-song.

I talk about peace ... but I often fail to live it.

I talk about decency & goodness, but then I don't dish it out.

I want the world to be different, but then I refuse to change.

Its' time for me now ----- to be an "angel" ... instead of just reading about them.

It's time to "embody" Christmas ... not just get through it.

It's time. Your time, Lord. It's the right time ----- 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

"Everyone needs someone to love at Christmas" Zach Wcislo

song

"Hark the herald angels sing" 60

meditation

the creed ... page 85

offering and offertory

choir anthem ... "Breath of Heaven" 8:30

prayers and sharing the Lord's supper

Communion songs: 644, 643, 634 (blue) 65 (green)

closing song

"O, come, all ye faithful" 45

benediction and 3-fold amen

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The eternal light shines brightly today.

*\*from the Kirchoff family, in loving memory of Grandma Audrey and Uncle Mark.*

*\*from the Kuehn family, in honor of Ron's 15<sup>th</sup> birthday.*

*\*from the Nicosia family ... in loving memory of Corrine Di Francesca (her 85<sup>th</sup> birthday) and Dennis De Francesca (64<sup>th</sup> birthday).*

*\*from Vern and Mary Ann Bock, in loving memory of Vern's mom --- Ellen Bock.*

*May God bless all of you ... thanks for sharing the gift of light.*

### ***A FEW HAPPENINGS AROUND THE HUMBLE TEMPLE***

\*Enjoy a bit of "Christmas around the world" between services today.

Thanks to those of you sharing your "goodies" with us.

\*TODAY IS OUTREACH SUNDAY ... so many of you have adopted individuals and shared the gift of money. It's all about love ... and you-all have made it happen. Thanks, too, to ---- Century Junior High, Orland Kiwanis, and Orland Rotary for their substantial contributions.

### **CHRISTMAS EVE AT ALL SAINTS**

4:00 --- *the story, with words and song ... as the Sunday School kids share the spirit with us.*

5:00 – 9:00 --- *open house at the Borlings ... 15323 Sunset Ridge Drive.  
9:30 & 11 ---- Candlelight worship.*

*(We serve Communion after the 11:00 service, for those desiring to stay.)*

**SUNDAYS, December 27 and January 3 ----- worship at 8:30 & 11.**

*(There is no Sunday School on these 2 Sundays.)*

**OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE** *in the hallway, just outside the gym. If you don't see envelopes for you ... please fill out the form, and they will be there next week.*

**ALSO, COMMITMENT/PLEDGE FORMS** are available by the "Chuck Ellis love-bucket" in the narthex. "ALL SAINTS IS A LOVE BUCKET ... GIVE WITH GLAD-NESS" ---- in memory of Gladys Gunnerson.

**POINSETTIAS** ... you can still order one, if you'd like.

### **LOOKING AHEAD**

*\*Youth Bowling ... Sunday, January 24*

*\*Adult Bowling ... Sunday, January 31*

*\*Super bowl party, February 7 \*Spaghetti dinner, February 27*

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

*Debbie Facius & Kathy Janik, officie administrators*

*Linda McAley, custodian Mark Nussle, choir director*

*Mike Hefter, organist Kathy Klang, comptroller*

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

*Kathy Ruitter, Sunday School superintendent*