

**A bit of goodness and grace ... in a humble place!!**  
**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**  
**TODAY IS ----- SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2009**

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

*We hope your soul is nourished, being with us today. We enjoy having kids in church ... but it's also important ... when kids are noisy and restless ... that you respect the quiet & dignity --- both of our worship experience and your neighbor. We have a fine nursery for kids age 5 and under. Our highly paid, good looking, over-achieving, 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 ... award-winning coffee awaits you in Charter Hall.*

**welcome ... with an announcement or two**

**opening prayer**

My mind, my heart, my spirit ----- this morning they go in so many different directions. A baby named Drew ... a courageous lady back in the hospital ... family-after-family struggling to pay their bills.

At least, for a change ... I'm not just thinking about myself.

Lord, I know your spirit connects us. I know your love and goodness are supposed to bring us together.

So --- why doesn't it happen?

Why the hatred and prejudice and arguing?

Why our preoccupation with the faults and shortcomings of others?

In our jig-saw puzzle like world ... there is so much healing, needing to be done ... so much understanding we are way too stubborn to give.

This morning ... in this room ... it's different.

I feel a sense of calm, Lord ... I feel accepted ... I feel like I belong.

I feel connected ... in my dis-connected world.

I feel redeemed and forgiven ... in a world where these "spiritual gifts" are hard to come by.

Lord ---- I'm just glad I can "feel."

Thanks for loving me ----- amen.

opening song

"We praise you, O God" 241

the liturgy ... page 78

readings for the day

"will my younger friends bowl forward?" ... kids' time  
(what does that mean?)

song

"All things bright and beautiful" 767 (blue)

meditation

song

"O God, our help in ages past" 320

the creed ... page 85

offering and offertory

*Choir anthem: "Somewhere out there" 8:30*

prayers and Lord's prayer

closing song

"Onward, Christian soldiers" 509

benediction and 3-fold "amen"

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**We have beautiful altar flowers, gracing our temple today ...**

*\*from Carol Berkowicz, in loving memory of her mom Mary Berkowicz's birthday. May God bless her spirit.*

*\*From Debbie Facius, in honor of Alan's \_\_\_\_ th birthday.*

*\*from Jillian & Greg Dowdy, in honor of Carol's 50<sup>th</sup> birthday.*

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

*\*from Jan & Randy Mitchell, in honor of their granddaughter  
Jennifer Keim's 15<sup>th</sup> birthday.*

*\*from the Kirchhoff family, in loving memory of Grandpa Tony.*

*\*from Elinor Lalik & Doris Kunz, in loving memory  
of their mom --- Lillian Berg.*

*THANKS TO ALL for the wonderful flowers & light!*

**A FEW REMINDERS FROM THE HUMBLE TEMPLE**

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

*\*Wednesday: ASH WEDNESDAY ... worship, noon & 7:30*

*SENIOR LUNCH, 11:30 ... lunch served after worship*

*\*Thursday (no worship) ... Men's Club, 8:00*

**SPAGHETTI DINNER ... IT IS HERE!!**

Last call for tickets and auction items. If possible ... try to have auction items here by Thursday evening. If not --- give us a call and let us know what you are bringing and when ... thanks.

**LENTEN WORSHIP AND SUPPERS ... NEXT WEEK**

Please sign up for the suppers you will be attending. We are looking for a few more hosts, too. All rsvp's can be made on sign-up table.

**MUSIC FESTIVAL ... MARCH 22**

An opportunity for you to share the gift of music ... and for the rest of us to listen and enjoy. Any money raised will be used for our choir scholarship program. You can sign-up in narthex. Sunday School & Youth groupers ---- sign-up to sing a song with Kathy Ruiter.

**THREE-ON-THREE BASKETBALL TOURNEY**

Sundays March 29 and April 5 ... for boys and girls ... 6<sup>th</sup> grade through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Info. and registration forms are on far table.

Please ----- sign up NOW!! Friends, of course, are welcome!

**OUR HUMBLE YET FESTIVE STAFF**

*Debbie Facius and Kathy Janik, office administrators*

*Mark Nussle, choir director Mike Hefter, organist*

*Kathy Klang, comptroller Linda McAley, custodian*

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