

A bit of goodness and joy ... on a humble Sunday
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Sunday School & Breakfast Club, 9:45 Adult Choir, 9:30

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, 2009

Worship at All Saints is a time of quiet goodness and joy.

We hope your soul is nourished, being with us this morning. We enjoy having kids in church ... but we do ask you to respect the quiet and dignity of our worship experience and your neighbor when your kids are noisy and restless. 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 son/daughter to the nursery and introduce yourself to the attendant. Most of all ----- welcome to All Saints ... our legendary Lutheran coffee awaits you in Charter Hall.

welcome and announcements

opening prayer

Hope. A bit of love. Faith in ourselves ... in our country ... in the abiding spirit, bringing us together. The courage to face another day ... not giving up ... not giving into cynicism.

Grace ... "amazing grace" ... "how sweet the sound."

Given by you, Lord ... preached by your son ... at the very fiber of his being. Gentle strength. Not a strength to over-power or to assert my own will ... but the kind of STRENGTH ----- coming from within.

A contagious strength ... intangible ... passing it on to those around us.

When I think of your son Jesus, Lord --- I'm reminded of "sacrifice."
His life. His being. Sacrifice.

Lord --- I need to be challenged to sacrifice more. To give, to share, to reach out, to "put myself out there" ---- from the very depth of who I am. Not cheap sacrifice ... or just hearing the sound of the word ----

genuine Christ-centered sacrifice ... where my heart-and-soul are "on the line" for others. Help me, Lord ... thank-you ... amen.

opening song
"Amazing Grace" 448

the liturgy ... page 78

readings for the day

Sacrament of Baptism --- 11:00 song 474
We are honored today to share in the baptism of Connor David Kelch, son of David and Erin. Welcome to your family & friends.

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

song
"Songs of thankfulness and praise" 90

meditation

song
"Precious Lord" 731

the creed ... page 85

offering and offertory
choir anthem ... 11:00 ... "Softly and Tenderly"

prayers and Lord's prayer

closing song
"God of our fathers" 567

benediction and 3-fold amen

We have beautiful altar flowers this morning ...

**from Alan & Debbie Facius, in honor of Debbie's niece Lisa Agner – she has been promoted to assistant principal and is nominated for the Gold Apple Award.*

**from David & Erin Kelch and family ... in honor of Connor's baptism and in loving memory of David's mom --- Dawn. She is very much with us in spirit this morning.*

The eternal light shines brightly today ...

**from Craig and Linda Nelson, in loving memory of Linda's parents --- Stan and Luella Johnson.*

**from Blair Kelch --- in loving memory of his wife Dawn, and in honor of his grandson's baptism.*

ANNUAL MEETING TODAY, after 2nd service. “Uncle Wayne” and the youth have a “quick breakfast” for you in Charter Hall, right after the service and before the meeting starts.

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

**Wednesday --- “Senior young-at-hearts” ... 11:30 Bible study, 7:00*

**Thursday ---- “the Methodists are coming” ... joining us for our 7:30 worship service.*

**NEXT SUNDAY --- “Super bowl party” ... 5:00. Please rsvp.*

YOUTH GROUP BOWLING, Sunday, Feb. 15 ... after 2nd service.

Please sign-up today if you'd like to join us --- friends welcome.

THINK SPAGHETTI

Saturday, February 28 ... 6:00 ... tickets on sale in the narthex.

Also ---- we need auction items ... you can begin bringing them any time.

OUR HUMBLE YET FESTIVE STAFF

Debbie Facius and Kathy Janik, office administrators

Mark Nussle, choir director Linda McAley, custodian

Mike Hefter, organist Craig Nelson, pastoral support

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