

A dash of peace ... a bit of hope ... a slice of 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

SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2009 (did you set your clock up??)
enjoy a bit of breakfast ... between services ... today

Worship at All Saints is a time of reflection and celebration.
We hope your spirit is strengthened by being here today. We enjoy having kids in church ... but when they are noisy and disruptive, please RESPECT the quiet and dignity --- both of your neighbor and our worship experience. 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 "humble temple" and help yourself to our award winning Lenten-blend coffee.

welcome, with an announcement or two

OPENING PRAYER

I love Lent, Lord.

I love these few moments ... away from life's clutter.

I love the silence, the peace, the goodness ... in the "aire."

I love looking inward ... reflecting ... praying ... saying "thanks" for all the things & moments I too often take for granted.

I know ... too often ... I let life get me down. I see the clouds, and then forget the sunrise. I see the storms, and I turn my back on the rainbows.

I'm reminded this morning ---- life is about hope. It's about the quiet courage to face tomorrow. It's accepting: yes, things can't always be the same ... and they shouldn't be. But together ... as the body of

Christ ... as a community that cares ... we will be ok!

I'll be ok. But ---- I need to reach-out ... I need to give of myself ...

I need to get beyond my own world ... I need to embrace and live boldly the moments of my life.
It feels good to be here today, Lord ... thanks for listening ... amen.

opening song
"Precious Lord" 731 (blue)

the liturgy ... page 78

readings for the day

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

song
"Seek ye first" 783 (blue)

meditation

song
"Blessed Assurance" 699 (blue)

the creed ... page 85

offering and offertory
choir anthem --- "All that hath life and breath" 8:30

prayers and Lord's prayer

closing song
"Beautiful Savior" 518 (green)

benediction and 3-fold "amen"

The eternal light shines brightly today ...
**from Jan & Randy Mitchell ... in honor of their daughter Christine's birthday.*
**from Tony and Sharon Nicosia ... in loving memory of Joseph Di Francesca.*
THANKS for sharing the gift of light!

A few musings from the humble temple

**Thanks to “Uncle Wayne” and the “yoooots” for sharing breakfast with us between services.*

Monday: Confirmation Class, 7:15 – 8:30

*Thursday: Lenten supper, 6:30 ... worship, 7:30
(please rsvp for the supper)*

FRIDAY: MEN'S CLUB OUTREACH BINGO

Doors open 6:30 ... 1st call 7:00. Please sign-up (with phone no.) if you plan to attend. We will re-schedule if we don't have much of a response.

FESTIVAL OF MUSIC, COMING UP ... MARCH 22, 4:00

There are envelopes for you to put in “love bucket” ... indicating that you are coming and also to be used for contributions to our youth music scholarship fund. We look forward to a fine afternoon together.

YOUTH THREE-ON-THREE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Sundays, March 29 and April 5, beginning at 2:00. Information and registration forms are on narthex table. Friends are welcome.

***YOUTH GROUP (7TH – 12TH GRADES) ... SPRING RETREAT
IS APRIL 24 – 26***

Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Center in Oregon, IL.

You must make a \$10 deposit to reserve a spot. Great fun ... great weekend ... let us know if you have questions. Registration forms and info. sheets are on far table.

***FIRST COMMUNION CLASS ... Sunday, April 5 (noon) for kids
3rd grade and older, who have not yet received Communion.***

our humble yet festive staff

Debbie Facius and Kathy Janik, office administrators
Kathy Klang, comptroller Mark Nussle, choir director
Linda McAley, custodian Ed Steele, Mr. Fix-it
Craig Nelson, pastoral support Mike Hefter, organist