

**IT'S GOOD TO BE SPECIAL - UNIQUE - A CHILD OF GOD**

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**SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2009**

**\*Worship 8:30 & 10 \*Thursday evenings 7:30**

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

We hope your soul is nourished ... being with us today.

We enjoy having kids in church ... but when they are noisy and restless ... we as you PLEASE TO 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-moderately-festive-good-looking-over-achieving staff is always anxious to care for your children. Please accompany your child to the nursery and introduce yourself to the attendant. Enjoy some of the southland's finest coffee in Charter Hall ... also ---- *some fine garage sale items are out for your perusal.*

*welcome ... with an announcement or two*

***opening prayer***

Lord, the world is a crazy place!

I'm not always sure what I'm doing or where I'm going.

I so easily get lost ----- in my own thoughts, my narrow agenda, my me-first world. Lord ---- I get worn-down, too.

It seems like we're all so "on edge" ... ready to find fault ... ready to put the "wrongs" of the world on the shoulders of others.

This morning ... it's about PEACE. Memories and spirits of those who have "gone before" ... those who have brought us to where we are today. Each of us is unique ----- bikers, Lutherans, Catholics, blue-collar, no-collar ... religious, not-so-religious ... all gathering to give thanks ... praying for a better world ... coming together to renew our hope in the goodness of the human spirit.

Life can be good ... at least parts of it can.

Lord ---- you bless us ... with your spirit, your love, your invisible-yet-

ever-present ways. Help me always ----- to look at my cup ... my life ... what's been given ... and rejoice in the "full part" ... the good part ... the fun part.

This morning is the "fun part" ... I'm glad for this moment ... amen.

opening song

"Open now thy gates of beauty" 250

the liturgy ... page 57

readings for the day

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

song

"Let there be peace on earth" 27 (spirit ... sing through 2x)

meditation

the creed ... page 65

offering and offertory

prayers and sharing of the Lord's Supper

*Communion songs from spirit book: 85, 46, 39*

*"alleluia, he's my savior, alleluia"*

closing song

"Lead on, O king eternal" 495

benediction and three-fold "amen"

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**Our beautiful altar flowers today are a gift from ---**

*\*the Bailey family ... in honor of Kevin's graduation from Kindergarten ... way to go, Kevin!!*

*\*the children and grandchildren of Linda Ruisz ... in honor of her 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday ... Happy birthday, Linda!*

**The eternal light shines brightly today ----**

*\*from Marcy & Antoinette Jonjevic ... in loving memory of Lorraine Ludwig and Mike Jonjevic.*

*\*from the Kuehn family ... in honor of Juliet's #18 b-day.*

*\*from "all the saints" ... in loving memory of Vern Bock's uncle, who died in a farming accident on his farm in Texas.*

**THANKS TO ALL FOR SHARING THE FLOWERS & LIGHT.**

**a few notes about what's coming up**

*THE GARAGE SALE IS COMING UP ... June 19-20.*

*You can bring small things any time ... the big stuff --- the week before!!*

*YOUTH GROUP MISSION WEEK ... Monday – Friday,*

*July 6-10 ... for Habitat for Humanity. We need volunteers everyday.*

*Great for Community Service ... and great for making the world "a better place."*

*OUR FIRST FUN-FEST IS TUESDAY, JUNE 16 ... 5:30.*

*These are barbeques for the clients at St. Coletta's ... every Tuesday at our church. You can sign-up if you'd like to come and help.*

*SCHOLARSHIP FORMS for graduating seniors from high school.*

*Qualification? ... just being involved at our church. Try to have them in by June 15.*

*WAYS TO HELP DURING THE SUMMER ... We are looking for more ushers, lay readers, hosts for Communion, greeters ... and, of course, sharing altar flowers and the eternal light. We appreciate all the sharing you do.*

*OUR ANNUAL STEAK FRY IS SATURDAY, JULY 25 ... tickets will go on sale next week. Live music ... great food and drink ... and a very spiritual moment as we think of all those who have died from cancer and who are living with cancer.*

***Our very humble and incredibly festive staff***

Debbie Facius and Kathy Janik, office administrators

Kathy Klang, comptroller Linda McAley, custodian

Craig Nelson, pastoral support Mark Nussle, choir director

Mike Hefter, organist Ed Steele, Mr. Fix-it