

**A bit of THANKSGIVING WORSHIP**

**“in the humble temple”**

**Thursday, November 26, 2009 approximately 10:00**

**ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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Welcome, with an announcement or two

**OPENING PRAYER**

I'm thankful for so much, Lord ... I guess the dampness, the cold, the grey-ness ----- it slows me down to think & pray.

\*Thankful for the moment, for now ... just being here this morning.

\*Thankful for this place ---- more than ever. The freedom, the peace, the joy, the goodness, the diversity ...

\*Thankful for those who love me ... who love my soul, my humanity, my dreams ... who don't turn the other way when life isn't pretty.

\*Thankful for my family ---- wrinkles and all. The mountain-tops of goodness ... the valleys, when we need to “hunker-down” ...

\*Thankful I'm alive to see the sunrise ..... inviting me to try again, to live anew, to bring a morsel of joy to at least one other person.

Thank-you, Lord ... for your son.

*His gentleness ... his sandals ... footprints ... his humility.*

Help me embody some of his spirit ... some of his soul ... a bit of his hope ... & the refreshing goodness of his presence.

It's good to be here ... thank-you, Lord ----- amen.

opening song

“Come, you thankful people come” 407

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures ... he leadeth me beside the still waters ... he restoreth my soul.

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, tho' I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil. For thou art with me ----- thy rod and thy staff ...

they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of

mine enemies ... thou anointest my head with oil ... my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life ... and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Thanksgiving reading

“will my younger friends come forward?” ... kids' time

song

“Morning has broken” 76 (spirit)

meditation

song --- “The gift of love” 25 (spirit)

offering

*choir anthem --- “We thank you, Lord”*

prayers and the sharing of the Lord's Supper

*Communion songs: 27 (twice), 85, 65 “alleluia, he's my savior, alleluia”*

closing song

“America, the beautiful”

benediction (together)

postlude ... “have a blessed day”

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**We have beautiful flowers today ... from our good friend Paquito Yu ... in Thanksgiving for all God's blessings!!**

**Your love-bucket cash/check contributions** go a long way to helping our families in need this holiday season ... thanks for sharing. Also --- we'd love to see your Christmas cards gracing our church this season.

**Wine-tasting tickets** on sale today ... Friday, December 4, 7:00.

**Advent Suppers ...** December 3 and 17 --- 6:30 ... please rsvp.

**This Sunday ... regular schedule ...** *Worship, 8:30 & 11 ... Sunday School & Breakfast club, in-between ... 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent!!*

## AMERICA, THE BEAUTIFUL

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,  
For purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!

America! America!

God shed his grace on thee,

And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.

O beautiful for pilgrim feet, whose stern impassioned stress  
A thoroughfare for freedom beat across the wilderness!

America! America!

God mend thine every flaw,

Confirm thy soul in self control, Thy liberty in law.

O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,  
Who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life!

America! America!

May God thy gold refine,

Till all success be nobleness, and every gain divine.

O beautiful for patriot dream that sees, beyond the years,  
Thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears!

America! America!

God shed his grace on thee,

And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.