

a bit of spirit and grace ... in a sacred place
ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH "oasis of joy"
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TODAY IS ... Sunday, December 5, 2010 "
"Oh, Lord --- WHAT A MORNING!!"

Worship in this humble place is a time of joy,
reflection, and quiet goodness.

We hope your soul is refreshed, being with us today. We do enjoy having kids in church ... but please ---- when they are noisy and restless ... **PLEASE RESPECT** the quiet and dignity of our worship experience and your neighbor. We have a fine nursery for kids age 5 & under ... and our festive, highly paid, and over-achieving staff is always anxious to care for your kids.

Please accompany your son/daughter to the nursery and introduce yourself to the attendant. Most of all ----- welcome to our church ... coffee and goodness await you in Charter Hall.

welcome ... maybe an announcement or two

(Advent verse: *Come our light and life. Come our light and life.

Come our light and life. Come and be born in our hearts.

*Come O prince of peace. Come O prince of peace. Come O prince of peace. Come and be born in our hearts.)

opening prayer

Sometime (not always) ... I feel like life is a train-wreck.

O Lord --- the violence, the lack of respect, the hurried-madness ... does it make you kind-of sad, Lord? This morning,

I revel in the simplicity of this moment: a tree, some lights,

"Silent Night." A humble place, born of a humble child.

I wish our world could share all this ... believe all this ... be

nourished by all this. Life is about peace, and good-will ...

it's about being rich and poor --- at the same time.

It's about shepherds and wise-men sharing the same stable.

It's about different religions holding hands, different colors reaching-out, and people of all shapes & sizes & creeds coming together. Why, Lord??? ... don't we this?

I guess we need to ask each other --- why don't we live this way? "Peace on earth ... good will to all ..." We say it, we sing it ... but then what?? I know, Lord ... the answer is inside the heart of each one of us ... it's time to make it real!! --- amen.

opening song

"My Lord, what a morning" 627 (blue)

the liturgy ... page 57

readings for the day

sacrament of baptism, 11:00 (hymn 474)

We are honored to share in the baptism of Anthony Michael Bencic, son of Michael and Cara. A warm welcome to your family & friends on this special day!!

"will my younger friends come forward?"

kids' time

song

"Hark the glad sound" 35

meditation

the creed ... page 65

offering and offertory

choir anthem, 8:30 ---- "Listen"

prayers and sharing the Lord's Supper

songs: 40, 65 (green) 638, 741 (blue) "alleluia"

closing song: "O come, all ye faithful" 45

benediction and 3-fold "amen"

We have beautiful altar flowers today ...

*from Tom & Debbie Hohbach, in honor of Debbie's dad – Bernie –
on his 74th birthday.

*from the Kelch family, in loving memory of Dawn Kelch.
Happy b-day, Bernie ... and may God bless Dawn's memory.

The eternal light shines brightly today ...

from the Kelch family, in loving memory of Dawn.
from Mike and Cara Bencic, in honor of Anthony's baptism.

A FEW HAPPENINGS IN THE HUMBLE TEMPLE

*Today ... "Team Connect" for the youth group.

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

*Wednesday: "Spiritual Yoga" 7:15

*Thursday: Advent Supper (6:30) & Worship (7:30)

*Saturday: Wine-tasting, 6:30 (tickets and money envelopes
are on far table).

WE INVITE YOU TO STOP BY OUR STEWARDSHIP

table in Charter Hall. We are encouraging your
commitment for 2011 ... and we have a "prize" if you stop by!

YOU CAN ORDER A POINSETTIA PLANT

Forms and envelopes are "all over the place."

OUR CHRISTMAS OUTREACH CONTINUES.

A few more folks who need to be "adopted" ... and, of course,
we gratefully receive any cash/check donations. Thanks for caring
and sharing this time of the year.

MEN'S CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY, Wed., Dec. 15 ---

non-men's-club-guys ... please join us & rsvp.

CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD (Dec. 19, between

**services) ... sign-up to bring something from your ethnic/
family tradition ... it's fun!!**

OUR DELIGHTFULLY FESTIVE STAFF

Debbie Facius and Kathy Janik, office administrators

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

Kathy Klang, comptroller Linda McAley, custodian

Mark Nussle, choir director Mike Hefter, organist

Kathy Ruitter, Sunday School Superintendent