

"HERE I AM, LORD ... SEND ME!!"
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 Choir, 9:30

IT IS A FESTIVE SUNDAY ----- February 7, 2010

Worship here is a time of hope, joy, and quiet reflection.

We hope your soul is nourished, being with us this morning. We enjoy having kids in church ... but when they are noisy and disruptive ... we ask you PLEASE TO RESPECT the quiet and dignity ---- both of our worship service and your neighbor. We have a fine nursery for kids age 5 and under ... and our moderately 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 humble temple ... the "super bowl" of coffee awaits you in Charter Hall.

welcome ... maybe an announcement or two

OPENING PRAYER

I'm amazed at myself, Lord ... at how much I let things "on the outside" affect my soul on the inside: politicians yelling, friends too busy, voice-mail with no real voice, even the lack of sunshine. So, I turn inward ... my inner flame grows dim ... I lose that "whatever it is" bringing me hope ---- for today, for tomorrow, for always. I sometimes forget, Lord:

*you are my light
you are my hope
you are my salvation.*

You lift me up, everyday ... you walk in my shoes, every step of the way ... you embrace me, hold me up, nudge me along ---- every twist & turn I take.

Being positive and productive ---- it's up to me.

Bringing goodness & hope into the world --- it's up to me.

Help me, Lord ----- to be accountable, to live each day with courage, to take responsibility and to be on the front line when the call for help is there. I think of those words you said to Isaiah ----- "**Whom shall I send ... who will go for us????**"

Lord, I say to you ... exactly what Isaiah said to you:
"Here I am, Lord ... SEND ME!!" Amen.

opening song
"Here I am, Lord" 752 (blue)

the liturgy ... page 78

readings for the day

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

song
"Guide me ever, great redeemer" 343

meditation

the creed ... page 85

offering and offertory
choir anthem, 11:00 ----- "Can you feel the love?"

prayers and sharing the Lord's Supper
Communion hymns: 718 and 721 (blue)
76 and 65 (spirit)
"alleluia, he's my savior alleluia"

closing song
"Lead on, O king eternal" 495

benediction and 3-fold "amen"

Our beautiful altar flowers this morning are from ...
Bill Torsberg, in loving memory of his wife Sue ... who would have been 65 years old. We miss her ... may God bless her memory and spirit.
The eternal light shines this morning ... as we pray for Don Schroth and his family. As of now, Don continues his journey with cancer at St. Joseph's hospital in Joliet ---- God bless you and your family.

A FEW HAPPENINGS IN AND AROUND THE HUMBLE TEMPLE

Tomorrow ---- Confirmation class, 7:15 – 8:30 (check your answering machines in case SNOW gets in the way again ...)

Yoga --- Monday at 6:00, Wednesday at 7:00

Thursday evening --- worship, with Communion, 7:30

Next Sunday is Valentine's Day ... Sunday School kids and families:

You are singing at worship next Sunday!!

ARE YOU THINKING PASTA????? ... Spaghetti Dinner on February 27, 6:00.

Please purchase your tickets ... and if \$20 is a bit much ... just do the best you can.

We want to fill the place for this great adult evening.

Also --- let us know if you have auction items.

YOUTH GROUPERS ... *"team connect" today ... off to Sunrise.*

NEXT SATURDAY ... work day ... painting our youth room ... please sign up to work --- beginning 9:00 am. Then we have our annual BAKE SALE on Valentine's Day.

ARE YOU EXCITED ABOUT LENT? ASH WEDNESDAY ...

February 17 ... worship at noon and 7:30. Beginning the following weeks ...

Lenten worship on Thursdays, with suppers at 6:30. If you would like to help host a supper, please indicate on the rsvp's.

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY ... 4 Wednesdays during Lent ... 7:00 ...

focusing on biblical prophecies and the Easter story. Rsvp in narthex.

FIRST COMMUNION for kids 3rd grade and older ... class will be on Sunday,

March 28, at noon. At least one parent needs to attend.

Please sign up on narthex table.

OUR HUMBLE AND FESTIVE STAFF

Debbie Facius and Kathy Janik, office administrators

Kathy Klang, comptroller Linda McAley, custodian

Ed Steele, Mr. Fix-it Mark Nussle, choir director

Mike Hefter, organist Craig Nelson, pastoral support

Kathy Ruitter, Sunday School Superintendent