

I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY ... IT'S ALL ABOUT LOVE!!  
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

IT IS ---- SUNDAY, MARCH 21, 2009

Worship in this humble place is laced with quiet goodness and grace.

We certainly hope your soul is nourished, being with us today. We enjoy having kids in church ... but when they are noisy and disruptive ... we ask you PLEASE TO RESPECT the sanctity, quiet, and dignity of our worship experience and your neighbor. We have a fine nursery for kids age 5 and under ... and our highly paid, moderately festive, and over-achieving staff is always anxious to care for your children. Please accompany your son/daughter to the nursery and introduce yourself to the attendant. To everyone ---- welcome to our church ... we have some fine coffee and lots of love awaiting you in Charter Hall.

welcome ... with an announcement or two

**opening prayer**

Lord, sometimes I don't feel very religious. My prayer life ... my "being a good person" life ... well, it's not what it should be. In truth ... there is a lot about religion I don't like ----- the rules, the phoniness, the barriers, the divisions, the guilt, always feeling like I'm falling short. But then, Lord, I'm often surprised by how often "I feel the spirit."

A little goof-ball smiles.

A "random act of kindness" comes my way.

I see someone --- even a stranger --- walk with pain, dosed with a bunch of courage.

I say "thanks" to a soldier.

I remember my dad.

The "love bucket" is full.

Someone I hardly know takes time to listen. Lord --- open my eyes. Open my heart. Open my ears. You are here. You are everywhere. And this "religion thing"??? ---- help me discover a religion that is grounded in the everyday-

ness of life. Your hands, Lord ... they are born of clay and hard work. Your hands, Lord ... they pull people out of the ditches of despair ... and they point us to moments-and-people where hope abounds & love is never hidden. Your hands. Your religion. I need them. And the world needs me to start using them ----- amen.

**opening song**

"Thine is the glory" 145

the liturgy ... page 57

readings for the day

"will our younger friends come forward?"

kids' time

**song**

"I want Jesus to walk with me" 660 (blue)

meditation

**song**

"I believe" 46 (spirit)

the creed ... page 65

offering and offertory

choir anthem, 11:00 ---- "Come before the Lord with praise"

prayers and Lord's prayer

**closing song**

"I love to tell the story" 390

benediction and 3-fold "amen"

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*Thanks to Craig Nelson and Bruce Fredrick for leading worship today. Don, Jude, and Q are visiting Don's brother at his home in Virginia ... they will be back Wednesday.*

**Thanks for the beautiful altar flowers today.**

*\*from Lillie Essler and her family ... in honor of her 91<sup>st</sup> birthday.*

*\*from the Janik family ... in honor of Heather's 25<sup>th</sup> birthday.*

*God's blessings to Lillie and Heather.*

**The eternal light shines brightly this morning.**

*\*from the Catalano & Javorski families, in loving memory of Juanita Saran,  
who died 3 years ago.*

*\*from Vern & Mary Ann Bock, in loving memory of Mary Ann's dad ----  
Stan Pietraszck. May God bless the memories and spirits of  
Juanita and Stan.*

**A few happenings around the humble temple**

*\*Yoga ... 5:30 Monday (no yoga on Wednesday)*

*\*Thursday: Evening worship, 7:30 (no more suppers)*

*\*Men's club on Thursday ---- 8:00 in the kitchen*

*\*\*REMEMBER ---- "pictures by the fire-place" for our directory.*

**YOUTH NOTES**

*\*breakfast inside, making "eggs" downstairs*

*\*youth retreat ... we need your deposits soon (\$15) ... The retreat is from 6:00*

*Friday evening ... 'til noon on Sunday ---- festive OREGON, IL.*

*\*Easter flowers: forms and envelopes on far table.*

*\*First Communion class ... for kids and parents (3<sup>rd</sup> grade and older) ...*

*12:15 next Sunday ... "first Communion" on Holy Thursday.*

**HOLY WEEK BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY**

*\*Palm Sunday ... regular schedule ... passing out palms.*

*\*Holy Thursday ... worship at Noon and 7:30.*

*\*Good Friday ... Noon and 7:30*

*EASTER SUNDAY ... 7:00 (almost Sunrise)*

*regular times: 8:30 & 11 (breakfast, 7:30 – 10:30)*

**\*\*festive bingo\*\* ---- Friday, April 9 (rsvp today)**

***Our always loving and festive staff***

*\*Debbie Facius and Kathy Janik, office administrators*

*Craig Nelson, pastoral support Mark Nussle, choir director*

*Ed Steele, Mr. Fix-it Kathy Klang, comptroller*

*Mike Hefter, organist Linda McAley, custodian*

*Kathy Ruitter, Sunday School Superintendent*

## WELCOME TO "NEW CARPET" SUNDAY

### THIS WEEK ... AS YOU CAN SEE AND SMELL ... NEW CARPETING GRACES OUR SANCTUARY.

This room is an "oasis" ... it's the gathering place, the "welcoming" place.  
It needs to look nice ...and it always does.

Doing "stuff" like this costs money ... but the council put it aside at the end of last year ... and it's all paid for ----- thanks to all of you!@!!  
SPECIAL THANKS TO SEVERAL GENTLEMEN ... who spent time emptying the sanctuary ... building the platform ... cleaning all the chairs ...and putting everything back together:

*Ed Steele, Tom Tomas, Mike Czubernat, Vern Bock, Al Holke, Bob Gename, Matt Adelsbach, Gino Koppel.*

Thanks so much for the unselfish giving of your time.

Many folks have talked about this a lot ... interesting when "coffee" becomes one of our most talked-about subjects. It's good ...

We are a "welcoming church" ... we talk about the "strong" coffee and the coffee pot that is always on.

The "flip side" of this is ----- the reason we had to replace the carpet is coffee and "other liquids" ... our carpet had become a mess.

So ... we are asking everyone to keep drinkin' coffee and tea ... keep being festive and sharing food ... but **not in the sanctuary.**

It's a sacred place.

It's a festive place.

It's a welcoming place.

It looks beautiful, and we want to keep it this way.

Enjoy food and drink in Charter Hall ... enjoy worship and the "new look" in the sanctuary. We are blessed.

"your humble staff and deacons"