

A FEW MOMENTS OF GOODNESS & GRACE
All Saints Lutheran Church "Oasis of Joy"
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Worship 8:30 & 11 Thursday evenings 7:30

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2010

**Worship at All Saints is a time to reflect, give thanks,
and pray in the quietness of this humble place.**

We hope your soul is nourished, being with us today. We enjoy having kids in church ... but when they are noisy & restless, we ask 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 & under ... and our highly paid & moderately festive staff is anxious to care for your kids. Please accompany them to the nursery and introduce yourself to the attendant. Welcome to All Saints ... help yourself to coffee in Charter Hall.

welcome ... an announcement or two

***thanks to Bruce Fredrick & Gary Gow for leading worship today. Don is with his 2 sons & future son-in-law ... and spending some time with his grand-kids. Back tomorrow.*

opening prayer

It's a hunker-down time of the year.

Kind-of cold ... empty trees ... Christmas lights poppin' up before Thanksgiving. I need to "hunker down" ... maybe pray a bit more, look inside myself, meditate, think, reflect on all the "stuff" going on around me.

I know I say this every year ----- but help me, Lord, to put this season and time of the year into perspective. Help me look deeper into what life and love really mean.

I need to slow down.

I need to listen ---- to my own heart-song, to my neighbor's ... that in the silence of my listening ... I can hear your voice, and be nurtured by your spirit. I know, Lord, there are lots of

"needs" out there. I want to be a "giver" ----- a giver of goodness and peace ... a giver from the depths of both my bounty and my poverty ... a giver from the depths of my heart and my soul. It's Thanksgiving, Lord ... I'm thankful for you ---- amen.

opening song

"We praise you, O God" 241

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readings for the day

"will my younger friends come forward?"

kids' time

song

"Take my life, that I may be" 406

meditation

song

"All things bright and beautiful" 767 (blue)

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offering and offertory

choir anthem: "Let there be peace on earth" 8:30

prayers and Lord's prayer

closing song

"Let all things now living" 557

benediction and 3-fold "amen"

We have beautiful altar flowers this morning ...

**from Jackie Chmielecki, in loving memory of Evelyn Chmielecki ... and from the Melka family, in honor of Nancy's birthday and Lauren's 21st birthday.*

The eternal light shines brightly today ...

*from Debbie & Tom Hohbach ... for Debbie's Uncle Dennis Murray's move to Salem Village in Joliet.

*from Germaine Dere Samec ... in loving memory of Charlie Samec's birthday.

THANK-YOU FOR THE GIFTS OF FLOWERS & LIGHT.

a few happenings and reminders

**Thanksgiving Day worship at 10am, followed by our dinner for St. Coletta's. Please sign-up if you can bring something. We could use another turkey or two and dressing/potatoes.*

**Artists' faire (if there is interest) ... registration forms are on the far table.*

**Advent begins next Sunday. We are DECORATING THE CHURCH ON SATURDAY, Nov. 27, noon. Bring "a little something" to share and enjoy ... please RSVP.*

*ADVENT SUPPERS ON THESE THURSDAYS,
Dec. 2, 9, 16 ... 6:30. Please sign-up today. Delightful gatherings around our Christmas tree.*

POINSETTIAS FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS.

We are only charging \$20 this year (an "angel" is helping us).

Forms and payment envelopes are in the narthex.

CHRISTMAS OUTREACH

*The names of the adults and children to be adopted will be available beginning Thanksgiving Day and the following Sunday. Also, we graciously accept monetary donations, since we do a lot of food shopping for all our families. A few misc. items we can use --- wrapping paper, boxes, tissue paper, self-sticking gift tags, tape, gift card holders, and gift bags. Thank-you

OUR HUMBLE AND LOVING STAFF

Debbie Facius and Kathy Janik, office administrators

Linda McAley, custodian Ed Steele, Mr. Fix-it

Mark Nussle, choir director Kathy Klang, comptroller

Mike Hefter, organist Craig Nelson, pastoral support

Kathy Ruiter, Sunday School Superintendent