

“A LOVING PLACE ... A SPIRIT OF GOODNESS”

All Saints Lutheran Church “Oasis of Joy” USA

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Worship 8:30 & 11 Thursday evenings 7:30

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**Worship at All Saints is a time to reflect, give thanks, 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 and disruptive ... 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, over-achieving, and moderately festive staff is always anxious to care for your kids. Please accompany your son/daughter to the nursery and introduce yourself to the attendant. Welcome to our church ... a “cup of love” (disguised as coffee) awaits you in Charter Hall.*

welcome ... with an announcement or two

opening prayer

I lost my religion ... but then I found my soul.

I’m not sure, Lord ... exactly what I mean by this.

I often feel like I go through the motions ---- the words, the actions, the rituals. Maybe I just take the church ... the cross ... the words ... yes, maybe I take it all for granted. Could it be? ... that the familiarity gets in the way of really “making a difference”??

But then my thoughts turn to you, Lord ----- to your son, his journey, his teachings and miracles.

I’ve discovered along the way ----- Jesus is not about religion.

HE IS ABOUT LIFE.

Life in its crusty-reality.

Life ---- in the collision of pain and joy I face each day.

I see your son in courageous-yet-humble acts, gutsy determination, patient love, giving with no strings. Yes, it’s in the daily glimpses of human triumph and tragedy ... this is where your spirit lives ... it’s where my spirit is tested ... it’s where I discover the richness and strength of my own soul. Often religion confuses me ... but my soul assures me: YOU ARE WITH ME ALWAYS!! Amen.

opening song

“The body of our Lord” 8 (spirit)

the liturgy ... page 78

readings for the day

“will my younger friends come forward?”

kids’ time

song

“Day by Day” 746 (blue)

mediation

the creed ... page 85

offering and offertory

choir anthem ... 11:00 ... “Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring”

prayers and sharing the Lord’s Supper

Songs from green hymnal: 448, 205, 219, 212

closing song

“Love divine, all loves excelling” 315

benediction and three-fold “amen”

Our beautiful altar flowers this morning are from Dan Andersen ... in honor of and in memory of what would have been his and Sharon's 42nd wedding anniversary. May God bless Sharon's memory & spirit.

The eternal light shines brightly this morning ... *from the Kuehn family, in honor of Nathan's 18th birthday ... *and from Bob Magnuson, in loving memory of his wife Gerry Magnuson. Happy b-day Nathan ... and may God bless Gerry's memory & spirit.

Today ... *Finance committee, 12:00 *Youth group returns from Great America at 8:00 pm.

Monday ... *Yoga, 6:00 *Confirmation, 7:15 – 8:30

Tuesday ... *Church council, 7:30

Wednesday ... *Yoga, 7:00 *Bible study, 7:00

Thursday ... *Evening worship/Lord's Supper, 7:30

Halloween bingo, Friday, Oct. 28 ... 6:30

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY ... WORSHIP AND DINNER

This marks our 51st anniversary. An informally catered supper awaits you, beginning at 4:00. This is for everyone --- family and friends.

Please make your rsvp's early ... and let us know if you'd like to be part of the "feast of fools" ... there is a sign-up for this, too.

Need to spend an extra buck-or-two today? Tootsie rolls, magazines, taffy apples ... all for good causes ... in the narthex.

We are accepting donations for two food pantries ... see the lists for Together We Cope and Orland Township in narthex.

***note from Debbie and Kathy ---- The St. Coletta's newsletter announcing Pastor Don's "Humanitas Award" is available ... there is also a sample invitation to the benefit. If you are interested in tickets (they are a "tad pricey") ... see one of us.*

your humble yet festive staff

Debbie Facius and Kathy Janik, office administrators

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

Kathy Klang, comptroller, Mark Nussle, choir director

Mike Hefter, organist Craig Nelson, pastoral support

Kathy Ruitter, Sunday School Superintendent