

24TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

#### Pastoral Welcome and Announcements

## Thoughts for the Day:

- ❖ A little girl sat in the Church with her father. The girl tugged on her Dad's shirt and asked, "Who are those people in the window?" The father explained to his daughter that the stained-glass windows tell the stories of the great Saints in the Church.
  - The following week, a Sunday school teacher asked her class this question: "Who are the saints?" The same little girl raised her hand, and when the teacher called on her, she responded: "The saints are the ones the light shines through."
- ❖ In his holy flirtation with the world, God occasionally drops a handkerchief. These handkerchiefs are called saints. Frederick Buechner
- ❖ Faith is believing what you do not see; the reward of faith is seeing what you believe. St. Augustine

Call to Worship Song: If We Live, We Live to the Lord (music at end of bulletin)

## Call to Worship:

L: Today we stand beside saints in the making.

C: Yesterday we stood by those who now live as saints in light.

L: Tomorrow may be our turn to take our place among them.

C: While we live, we live to the Lord.

L: When we die, we die to the Lord.

C. So then, whether we live or whether we die,

All: We are the Lord's.

**Praise Song:** For All the Saints Who've Shown Your Love (music at end of bulletin)

## Our Confession:

All: Lord, the saints have shown us that there is so much to live up to: You want us to be kind, humble, meek and patient, and most days we struggle, at best. We are to forgive, love and let peace rule our hearts, yet the focus is often on me, not on others' needs. Studying your Word has not become a priority for us. There is so much work to do - so we recommit our lives to you with the promise that this will be a fresh start. Help us to follow the example of the saints who have gone before me. Help us to give others a glimpse of your kingdom that is to come in all we say and do. Amen.

Leader: Believe it or not we are saints, set free by God to live as the people of God. Let us live lives worthy of the Gospel.

Song: Way Down Deep (music at end of bulletin)

#### Lesson: Revelation 21:1-6a

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.

## **Gospel:** John 11:32-44

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."

When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see."

Jesus began to weep.

So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it.

Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?"

So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me.

I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me."

When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus come out!"

The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him and let him go."

Message: "The Circle is Unbroken" - Pastor David Schoob

Message Response: Find Us Faithful (music at end of bulletin)

## Lighting of Candles:

We will read the names of those who have died in the last year. As each name is read, a candle will be lit in their memory.

Jim Barker, Sr.
Ruth Barker
Ronald Blair
Jon Ryan Eckes
Delores Erickson
Joyce M Fischer
Elmer Frey
Donna Hallada
Florence L Juedes
Dennis Kocher

Joseph "Joe" Kurer
Margaret Lois Lechner
Susan Limbach
Stephen Lombard
David Mayer
Mabel Meyer
Mark Scott Mushynski
Glenn Nemanic
Carol Ann Osterman
Ken Pauer
Ryan Ruotsala

Judy Ann Severson
Matt Shubat
Robert Steger
Edna Mae Steinert
Else Gerda Thornton
Mary Ann Treichel
Kayli Wagner
Eugene A Wiedmeyer
Roxanne A Zakany
Bill Zingsheim

Song of Remembrance: For the Ones Who've Gone Before Us (music at end of bulletin)

# The Prayers

## The Lord's Prayer:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory, forever and ever. Amen.

# The Sending Out:

L: O God, let us remember all the saints who shared your light with us. Let Your light shine through us and help us follow in Your way, until we too, join You in the feast which has no end.

### All: Amen!

#### The Sending Song: Soon and Very Soon (music at end of bulletin)

#### The Dismissal:

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



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#### Find Us Faithful

- We're pilgrims on the journey of the narrow road, And those who've gone before us line the way Cheering on the faithful, encouraging the weary, Their lives a stirring testament to God's sustaining grace. (chorus)
- Surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,
   Let us run the race not only for the prize,
   But as those who've gone before us, let us leave to those behind us
   The heritage of faithfulness passed on thru Godly lives. (chorus)
- After all our hopes and dreams have come and gone,
   And our children sift thru all we've left behind,
   May the clues that they uncover, and the mem'ries they uncover
   Become the light that leads them to the road we each must find. (chorus)



