

ALL SAINTS AND 22ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

MEDITATION PRAYERS BEFORE WORSHIP

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

PASTORAL WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY:

- Faith is believing what you do not see; the reward of faith is seeing what you believe.
 St. Augustine (Theologian and Philosopher)
- * Every saint has a past; and every sinner has a future.

- Oscar Wilde (Author and Playwright)

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: God of the Movements and Martyrs, vs 1 & 3 (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.

CONFESSION RESPONSE: Find Us Faithful, vs. 1 & 3 (music at end of bulletin)

THE LESSONS: Ephesians 1:11-23

In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

Paul's Prayer

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

MESSAGE: "The Saints: Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow"

- Pastor David Schoob

MESSAGE RESPONSE: On the Edge of Tomorrow, vs. 1, 3 & 4 (music at end of bulletin)

LIGHTING CANDLES AND REMEMBERING SAINTS

Lighting Candles and Remembering Saints

As names are read, we will light a candle in memory of those who have led the way and gone before us during the last year.

Richard Otto Backhaus
Ronald Bonekoske
Edward L Bower
Patrick Bracken
Lois A Cranney
Barbara Howe
Jane Kaminsky
Charles Kirchner
John R Kowaleski
Dwain Kracht

Patti Lenius
Robert Manz
Soren May
David Lemler
William R Meier
Carol L Mog
Heide Ingrid (Bulin) Noonan
Arlen Clair Ortlieb
Barb Pertzborn
Stan Pertzborn

Thomas J Peters
Chuck Scaffidi
Linda Scaffidi
Deanna Chase Scott
Edna Sepersky
Michael John Swift
Roy Herbert Trott
Steven Walte

THE PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours now and forever. 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:

Leader: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.



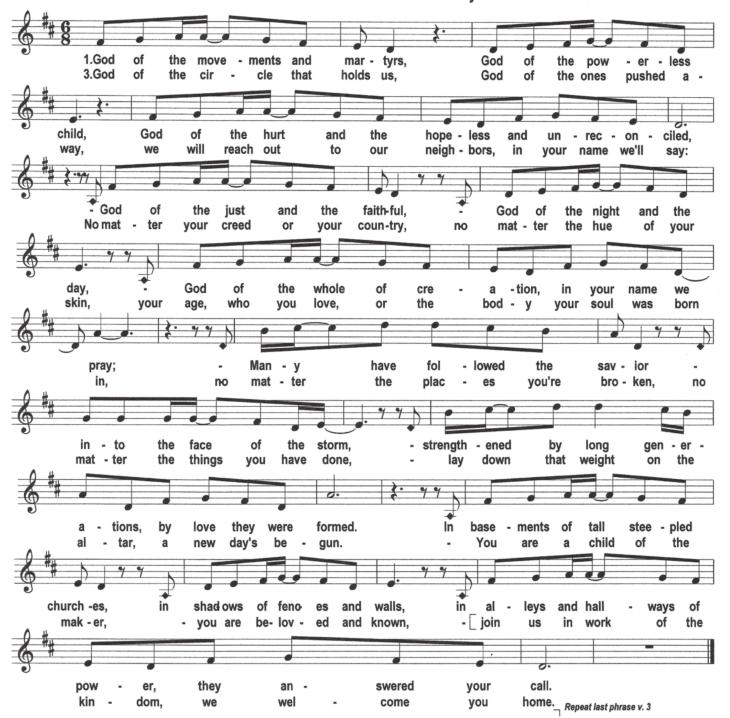
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God of the Movements and Martyrs



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)
- 3. 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)





