

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, November 2, 2025

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Theme: The Heritage of Our Faith – Endurance



“Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord.” 1 Corinthians 15:58

GATHERING

Prelude:

“In Faith I Quiet Wait”

Bach

Call to Worship

Leader: On this All Saints Sunday, we gather to remember teachers and storytellers who made God’s stories come alive for us. Let us give our thanks!

People: We remember choir members and directors, organists and handbell players, and all the musicians who led us in uplifting our praises.

Leader: We remember preachers and lay leaders who through the years comforted and challenged us with a life-changing Word.

People: We give thanks also in remembrance of parents and grandparents, aunts and uncles, cousins and siblings who showed us how to hold fast to the faith.

Leader: We remember our church families—this one and others we have known who have helped us grow in faith and in our love of God and neighbor.

People: We give thanks remembering our ancestors of previous generations whose courage and faithfulness, whose sacrifice and longings, enable us to be here today.

Leader: We give thanks for those who continue to inspire us and whose example, along with ours, will inspire generations to come.

People: Thanks be to God!

*Hymn: #624 “I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art”

*Prayer of the Day and Confession

Sovereign of Creation, we gather in your presence, surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, people from every tribe and nation, every kindred and

tongue, to lift our voices in praise. When too often our lives lean toward misjudgment and errors – places where we fail to be our best selves, redirect us. At times we judge others unfairly and point fingers when we, too, share in the blame. We are not alone in these mistakes. Bring us back to your severe mercy, teaching us anew how best to think and live. When we fail to live in appreciation, You the One True God, redeem us.

As generations of believers before us have received, so increase our vigilance and trust. Continue to transform us into your saints, to be sent out to gather others to share the eternal banquet. Receive the praise we offer, work in us and through us. You alone are holy, you alone are the Most High, you alone are worthy of our praise. Glory to you, O God, and to the Lamb, our Shepherd, and to the Spirit that unites us all, today and ever more. AMEN

Declaration of God’s Forgiveness and Grace

Leader: The Beloved God who was known to our mothers and fathers, and to our spiritual forebears, had mercy on them and likewise will toward us.

People: We will hold on to that heritage, embracing the comfort and assurance we receive.

Leader: For the grace showered upon us, we will move forward confidently in faith with our worries and fears silenced. Therefore, friends, receive the good news! In Jesus the Christ we are forgiven and made new.

People: Thanks be to God for God’s mercy, grace, and love! AMEN!

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

Scripture: Joshua 11-24 (*selected readings*)

Sermon: “What God Hands Over”

*Hymn: #730 "I Sing a Song of the Saints of God"

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Prayer of Thanksgiving

O God of every growing gift, all that we have comes from you. You call forth saints not with perfection, but with purpose — to grow in faith, abound in love, and serve with steadfastness. Receive our offerings in all the ways and whenever we give them as signs of our gratitude. Shape within us and around us the good works that help to right the wrongs of the world. In humility we can only do our part. In the final day, we trust that You, all powerful God, will bring it to conclusion. In Jesus' name, AMEN.

Announcements and Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

*Hymn: #346 "For the Healing of the Nations"

*Charge and Benediction

Leader: Beloved, claiming that we are the saints of God, it does not yet appear what we shall be. But we know in the consummation of all things, Jesus reign with You and the Holy Spirit.

People: So continue in our hearts and in our living that we are a true reflection of Your goodness and of Jesus, the Son.

Leader: We leave this place declaring anew that we are children of God and imitators of the Christ.

Silent Prayer (*be seated*)

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. In the name of Christ. AMEN

Postlude: Festival Postlude on "Ein Feste Berg" Douglas Wagner

(Please remain seated)

The End of Worship
The Beginning of Service

*Those who wish may stand

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