Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost **Sunday, November 1, 2026**

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY
Theme: Lessons in Leadership – Calling

"Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. The LORD will not grow tired or weary..." This is the God who calls us. Isaiah 40:28

GATHERING

Prelude

Call to Worship
Leader: We are chosen children of God, bound together by the Holy Spirit.
People: We belong to God, and through God, we belong to one another.
Leader: As we gather to remember the saints who formed us in the faith, we give thanks for their living witness to all that is life giving and transforming.
People: These witnesses show us that we belong to God, and through God, we live as family in Christ, bound together by Love.
Leader: We give thanks for the influence of the saints in our lives who demonstrated God's love and saving grace, so that we could know in our bones…
People: That we belong to God, and through God, we are charged to love one another.
Leader: Come, let us worship God who blesses us with witnesses to divine love that we may be witnesses of Love with everyone we meet.
People: We come to worship God who chooses us, empowers us, and inspires us to live as witnesses of Love in communion with the saints of every age. AMEN

*Hymn: #275 "A Mighty Fortress"

*Prayer of the Day

God, our Teacher, instruct us on the path of the callings before us. Lead us in the ways of openness and humility. And when we struggle or have doubts sustain us. Help us to live in community with one another rather than in competition with each other. Help us to be the unique, faithful church that we can be in this place, with the history and heritage of our past in mind yet moving forward into new territory as You would call us. Give us your heart for serving our neighbor. Assure us of your abiding presence and release us from the temptations of this world to compare and judge. Rather lead us toward renewed faithfulness to discover our path going forward. Help us in our striving to live as embodied witnesses of the good news in and through Christ Jesus, as we prayer, "Our Father, who art in heaven. . .*(using debts and debtors)***. . .AMEN**

Words of Assurance
Beloved, we are God's children now, but what we will be in the fullness of our time has not been revealed. What we do know is to move forward and to consider how Jesus and God's will will be revealed to us as we seek to embody the unconditional love of God. This is our pledge. This is our calling. Therefore, let us live joyfully as God's saints and instruments of God's way.

Gloria Patri

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Scripture: Joshua 3:7-17; 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13; Matthew 23:1-12

Sermon: **"The Call to Urge and Encourage"**

Affirmation of Faith - Psalm 107

Leader: O give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good. God's steadfast love endures forever.
People: Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, those that the LORD has redeemed and gathered in from east to west and north to south.
Leader: Though some wander hungry and thirsty, with no place to call home, though their souls may faint within them.
People: Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and the LORD delivered them from their distress and led them by a straight way, until they reached a safe place.
Leader: Let us thank the LORD for God's steadfast love, for God's wonderful care of humankind and all that God has made.
People: For God satisfies the thirsty, and the hungry God fills with good things.
Leader: For those who listen and obey, who respond to God's call, God turns deserts into pools of water, parched lands into springs of water.

People: God lets the hungry live and they become secure, receiving a fruitful yield from all their labors.

*Hymn: #326 “For All the Saints”

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Eternal God, we give thanks for the saints who have gone before us—those whose lives bore witness to your grace and whose faith still shapes the church we share today. As we remember them with gratitude, we offer our gifts whenever we give them as signs that their witness continues through us. Open our eyes to see your work in the world. Use our voices to give witness to what we have seen of your love and mercy. Use our energies and our service to strengthen your church, to impact the community around us, our neighbors and all who come to our doors or through our doors that our lives may be a powerful testimony to your living Word at work among us. Through Christ, our Lord. AMEN

Announcements and Concerns

Prayers of the People

*Hymn: #269 “Lead On O King Eternal”

*Charge and Benediction

Leader: May God bless us with reminders of the saints who have gone before us.

People: Therefore, inspired by their witness, we, too, will live as witnesses to the God we love and serve.

Leader: So may God surround us all with the assurance that nothing—neither life, nor death, nor anything else in all creation—can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

AMEN

Postlude

(Please remain seated)

The End of Worship

The Beginning of Service

*Those who wish may stand

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