# ALL SAINTS NOVEMBER 2, 2014

Worship -9:30 a.m.

Sunday School – 10:50 a.m.

#### **PRELUDE**

Carol Buller, Accompanist

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Nancy Grittman, Worship Leader

- L. Praise the Lord, all you saints! Praise the Lord all you heavenly hosts!
- C. Let us praise the name of the Lord:
- L: Abraham, Isaac and Jacob:
- C: And all our Patriarchs!
- L. Miriam, Ruth and Naomi:
- C: And all our Matriarchs!
- L: Today, we are the saints who are the living body of Christ.
- C: We are everyday people who seek to be saints to one another.
- All: Praise the Lord! Oh praise the name of the Lord!

\*HYMN #328

O God, our help in ages past

# PERSPECTIVE ON SAINTHOOD Alyssa Bennett Smith and Joshua Chittum

Saints are not born to sainthood; they are born to life

Saints are not waiting for the future nor mired in the past

They live in the present; committed to the future

Saints are not made of some secret formula or possess

Any secret power gained from inheritance or innate talent

But they have been nourished by all they have been and done

And by all the souls with which they have been in contact

Saints do not live in perfection without failure and without sin

They live a full life embracing all the good there is

Saints may not do miracles and they do not require a confirmation

Their lives come to have meaning for themselves

And for those around them; with all the sadness and joy

With all the failures and success

And with all the regrets along with the affirmations.

And we know them by the sum of their lives

We know them by their love

By the total of their impact on us

We will know them and our hearts affirm them.

HYMN SJ #41 Alleluia

#### REMEMBERING

## Saints to the World

Introduction: Lonnie Buerge

Reflections: Joshua Smith, Holly Kaufman, Karen Siebert

Sung response: SJ #41 Alleluia

#### Saints to the Church

Introduction

Reflections: Debra Sapp-Yarwood, John Albertson, Kent Lichty

Sung response: SJ #41 Alleluia

#### Saints to Me

Introduction

Blue in Green by Miles Davis

Brett Jackson and Andrew Ouellette

Everyone is invited to write names or remembrances on the slips of paper included in today's bulletin.

### PRAYER OF THANKGIVING

L: We give thanks for these saints

C: Both known and unknown

Both shared and held silently in our hearts.

Sung response: SJ #41 Alleluia

L: These individuals have changed our lives and added to our experience.

All: May we seek to be saints to each other in all ways we can. Amen.

HYMN #307

Will you let me be your servant

# **COMMUNION SERVICE**

• Words of Institution and Invitation

Leroy Seat

Sharing Bread and Cup

Please come forward by the center aisle, take the bread and dip it in the cup of juice. Return by the side aisle. To receive a blessing in lieu of partaking in the bread and cup, please present yourself with hands folded. Gluten free crackers and grapes are also available.

• \*Hymn of Response 119b

Praise God from whom

#### COMMUNITY BUILDING TIME

Introductions

We are glad you are here. Once the attendance register reaches the center aisle, please pass it back to the outer aisle.

Joys and Concerns

Slips of paper are available in the attendance register for those who wish to offer joys and concerns silently and anonymously. These papers, if put in the offering plate, will be placed in the prayer bowl at the front of the sanctuary.

- Farewell to Anna Marie Peterson SJ #73
- Prayers of the People
- Announcements
- Offering

\*HYMN (see insert)

Give thanks for life



Children in K -  $5^{th}$  grade are dismissed for WorshipArts (Room 114), a time for children (K-5th grade)to respond to worship, ask questions and learn more about the language, ritual, movement, sound and art incorporated in worship.

## \*SENDING FORTH\*\*\*

L: For those who walked with us, this is a prayer.

C: For those who have gone ahead, this is a blessing.

L: For those who touched and tended us, who lingered with us while they lived, this is a thanksgiving.

All: For those who journey still with us in the shadows of awareness, in the crevices of memory, in the landscape of our dreams, this is a benediction. Amen.

#### \*POSTLUDE

\*Please stand as you are able.

Unless otherwise indicated, hymns are in the blue Hymnal: A Worship Book.

Songs designated "SJ" are in the green Sing the Journey hymnal.

\*\*Today's call to worship was adapted from a prayer written by Rev. Thomas L. Weitzel Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

\*\*\*#184 in Sing the Journey



Here is a place to write down or draw what you sense about God in the here and now.

What do you want to remember well from this day?

What is speaking to you most deeply in this time of worship?

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