

Congregation: We give You thanks Lord.

Pastor: For all whom we name in our hearts before you.

A moment of silence for quiet prayer.

All: O God, before whose presence, the generations rise and pass away, You are the strength of those who labor and the resting place of those who have died. We find joy in the community of faith. As Your gathered people, we now remember all who faithfully lived; and all who have died; and especially those most dear to us who now know Your eternal presence. Help us to continue to live in trust of Your graciousness and at all times to find peace and joy in the hope that comes from You. In Christ's Holy Name we pray. Amen.



ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

November 3, 2019

Lutheran Chapel

Gastonia, NC

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A Liturgy of Remembrance

Pastor: The Lord be with you!

Congregation: And also with you!

Pastor: Let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ who said, "I am the Resurrection and I am the Life."
(John 11:25)

Congregation: Lord, hear our prayer.

Pastor: St. Paul reminds us: "So far you have faced no trial beyond what a person can bear. God keeps faith, and He will not let you be tested above your powers, but when the test comes He will at the same time provide a way out by enabling you to sustain it."
(1 Corinthians 10:13)

Congregation: Lord, we believe. Help us when faith falls short.

Pastor: You tell us Lord, "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted" (Matthew 5:4). We do not always understand Your work until we experience life's inconsistencies and discover the comfort of family and friends when mourning comes. Then, we realize the power of Your promise and greater hope of healing.

Congregation: Renew this strength in us Lord Jesus. Help us when faith falls short. Amen.

Pastor: Light is a symbol of life. Without it our lives would be in darkness, chaos; they would be without form

and void. But God, in His mercy, has chosen to give light to His world so that His people might not walk in darkness, but to live as children of light. God also has given a greater light, His Son, Christ the Lord, who has come to scatter and destroy all darkness, even the darkness of death (Matthew 5:14).

Realizing His promise for us to be lights of the world and His promise of resurrection, we now remember, with the lighting of these candles, the lives of our brothers and sisters who share in greater glory the light of life that has no end.

A candle will be lit for those to be remembered.

Pastor: For the life of Pete Craig.

Congregation: We give You thanks, Lord!

Pastor: For the life of Gene Black.

Congregation: We give You thanks, Lord!

Pastor: For the life of Ralph Hale.

Congregation: We give You thanks, Lord!

Pastor: For the life of Dot Lewis.

Congregation: We give You thanks, Lord!

Pastor: For the life of Bill Anton.

Congregation: We give You thanks, Lord!

Pastor: For the life of Kay Lineberger.