

Pentecost 18 C

Sunday, October 9, 2022
PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA

WELCOME TO PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

We extend in the name of Christ, a welcome to all who are worshipping with us today. May you find here an experience of true Christian worship and fellowship. If you are seeking a church home, we invite you to consider joining Peace.

MISSION STATEMENT

As servants of Jesus Christ, we share God's grace and mercy. We welcome and encourage all to grow with us in God's kingdom through praise, worship, and service.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG

PRAISE, MY SOUL, THE KING OF HEAVE

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- 1 Praise, my soul, the King of heav en; to his feet your trib ute bring.
- 2 Praise him for his grace and fa vor to our fore-bears in dis-tress.
- 3 Tend er ly he shields and spares us; well our fee ble frame he knows.
- 4 An gels help us to a dore him, who be hold him face to face.



Ran-somed, healed, re-stored, for-giv-en, ev-er-more his praises sing. Praise him, still the same for-ev-er, slow to chide and swift to bless. In his hands he gent-ly bears us, res-cues us from all our foes. Sun and moon bow down be-fore him; all who dwell in time and space.



Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793-1847

Music: PRAISE, My SOUL, John Goss, 1800-1880

GREETING

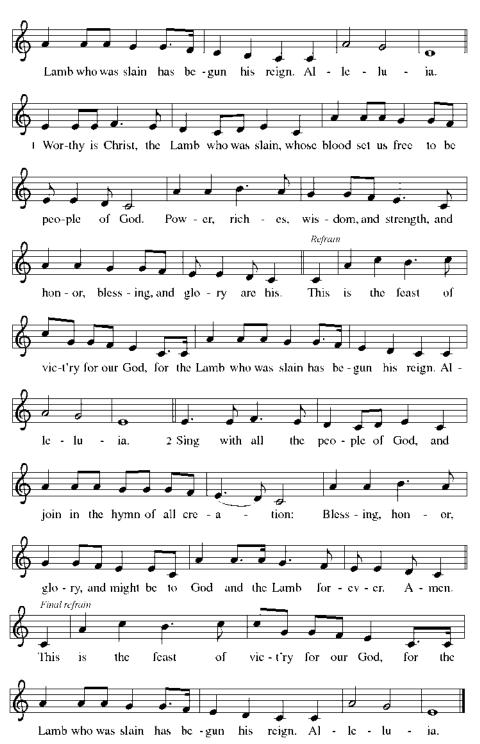
- P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C. And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE

THIS IS THE FEAST

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P. Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Almighty and most merciful God, your bountiful goodness fills all creation. Keep us safe from all that may hurt us, that, whole and well in body and spirit, we may with grateful hearts accomplish all that you would have us do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C. Amen.

+ WORD +

FIRST READING 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c

Naaman, a Syrian general, suffers from leprosy. In this passage Elisha miraculously cures his illness, but only after Naaman realizes, with the help of his servants, that he also needs healing for his pride. This foreign general then acknowledges the sovereignty of the God of Israel.

¹Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. ²Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. ³She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." ⁷When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

⁸But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." ⁹So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. ¹⁰Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean." ¹¹But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! ¹²Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. ¹³But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do some-

thing difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" ¹⁴So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

^{15a-c}Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel."

- P. Word of God. Word of life.
- C. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 111 Read responsively

¹Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with ^I my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, in the ^I congregation.

²Great are your [|] works, O LORD, pondered by all who de- [|] light in them.

³Majesty and splendor ¹ mark your deeds, and your righteousness en- ¹ dures forever.

⁴You cause your wonders to ¹ be remembered; you are gracious and full ¹ of compassion.

⁵You give food to ¹ those who fear you, remembering forev- ¹ er your covenant.

⁶You have shown your people the power ¹ of your works in giving them the lands ¹ of the nations.

⁷The works of your hands are faithful- ^I ness and justice; all of your pre- ^I cepts are sure.

⁸They stand fast forev- | er and ever, because they are done in | truth and equity.

⁹You sent redemption to your people and commanded your cove- ¹ nant forever; holy and awesome ¹ is your name.

¹⁰The fear of the LORD is the begin- ¹ ning of wisdom; all who practice this have a good understanding. God's praise en- ¹ dures forever.

SECOND READING 2 Timothy 2:8-15

Though Paul is chained as a prisoner, the word of God is never shackled or confined. Timothy is encouraged to proclaim that word of freedom in an honest and upright life

as well as in his teaching and preaching.

⁸Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, ⁹for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. ¹⁰Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. ¹¹The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

¹²if we endure, we will also reign with him;

if we deny him, he will also deny us;

¹³if we are faithless, he remains faithful—

for he cannot deny himself.

¹⁴Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. ¹⁵Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

- P. Word of God. Word of life.
- C. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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GOSPEL LESSON Luke 17:11-19

- P. The holy gospel according to Luke the 17th chapter.
- C. Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus' mission includes making people clean again. Unexpectedly, a Samaritan healed of leprosy becomes a model for those who would praise and worship God and give thanks for God's mercy.

¹¹On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" ¹⁴When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? ¹⁸Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

- P. The gospel of the Lord.
- C. Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Rev. Mary E. Zupansic

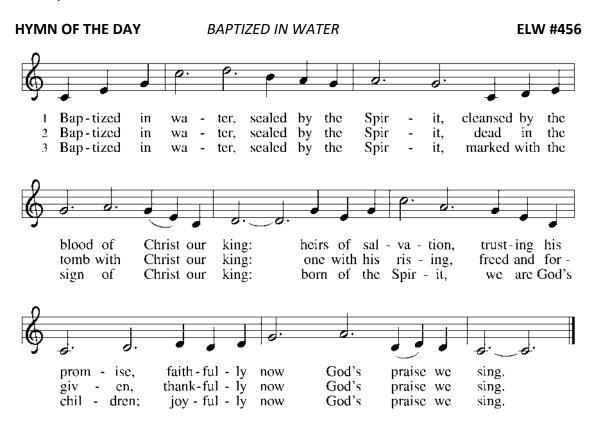
REFLECTION: FOR THOSE AT HOME

What are you grateful for today? As you prepare for worship, take a moment to be present in this space. Breathe deep. Even if everything seems familiar to you, try to observe your surroundings in a fresh way. Who is gathered with you? What sounds do you hear? As you settle in, ask yourself: Why am I here? What brings me back to this place and this community?

In today's gospel, Jesus meets ten people suffering from leprosy—a disease that required them to live cut off from the rest of society. Jesus tells them to go to the religious leaders to be examined for cleanliness, and along the way they are healed. One can only imagine the relief and joy that overcame this group as they experienced the restoration not just of their health but of their places in community. Yet, for one of these people something more happened: he not only experienced joy, but he felt compelled to return to Jesus, fall at his feet, and thank him.

At the center of the worshiping community is Christ, who offers healing to all who gather. Through the proclamation of God's love, Christ speaks words that restore our lives. In the waters of baptism, Christ offers us a new future in a community of his disciples. Around the table, Christ gives us his body and blood to strengthen us and renew us for the work of discipleship we will face in the week ahead.

But today's gospel reminds us that the healing we come to receive is only half the equation. Christ also longs for us not to grow complacent with the gift of God's grace. Rather, in every moment of healing, Christ hopes to fill our hearts with a gratitude that will draw us into deeper and deeper relationship with him. Let your worship today be like that of the man in the gospel, an act of worship and gratitude for all that Christ has already done.



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APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

In gratitude and humility, let us join together in prayer on behalf of all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

Gracious God, we give you thanks for bishops, pastors, and deacons. Inspire leaders of the church to proclaim your mighty deeds, that your saving faith may be known to all. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Majestic God, we give you thanks for land and water, seedtime and harvest. Break down boundaries we construct between ourselves and the rest of your creation. Bring renewal and restoration to places affected by pollution and deforestation. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Mighty God, we give you thanks for those in our community, nation, and world who work for justice and peace. Guide those who govern to act on behalf of those marginalized by race, ethnicity, or religion. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Merciful God, we give you thanks that you hear the cries of those in need. Restore to community those who are stigmatized by illness, feel rejected, or who live in isolation. Send healing to all who suffer. We pray especially for those on our prayer list and those who have asked for our individual prayers. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Faithful God, we give you thanks for the healing ministries of this congregation. Equip those who visit, care, and pray for the sick (especially). Give insight to doctors, nurses, home health aides, and all practitioners of medical arts. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Eternal God, we give you thanks for your faithful people who have gone before us to your glory. Renew our trust in your eternal promises of mercy, redemption, and new life. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

With grateful hearts we commend our spoken and silent prayers to you, O God; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

THE SHARING OF PEACE

- P. The peace of Christ be with you always.
- C. And also with you.

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OFFERING OF TITHES & GIFTS

Thank you for your continued support of the ministry of Peace Lutheran Church. We gladly accept your offerings via US Postal Service, Tithe.ly, or direct deposit from you bank.

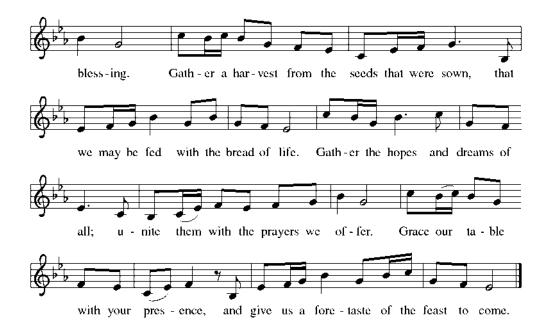
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OFFERING HYMN

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

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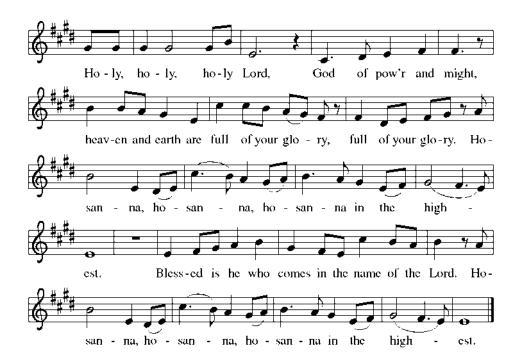


OFFERING PRAYER

- A. Let us pray. Holy God, gracious and merciful,
- C. you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

- P. The Lord be with you.
- C. And also with you.
- P. Lift up your hearts.
- C. We lift them to the Lord.
- P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C. It is right to give our thanks and praise.
- P. It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P. Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,

and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

C. Amen.

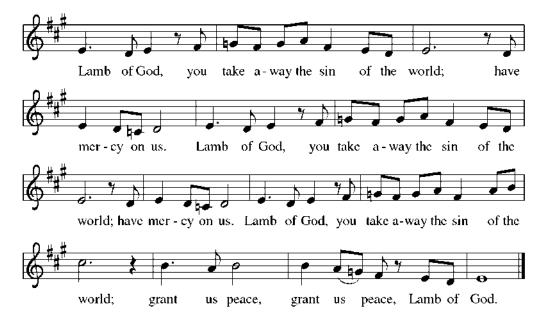
LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation. but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

- P. Christ invites you to this table. Come, taste and see.
- C. Thanks be to God.

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COMMUNION HYMN(S)

CONTEMPORARY SONG COME, LET US EAT EAT THIS BREAD

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TABLE BLESSING

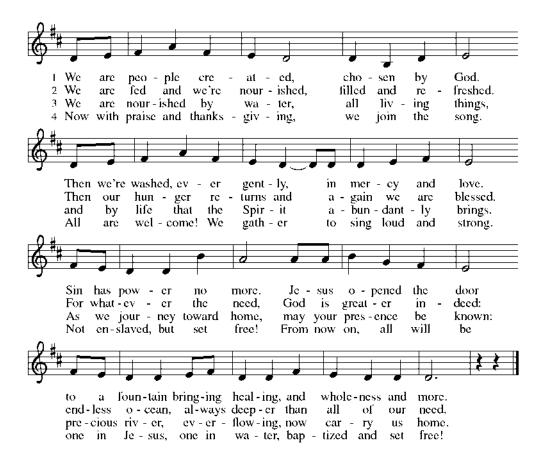
- P. The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C. Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

- A. Let us pray. O God,
- C. we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

- P. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.
- C. Amen.



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DISMISSAL

- P. Go in peace, with Christ beside you.
- C. Thanks be to God.

D.

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ABOUT THIS WEEK'S TEXT

It's a miracle! Multiple miracles! The waters of holy baptism have healed us. The body and blood of Jesus in holy communion have made us clean. We have died with Christ and been raised with him. For all this we have returned to offer thanks. From this place we are sent on our way rejoicing to share the good news.

COMMEMORATIONS THIS WEEK

Massie L. Kennard, renewer of the church, died 1996 (TFF) Monday, October 10, 2022

A native of Chicago, Kennard was a major figure in supporting and working toward ethnic and racial inclusiveness in the former Lutheran Church in America. Ordained in 1958, he served in positions including Director for Minority Concerns of the Division for Mission in North America.

Teresa of Avila, teacher, renewer of the church, died 1582 Saturday, October 15, 2022

A mystical writer and reformer of the monastic order (Carmelites) to which she belonged, Teresa may also be commemorated with John of the Cross on December 14. Latino Christians traditionally remember her on this date.

THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED FOR OUR PRAYERS:

Walter Hoyt, Judy Barhoorver, Harriett Bartell, Pete Ellertsen, Larry Weyhrich

If you would like to be added to the prayer list, or know someone who would like to be added to our list, please fill out a Prayer Request Card, send an email to peace.lutheran@comcast.net OR call the Office at (217)546-7646. Names will remain on the prayer list for two weeks unless otherwise notified. Please note—for privacy reasons, we must have an individual's permission to add their name.

ZOOM MEETINGS / IN-PERSON EVENTS THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9 In Person Worship/Livestream—9:30am

Little Lambs & Young Disciples Faith Formation—10:30am

Assembling of LWR Quilts & Personal Kits—10:30am Sundays @ 6 Adult Faith Formation—6pm / Zoom

WEDNESDAY, OCT 12 Faith Formation Committee—5:30pm / Zoom

THURSDAY, OCT 13 Evangelism /Faithful Innovations—5:30pm in person

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16

In Person Worship/Livestream—9:30am

Cross-Generational Faith Formation—10:30am

*Speaker from Ronald McDonald House

*Service Project

Little Lambs Faith Formation—10:30am

"Sundays @ 6" Faith Formation—6pm / Zoom

ASSISTING THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 9

Assisting Minister: Amanda Kim

Ushers: Cheryl Schnirring & Doug McFarlan **Preaching & Presiding:** Pastor Mary Zupansic

PowerPoint: Linda Rice Camera: Janet Kocis

Fellowship Sponsor: Linda Rice

Counters: Linda Shudrowitz & Linda Rice

ALTAR FLOWERS

Placed by **Linda Rice** to the Glory of God.

BIRTHDADYS

October 10—Betty Kleen



If you would like a visit from Pastor Mary OR have a pastoral emergency, PLEASE contact Pastor on her cell phone @ 920-671-4338. You may also call the church office @217-546-7646 and leave a message.

"Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received."

1Peter 4:10

October is Stewardship month at Peace Lutheran. Keep an eye out here in News You Can Use for videos from fellow church members

talking about what it means for them to be generous stewards. In the next week you will receive a letter from the Stewardship Committee / Executive Council inviting you to prayerfully consider how you will respond to God's blessings in 2023. An Estimate of Giving Card is included with the letter. The EGC may be dropped in the collection basket on Sunday mornings or mailed into the church office. We ask that you respond by Sunday, October 30th. Your stewardship response will allow us to build a budget to accomplish our ministry goals for the coming year!

HELP KEEP OUR MICROPANTRY STOCKED

Non-perishables may be put directly in the pantry or dropped off in the church office.





Sign up for Altar Flowers

\$35.00

Call the church office @ 217.546.7646 Or sign up in the "Members" section



Dinner Church is an opportunity to gather around both a meal to sustain our bodies and a meal to nourish our souls! There is an opportunity for conversation, Dwelling in God's Word, and sharing in Holy Communion. On November 5th you are invited to bring a picture or some other memorabilia of a loved one who has passed away as we celebrate All Saints and give thanks for those who have gone before us.



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