

## COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

- P Holy Scripture says in Psalm 116:15: "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints." On this All Saints' Sunday, we remember and give thanks and praise to God for the life and for the death of His saints. We rejoice with those who rejoice, and that includes rejoicing with those whose happiness now knows no end in the kingdom of glory.
- P During the past year, families in our congregation have been impacted greatly by the death of ones we love. As those who trust in Jesus Christ, we do not grieve as the rest of the world grieves. We grieve in hope, we pray with confidence, and we live with certainty that those who have died in Christ are secure in His presence. We also rejoice that one day we shall join them in their heavenly joy, which knows no end.

We honor the lives and give thanks to God for these His saints:

- ✠ Joan Johnson
- ✠ Dawn Bauernfeind
- ✠ Janice Drache
- ✠ Betty Gudknecht
- ✠ Wuanita Bultman
- ✠ Donna Campbell
- ✠ Stephen Kratt\*
- ✠ Laurel Engquist
- ✠ Joan Marik
- ✠ Betty Wieben
- ✠ Cora Langeslag
- ✠ Hubert Cloeter
- ✠ Donald Dugan
- ✠ Dennis R. Krenz
- ✠ Nancy Schultz
- ✠ Sharon Geyer
- ✠ William Schultz

*\*Non members*

P . . . and all others dear to our hearts who have entered into everlasting rest with the Lord.

P Merciful Father, whose dear Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, rose victoriously over death and the grave, we remember with thanksgiving Your faithful people who have trusted in Christ, whose tears are gone, and whose sorrows You have turned to joy. We humbly implore You to strengthen us in the confident hope of the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**