

Ephraim Moravian Church

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All Saints November 5, 2023

Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m.

PASTOR:.....The Rev. Dawn E. Volpe
MUSIC DIRECTOR.....Colin Welford
SECRETARY.....Erin Bristol
LAY READER.....Angela Sherman

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Welcome & Announcements

Prelude: ‘Andante Tranquillo’ – by Percy Whitlock

Watchword for the Week

Hymn #390 “For All the Saints”

Liturgy for All Saints, p. 105

Solo: “Fear no More, the Heat of the Sun” – by Rodger Quilter

Prayers of the Church, The Lord’s Prayer

Congregational Sung Response: (433- Red Hymnal)

Lead us, O Father, in the paths of peace

Without thy guiding hand we go astray

And doubts appall, and sorrows still increase

Lead us through Christ, the true and living way. Amen.

Scripture Lessons:

Old Testament: Psalm 34: 1 – 10, 22

New Testament: Revelation 7: 9 – 17

Gospel: Matthew 5: 1 – 12

Sermon: “Legacies of Light” Rev. Forrest Wells

Offertory: ‘Folk Song’ – by Edvard Grieg

Doxology

Hymn #389 “All Who Have Gone Before Us”

Benediction

Postlude: ‘Saraband for the Morning of Easter’ – by Herbert Howells

WATCHWORD FOR ALL SAINTS: Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!- Revelation 7:10

TODAY: Time of Fellowship following Worship
4:00 p.m. Chess Club

MONDAY: Pastor’s Sabbath

WEDNESDAY: 3:45 – 5 p.m. After School Program

THURSDAY: 5:00 p.m. Loaves & Fishes, Sister Bay
Stella Maris

SUNDAY: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

4:00 p.m. Chess Club

WELCOME to Ephraim Moravian Church. Our Nursery is open for children under the age of 4.

EPHRAIM MORAVIAN CHURCH is the ‘Church of the Open Door.’ We hope you find our church open to you in every way!

MOTTO OF THE MORAVIAN CHURCH: In Essentials, Unity; In Non-Essentials, Liberty; In All Things, Love.

EPHRAIM MORAVIAN WATCHWORD 2023: No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. - 1 John 4:12

THANK YOU to our Moravitarian friend, Cyndy Stiehl, for joining us to sing today!

WELCOME to Rev. Forrest Wells, who will be bringing the message this morning. We are so grateful for his ministry.

CANDY BARS are on sale in the Fellowship Hall on the card table to assist Mylo Sherman’s school trip to Washington DC.

DESSERTS FOR LOAVES & FISHES If you are providing desserts for the Loaves & Fishes dinner, please bring them to the Sister Bay Stella Maris Church by 3:00 p.m. on Thursday.

“All Saints’ Day” by Rick Carlson (Used by Permission)

<https://spiritgarage.org/all-saints-poem-by-rick-carlson/>

Our pastor posed the question, like a Zen riddle:

If Jesus stood before you asking,

“What do you want me to do for you?”

what would be your answer?

Through days of prayer and fasting, grappling with this inquiry
it dawned on me, obvious in hindsight... ah, but let me digress:

In Catholicism a saint is one who’s been canonized
elevated above the rest, deemed worthy of special status

Yet in New Testament reality
the communion of saints is the body of believers
The Mystical Body of Christ, miraculously renewed

What, then, is my request of Jesus?

Simply put, sainthood, the real deal, deliverance from self-
preoccupation, self-deception, every pretense and intellectual conceit,
lack of faith, casual indifference and denial, fear, confusion, egoic
blindness, in short, an end to The Story of Rick

As our apostle-brother Paul wrote, “not I, but Christ lives in me” *

Or as the Sufis say, die before you die only to be joyously reborn

Through the power of Divine Love

A Spirit of Love who changes everything,

Who brings healing and restoration

My prayer is the very same plea for all of us in this room

For everyone in the freeze-dried, anemic churches

For each of us on this dying yet still-beautiful planet

And so, as they used to say each Sunday

in the Pentecostal tabernacle of my younger days,

“Good morning, saints!”

* Gal. 2:20