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I, a prisoner in the Lord, encourage you to live the kind of life which proves that God has called you. Be humble and gentle in every way. Be patient with each other and lovingly accept each other. Eph. 4:1-2

Do you remember when you were a child and you had to wait for Christmas to come? It was hard to be patient! But you had no choice. Your parents bought you some gifts, wrapped them, and put them under the tree. You saw them sitting there every day, but you had to wait until Christmas to open them.

Being patient with people is a different kind of patience. Patience for Christmas is exciting, eager, and hopeful. But if someone is bothering us or sinning against us, we think patience is hard, disappointing, maybe hopeless.

You know that situation. You are working with someone on a project and both of you have responsibilities. You get your work done, but the other person is slow and delaying everything. They have many excuses and the work isn't getting done. Or maybe you know someone who has an annoying habit. Maybe they are stuck in making the same mistakes again and again. People try to help them, but it seems like it never gets better. It's hard to be patient!

It can help if we change our perspective. If we are only thinking about what the person is doing wrong, then it's hard to be patient and we might not act in love toward them. Instead, think about this as an opportunity to grow. We can grow in patience, love, encouragement, and thinking about what is good for the other person. And that person has the opportunity to grow in responsibility, good choices, or whatever way they need to grow.

We can do that because God is patient with us. Think about how long you have been a Christian. Have you done the same sins again and again for all those years? God is still patient and loving and forgiving for you. He's not ignoring your sin and saying it doesn't matter. God is also not angry and punishing you because you still sin. He continues to forgive us and He gave us the Holy Spirit so we can grow in faith and how we live our faith.

God also gives other people forgiveness and a chance to grow in faith and life. We can do the same. The next time someone's actions bother you, don't get mad and think, "I can't deal with this anymore!" Remember God's patience with you, then show that same patience to that person. Love, forgive, encourage, grow! That is God's way of being patient.

Pastor Eckert

Dive Into God's Word

We often talk about Thanksgiving and Christmas, so we're going to do something different this time and think about All Saints Day. We remember All Saints Day on November 1. *Answers on page 4.*

What is All Saints Day?

All Saints Day started in the early church when the church remembered Christians who died for their faith. Today, we remember past Christians, how God blessed them and made them His people, and how their lives showed they belong to Him.

Some people think All Saints Day is a Roman Catholic celebration and we shouldn't celebrate it. That is not true. Many Christian churches have All Saints Day to thank God for making His people holy.

Who are the saints?

1. "Saint" is from a Latin word that means "holy." The saints are God's _____ people.
2. 1 Corinthians 1:2 says _____ made the church holy and the church was called to be God's holy people (saints).
3. God's holy people will _____ and _____ Jesus when He comes again. 2 Thessalonians 1:10
4. God's holy people work to _____ and _____ up the body of Christ. Ephesians 4:12
5. God's saints will inherit His _____. Colossians 1:12 (That is another way of saying His saints will inherit life with God in heaven.)
6. God's saints live in _____ the same as Christ loved us. They don't fill their lives with _____ sin, perversion (using God's creation the wrong way), or _____. Ephesians 5:2-4

How do you become a saint?

7. T / F To become a saint, you must do many good works and be more holy than most Christians.
8. 1 Peter 2:9 says who God made you to be: You are a _____ people, a royal _____, a holy _____, _____ who belong to God.
9. God made you that way! You don't make yourself a saint. God did it when He called you out of _____ into His marvelous _____. 1 Peter 2:9

All Christians are saints because God makes all His people holy. He washes them clean with Jesus' blood. God makes them perfect and holy. (See what Ephesians 5:25-27 says about Jesus making the church clean and holy.)

Why do we celebrate All Saints Day?

We don't pray to saints or give them special honor because they are holy. We only pray to God and honor Him. All Saints Day does remind us of these two important things.

1. God makes His people holy. He forgives us and washes us clean from all sin. We thank Him for that.
2. The Christians who lived before us are examples of faith (see Hebrews 11, the whole chapter, and also Hebrews 12:1). We want to follow Jesus the same as they did (Heb. 12:1-2).

The Lives of God's Holy People

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We know God forgives our sins and He promises we will live with Him in heaven. Is that all? No, God changes our lives so we live as His people here. What do our lives look like? Matthew 5:3-12 is called the Beatitudes (Blessed) and is a wonderful description of how God loves and forgives His people and how His people live.

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Word List

Matthew 5:3-12

Blessed are those who are poor in spirit. The kingdom of heaven belongs to them.

Blessed are those who mourn. They will be comforted.

Blessed are those who are gentle. They will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for God's approval. They will be satisfied.

Blessed are those who show mercy. They will be treated mercifully.

Blessed are those whose thoughts are pure. They will see God.

Blessed are those who make peace. They will be called God's children.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for doing what God approves of. The kingdom of heaven belongs to them.

Answers to Dive Into God's Word, p. 2.

1. The saints are God's holy people.
2. Christ Jesus made the church holy and the church was called to be God's holy people (saints).
3. God's holy people will honor and worship Jesus when He comes again.
4. God's holy people work to serve and build up the body of Christ.
5. God's saints will inherit His light.
6. God's saints live in love the same as Christ loved us. They don't fill their lives with sexual sin, perversion (using God's creation the wrong way) or greed.
7. False. All God's people are saints because He makes them holy. A saint is not someone who is more holy than other people. If you are a Christian, then you are a saint, too!
8. You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, people who belong to God.
9. God did it (made you a saint) when He called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.



Congratulations to Randy and Nancy Griffin!
They were confirmed on Oct. 19th in Davenport.

November

1 Agnes Mundhank
4 David Legg
5 Kathy Anderson
6 Tracey Shepard
8 Lilly Anderson
12 Wanda McAllister
14 Chris Wrage
15 Doris Ciha
16 Gary Lewis
19 Vicki Morris
Pastor Tim Eckert
Mike Check



20 Melody Schulte
22 Jack Barnett
23 Shirley Hampton
25 Arlene Ritze
28 Paula Slavin
30 Rhonda Wegenether

December

1 Jennifer Legg
11 Sheri Pohlman
25 Jesus Christ
30 Terry Ann Check

Prayers

Please remember these people in your prayers:

- ✦ Thank God for making us His people. He sent His Son Jesus to be born as one of us, a human being. Jesus lived with us and experienced everything we experience, including temptation and troubles, but He never sinned. Then Jesus suffered, died, and rose again to give us life with Him now and forever. That is why we celebrate Christmas, Good Friday and Easter. That is why we thank Him on Thanksgiving Day. That is why we remember All Saints Day, because He makes us His people.
- ✦ Pray for all Christians around the world who suffer because they are Christians. Persecution is getting worse in China and continues in the Middle East, India, Africa, and other places. Ask God to keep them strong in faith in Jesus.
- ✦ Ask God to bless people with trust and health: Mollie Schmitz, Doris Harris, Lorri Green, Shirley Green, Barbara Zimmerman, Janet Weber, Tracey Shepard, Randy Mangrich, Jerry Hanson, Joan Mass, Larry Plumb, Sharon Pope, JoAnn Mitchell, Jeanette Kern, Bonnie Lou Huffman, Terry Ann Check, Paula Slavin, and many family members and friends.
- ✦ For Ruth Mettler's family and friends after she suddenly passed away, also for the family and friends of our sister in Christ, Arleen Van Hemert, in Des Moines. We ask God to remind all of us that our life here is not forever, but He gives eternal life for all who belong to Jesus.
- ✦ Thank God for our two newest members! Randy and Nancy Griffin were confirmed in Davenport in October.
- ✦ Ask God to lead our nation to follow Him in all that we do, that our nation would repent of selfishly wanting our way instead of His way, and that He would heal our divisions.
- ✦ Pray for Andy Petajan as he studies to become a pastor and for Becky Jungklaus as she studies to become a deaconess.
- ✦ All shut-ins to keep strong faith in Christ Jesus.



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 CR – Cedar Rapids. Word of God Lutheran Church Deaf, 1515 - 29th St. NE, Cedar Rapids. Every Sunday, Bible Study at 10:00 a.m., Worship at 11:00 a.m.
 QC – Quad Cities. Trinity Lutheran Church, 1122 W. Central Park Ave., Davenport. Every Saturday, Worship at 10:00 a.m., Study at 11:15 a.m.
 WL – Waterloo/Cedar Falls. Immanuel Lutheran Church, 4820 Oster Parkway, Cedar Falls. 1st and 3rd Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.
 DU – Dubuque. Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, 2145 John F. Kennedy Rd., Dubuque. 3rd Saturday at 1:00 p.m.
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Word of God 50th Anniversary Celebration

On Sept. 22, we welcomed many visitors and friends to celebrate with us the 50th anniversary of Word of God as a congregation, and to celebrate 45 years since the dedication of the church building. The photos and church history are not on our website yet, but we hope to have them online soon.



Waiting in the entry to process into worship.



Curtis led the way with the cross. This is the same cross that Lorne Shultz made and was used when the building was dedicated 45 years ago.



Waiting for everyone to finish coming in to begin worship.



Rev. Mark Anderson wasn't able to join us due to illness, but he still preached for us via VP.



Enjoying a delicious catered meal from Hy-Vee.



Barb Zimmerman, Tim Quade (the son of our first pastor, Rev. Quintin Quade, and Pastor Eckert.