

Verse of the day for Monday November 2, 2026 - Psalm 27: 1

The LORD is my light and my salvation -- whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life -- of whom shall I be afraid?.

Read Psalm 23 for meditation and inspiration.



FOR ALL THE SAINTS WHO FROM THEIR LABORS REST

Dear Lakesiders and Friends,

I like a meaningful story about a college student and his father that goes like this:

A college sophomore was boasting about his superior math skills to his family one night at dinner. His father tested him, asking him to figure out a few equations. The son solved the problems easily. "Everything," said the son, "can be answered mathematically."

"Well then, his father challenged, "how about this one? Suppose we each have a one-dollar bill and trade them, how much money would we each have?" "One dollar," said the son. "Correct!" said the father, "But using that same principle, if you have

one idea and I have one idea, and we exchange them, don't we each then have two ideas?"

In Jesus' Name, we express our love for the Father through the exchange of love with one another. And when we do, it multiplies. Our Presbyterian faith centers on the statement from Jesus in Matthew 18:20 that states: "Where two or three are gathered in My Name, there am I in their midst." It might be in a great cathedral, or a humble chapel -- in the intimacy of the home, or in a car driving along the I-95 -- but wherever two or three, or two or three hundred, are gathered in Jesus' Name to dedicate themselves to one another, they are acknowledging the healing Presence of Jesus in their midst. And it transforms every word that is spoken, every hymn that is sung, every head that is bowed in prayer. This is a real Communion of the Saints gathered around Jesus.

We have just experienced "All Saints Day" when we acknowledge that our communion is across the miles, the languages, the cultures and even the years into the saints who have gone on to their place "In Our Father's House".

After this day our All-Saints Wreath with the names of many of your saints remembered and placed on it will be placed high above the interior of our Lakeside Presbyterian Church Sanctuary Door. It will remain there until the Easter Celebration of the Resurrection. Often when I leave, I look up remembering so many Lakesider Saints represented up on that wreath and how they are looking upon us ready to cheer us on in our life's pilgrimage and faith journey. We have a balcony of those we continue to commune with in the name of Jesus. They have guided us, taught us, helped us and now they pray for us. Love is ETERNAL In them we see it.

Jesus is HERE!



Roger