

Eastern Mission

Apostolic Lutheran Church of America

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November begins with All Saints' Day. There are many examples in God's Word of saints, and a condensed portion is found specifically in Hebrews 11. Please read! These examples are recorded to encourage us on in our own walk of faith. After reading Hebrews 11, we come to Hebrews 12:

"1. Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,

2. Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God."

This powerful passage so solemnly affirms that our faith would be in Jesus, and brings my thoughts to the end of this month when we celebrate Thanksgiving. We thank God for the Gift of His Son whom we glorify and thank for His Love that He shows us in paying our sin debt with His suffering and death, and *"... that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us."* Romans 8:34

We also thank God for His abundance of natural blessings.

The year that is drawing toward its close has been filled with the blessings of fruitful fields and healthful skies. To these bounties, which are so constantly enjoyed that we are prone to forget the source from which they come, others have been added, which are of so extraordinary a nature that they cannot fail to penetrate and even soften the heart which is habitually insensible to the ever-watchful providence of Almighty God. Abraham Lincoln

"To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen." Jude 25

God's Peace
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