

Q. *What is your only comfort in life and in death?*

A. **That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul,  
in life and in death—to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.**

**He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,  
and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.  
He also watches over me in such a way  
that not a hair can fall from my head  
without the will of my Father in heaven:  
in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.**

**Because I belong to him,  
Christ, by his Holy Spirit,  
assures me of eternal life  
and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready  
from now on to live for him.**

Prayer

Scripture and Reflection "Waiting in Hope"  
-John 11:38-44; Revelation 21:1-5

\*Closing Song: "For All the Saints"

\*God's Blessing

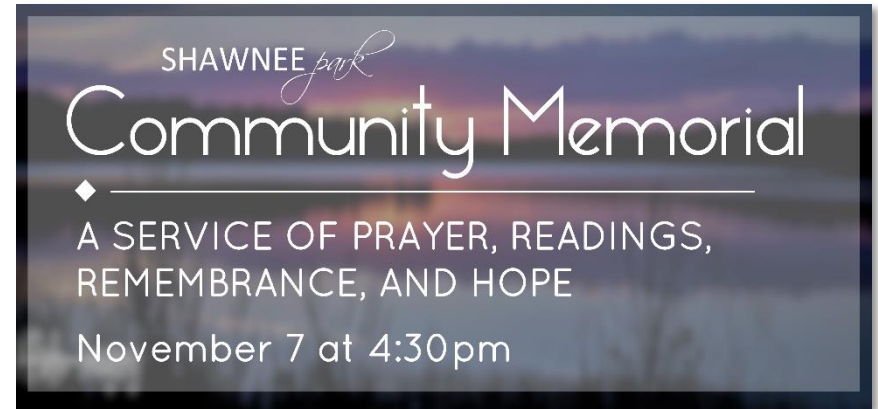
\*Postlude

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*\*Please rise as able*

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Prelude *Hymn of Heaven*  
WELCOME AND OPENING  
Welcome  
Scripture and Reflection "The Love of the Good Shepherd"  
- Psalm 23, John 11:1-4  
\*Song *Great is Thy Faithfulness*  
Scripture Reading "Love and Loss" - John 11:17-22  
REMEMBERING IN GRIEF AND LOVE  
Sharing Memories  
\*Memorial of Loves Ones - Lighting Candles  
*(Pictures of some of those lost during this time of pandemic  
will be shared. Those wishing to remember and honor a loved  
one by lighting a candle are invited to come forward and do so.*  
Scripture and Reflection: "Love in Grief" - John 11:27-36  
Song and Prayer *Abide with Me, (Duet)*  
WAITING IN HOPE  
Testimony of Faith Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A1

## **Notes on the Service:**

1. Scripture and Reflections: Rather than a full sermon, we opted to do readings with some 3 shorter reflections on John 11. Lazarus' illness invites some reflection on a time of a dangerous virus and widespread pandemic. Jesus' strange delay in arriving, his not being there initially, was a way to speak of the separation we've experienced around Covid illness and deaths. But finally, of course, Jesus does come. He weeps and grieves with Mary and Martha, which prompts reflection on the value of gathering and grieving, even if strangely delayed. But Jesus also comes to speak and enact words of tremendous hope and a triumph over death. This was the turn at the end of the service towards hope in Christ's resurrection, and an "all saints" emphasis.
2. Sharing Memories: Here we had a few people planning to share, but also provided some open mic time. Had I known how many would come and share, I might have split this up into a couple of times of sharing and put a hymn or reading between them. But it was still really worthwhile.
3. Song and Prayer: We borrowed from a previous service and did an interweaving of "Abide With Me" as a duet with spoken prayer.
4. Candle-Lighting: We wanted to invite some kind of action, and this worked out pretty well. We had people send in pictures and a few details about their loved ones and these were scrolled through on the screen while some music played. And people were invited to bring a candle or oil lamp to the service to bring forward and light. We also had candles available.