

(Topics, Lead-in, and Lead-in Devotional Reading below)

Thank you, Dr. Richard Neiderhiser

The Body of Christ

Romans 12:4-8; 1 Corinthians 12:4-31; 13;
Ephesians 1:22-23; 4:1-16; Colossians 1:18, 24

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Unison

1. U - nit - ed in Je - sus, where truth is com - plete, Where whole-ness and
2. U - nit - ed, one Bod - y, one Spir - it, one call, One Sav - ior, one
3. One Fa - ther, one pur - pose, one joy, and one goal: To move with the

Chords: C, C/E, FM7, F6, Am/E, Dm7, Am, Dm7, G sus, G, C, F, F/C, F

frac - tured hu - man - i - ty meet, Where all life is love and self -
Source, and one God all - in - all. Though man - y and var - ied and
wind of the Spir - it's con - trol, To use all He gives us to

Chords: F/C, C, D7/A, D7sus/A, Dm6/B, E7sus, E7, E/G#, Am, Am/G

giv - ing is sweet, We move as the Bod - y of Christ!
seem - ing so small, Yet we are the Bod - y of Christ!
build up the whole, The glo - ri - ous Bod - y of Christ!

Chords: Fadd9, Dm7, C/G, F, G7sus, G7, C

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TOPICS: All Saints Day; Church; Tunes, Classical

LEAD-IN: *Just as we have many parts in one body and all the body's parts do not have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually parts of one another.* (Romans 12:4-5, NASB)

LEAD-IN DEVOTIONAL READING:

The Body of Christ

Philippians 2:1-11

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There is one body and one Spirit, just as you also were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all...But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift... for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the building up of the body of Christ; until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ.

(Ephesians 4:4-7, 12-13, NASB)

The Bible calls God's people
the Body of Christ.

That image expresses
the dizzying variety
yet amazing unity
within His Church.

Its many members are
incredibly diverse with
many different gifts and
many different functions,
yet all are one Body.

As we are one
with Him,
we are one
with each other.

We are members of each other,
united in love,
working to build up the whole Body.

And further, consider this:

Many of the most amazing functions of the human body
happen through synergy –
that is, the interaction of various individual elements.

These elements are often unspectacular in themselves.

It is the way they interact –
the synergy –
that works the wonders.

For example, I've read that thirty or more chemicals interact
to cause our blood to clot.

If God can create a
 living,
 amazing,
 fully-functioning human being
from the interaction of ordinary earthly elements,
what can He create –
 what WILL He create –
from an entire race of heavenly-human beings
 recreated to be like His Magnificent Son!
Talk about synergy!
Imagine them being perfectly one
 in Christ and
 with Christ,
constantly interacting
 in union with Him and
 with each other!

What magnificent miracles of love
 still await us?

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