

Be Ready by Gerhard Frost

"Be prepared," they told us
when we were very young.
We live in the valley of
the shadow, you know;
don't be taken by surprise!"

They meant to teach us well.

But what of the other half?

"Be prepared for **life**."

At any moment it may assault you.

Be ready for the sudden

storms of truth.

Listen for the thunder, and

watch for the lightning

that plays along the changing

horizons of your life. Be ready

for the crashing break-in of an

overpowering meaning or an

all-consuming love.

"Our enemy, death, broods

and hovers, 'tis true,

but over all, towers our taller friend.

Life awaits her moment, too.

Expect to be surprised;

there's always new welcoming to do."

All Saints' is about more than just our remembering those who have gone before us. It is also looking forward to **life**. *"And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.'" (Revelation 21:3-4)*

We are being met by God for life, even life everlasting.

Pastor Tim Routh



We lift up in prayer...

- Lila Burmeister
- Luann Rundningen
- Rocky Scheevel
- Kathy Munsell
- Jeff Henderson
- Brittany & Tyler Johnson & family
- Gene Stukel (friend of Carla & Gary Lagerstedt) for health concerns
- Brian Eichhorst & family on the death of his father, Dave Eichhorst
- Arlys Gronli & family on the death of her mother, Beatrice Heike
- Brian Gieseke & family on the death of his father, Floyd Gieseke

Altar Flowers given by:

- Sue & Tony Rime - In memory of our parents

Nursery care is available. Our nursery is staffed on Sundays from 8:30am to 11:00am and on Wednesdays from 5:30pm to 7:30pm. **For our nursing mothers**, there is a private nursing room in the back of the nursery available for use.

THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPPING WITH US TODAY!

Faith Lutheran Church of Spicer, Minnesota is delighted to have you join us for today's worship service. We are a congregation of the Southwest Minnesota Synod of the ELCA. Faith Lutheran seeks to live out this mission:

*God gathers us as a family of Faith to nurture, inspire,
and share the love of Jesus with all people*

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All Saints' Sunday

Sunday, November 2, 2025



Those members of Faith who have passed from death to life:

Peggy Hoehne

Melba Lynde

Lanet Sammons

Maurice Thompson

Patricia Kruger

Arlys Ousman

Louise Stenberg

Clifford Wig

Those who are joining the Faith community at the Communion Table:

Connor Kriese

Blake Person

McCoy Gehrking

Jack Thielke

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Faithful God, **you have shown us the ways of your heart, yet we stray from your paths. We are stuck in sinful systems of oppression and do not embrace the freedom of your faithful promises. We ignore our neighbors. We exploit the earth. We reject your abundance, trusting our impulses instead of your steadfast love. Repair our relationships, restore what we have broken, renew our hearts, and bring us to new life. Amen.**

Hear the good news: God the Faithful One loves you, ☩ in Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven, and by the power of the Holy Spirit you are set free. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG *For All Your Saints, O Lord* ELW 427

REMEMBRANCE OF ALL SAINTS

The votive candles on the altar will be lit in memory of those members who have passed away this year. Later in the service, everyone will be invited to come forward and light a candle for any loved ones that have passed.



(Let us remember all the saints before God.)

We praise and bless you, O holy Trinity. You have taught your church that it is an ageless communion of saints. We thank you for gathering those who faithfully waited in hope for the redemption you promised, and now for adding us who celebrate the love of Christ for the redemption of the world. Prepare a place for us among those who are already with you. Help us remember them as an encouragement to saintly living, exciting us to love, in anticipation of an eternal reunion. With them we praise and bless you, O holy Trinity. **Amen.**

(Names are read of those who died from All Saints' last year)

Jesus says, Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, **and you will find rest for your souls.** For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. **And you will find rest for your souls.**

GREETING

Beloved of God, called to be saints: Grace, mercy, and peace be with you all. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Shall We Gather at the River

Faith Chancel Choir

FIRST READING: Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

PSALM (Read responsively): Psalm 149

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:11-23

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL READING: Luke 6:20-31

The holy gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Give Thanks for Saints

ELW 428

APOSTLE'S CREED

Together we confess our faith...

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Hear us, O God, **your mercy is great.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERING

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OFFERING SPECIAL MUSIC

Here and Now

Faith Chancel Choir

OFFERING PRAYER

God of healing and hope, you bless those who are hungry, promising to fill them with good things. Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts. Nourish us with the abundance of your feast and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior, now and forever. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

COMMUNION

There is grape juice/gluten free wafers available - simply ask your server!

*Pastor Tim will invite those who are participating in communion for the first time (and their families) to come forward first. **All receiving communion should come down the center aisle.***



After communion, you are invited to take a candle and light it in memory of loved ones who have passed and place it in the sand boxes.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of field and flower, wheat and grape, you have nourished us with the bread of heaven that gives life to the world. Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son, send us out to gather your good gifts for all who hunger and thirst, and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you, God the Son save you, and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead.

The holy Trinity bless you ☩ and grant you a faithful and courageous heart now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

Oh When The Saints Go Marchin' In

ACS 950

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the harvest. **Thanks be to God.**



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