



Time After Pentecost
9:30 Worship Celebration

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH | Inviting, Growing, Serving...

Becoming fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

September 6, 2026

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Faith is a growing faith community in the Aurora area. We're people just like you, who are hungry to know God better. We're looking for the answers to life's tough questions. We're struggling to be better parents, spouses, friends, and neighbors. We don't have all the answers but we're growing as we go.

Faith is a great place to find healing for broken hearts and broken lives. In every Sunday message you'll learn new skills and attitudes to help you live life with the kind of joy that God intends for us. You'll also meet people who are also growing in their journey through the joys and challenges of life. You'll find lots of "walking partners" for your journey here. There are no closed doors at Faith, just lots of opportunities to grow in Christ, friendship, and love.

Faith is a church with a great vision; however, accomplishing a great vision requires the participation of many great people like you. There's a place in our vision for you to use your unique gifts and talents.

CURRENT WORSHIP SERIES: ALL YOU NEED IS LOVE

Love. It's a word we use for everything—family, friends, food, even a favorite team. But what if we've been missing its true meaning all along? In a world full of noise, division, and fleeting emotions, there's a kind of love that never fails. It's not shallow. It's not self-serving. It's not temporary. It's the kind of love that transforms relationships, reshapes priorities, and reveals the very heart of God. Join us for a powerful new sermon series through 1 Corinthians 13 as we rediscover what love really is—and what it was always meant to be. Because when everything else fades... love remains.

The Gathering

Lord I Lift Your Name on High

Lord I lift Your name on high

Lord I love to sing Your praises

I'm so glad You're in my life

I'm so glad You came to save us

You came from heaven to earth

To show the way

From the earth to the cross

My debt to pay

From the cross to the grave

From the grave to the sky

Lord I lift Your name on high

King of My Heart

Let the King of my heart
Be the mountain where I run
The fountain I drink from
Oh He is my song
Let the King of my heart
Be the shadow where I hide
The ransom for my life
Oh He is my song

You are good good oh You're good good oh
You are good good oh You're good good oh

Let the King of my heart
Be the wind inside my sails
The anchor in the waves
Oh He is my song
Let the King of my heart
Be the fire inside my veins
The echo of my days
Oh He is my song

You're never gonna let Never gonna let me down (*Repeat 3x*)

When the night is holding on to me
God is holding on
When the night is holding on to me
God is holding on

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy.
Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is
harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus
Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Word

READING

1 Corinthians 13: 1-3

If I speak in the tongues of humans and of angels but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers and understand all mysteries and all knowledge and if I have all faith so as to remove mountains but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions and if I hand over my body so that I may boast but do not have love, I gain nothing.

RESPONSE

How Deep the Father's Love For Us

please stand

How deep the Father's love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only son
To make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mark the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory

GOSPEL

Matthew 18:15-20

"If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

MESSAGE

Everything – Love= Nothing | Pastor Rob

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A: Reminded of God's gracious and abundant love, we offer our prayers, confident that God hears us.

A: Proclaiming God, empower your church throughout the world to announce the words you give us. Open us to receive your word in unexpected ways. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Governing God, turn all who create, enforce, or interpret legislation away from selfish gain and toward your promise of good for all, especially the good of all who labor. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Attending God, wake us up to any around us who are in need. Restore broken relationships, failing health, frayed emotions, and the hurts we carry with us. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Gathering God, resolve conflicts in this community through your righteousness and grace. Reconcile us to each other, making your good news known even through our imperfections. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Gracious and loving God, we pray for the family and friends of Faith... Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Grant the prayers we have offered, what we have forgotten to ask, and whatever else you see that we need. We ask this in Jesus' name.

C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

OFFERING RESPONSE

We Are an Offering

please stand

We lift our voices We lift our hands
We lift our lives up to You We are an offering
Lord use our voices Lord use our hands
Lord use our lives they are Yours We are an offering

All that we have, all that we are
All that we hope to be, We give to You, we give to You
We lift our voices We lift our hands
We lift our lives up to You We are an offering

OFFERATORY PRAYER

A: God of creation,
you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly.
All blessings are from you;
make us generous with what we have.
Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts
in service to you and in love to our neighbors,
today and always.

C: **Amen.**

The Meal

P: God's love for the world was so great that He gave us His Son, so that anyone
who believes in Him should not die
but receive eternal life.
We come to this table in need;
We are weak and need strength;
We are broken and need healing;
We are hardened and need softening;
We are poor in spirit and need care.
C: **We give thanks for Your compassion, O God;
We rejoice at Your invitation to share in this meal,
and we receive again Your abundant grace.**

P: So, let's remember how Jesus gave Himself for us;
At supper, on the night of His betrayal, Jesus took bread,
gave thanks, broke it and shared it with His friends, saying:
This is my body, given for you. Take it, eat it, and remember Me.

C: Amen.

P: After supper, Jesus took the cup,
gave thanks and shared it with His friends, saying:
This is my blood shed for you. Take it, drink it and remember Me.

C: Amen.

P: In this bread and in this wine we receive again
the generous, and costly gift of life,
offered to us through the sacrifice of Jesus.
This meal is a proclamation of God's goodness, a thanksgiving for God's grace
and a sharing in God's life.

C: And we will keep celebrating in this way until Jesus returns. Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

INVITATION TO THE MEAL

P: Christ invites you to this table.

All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

C: **Thanks be to God.**

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

AN INVITATION

We invite you to share in Holy Communion this morning, regardless of your church background or lack thereof. We believe that God is present in the bread and wine as it becomes the body and blood of Jesus Christ and that this presence is a gift of grace in the lives of those who receive it. All are welcomed to the table enjoy this gift of God's love and mercy. Apple/Grape juice is in the center of the communion tray. Gluten free wafers available at usher stand.

COMMUNION BLESSING *please stand*

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

C: **Amen.**

The Sending

SENDING PRAYER

A: Sustaining God,
with this bread and cup,
you nourish us with mercy and abundant life.
By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world.
Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love,
following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.

C: **Amen.**

CLOSING SONG

Over the mountains and the sea,
Your river runs with love for me,
and I will open up my heart
and let the Healer set me free.
I'm happy to be in the truth,
And I will daily lift my hands:
For I will always sing of when
Your love came down.

Chorus I could sing of Your love forever,
 I could sing of Your love forever,
 I could sing of Your love forever,
 I could sing of Your love forever,

Oh I feel like dancing
it's foolishness I know;
but when the world has seen the light,
they will dance with joy,
like we're dancing now.

DISMISSAL

P: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

I Could Sing of Your Love Forever

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Faith!

We are so glad that you have chosen to worship with us today! Have questions about Faith? Wondering how to get connected or get more involved? We'd love to help. No matter where you are in life or how many times you've visited, we're here to guide you towards your next best step. Stop by the welcome center located near the main entrance. If this is your first time at Faith, let us know, we've got a special gift just for you!

NEXT

Sun 9/6 | 9:00 & 10:30 AM

If you've ever wondered how to get involved at Faith, or how to take the next step, don't worry. We've created a simple next step for you. It's a small gathering called NEXT. This informal gathering lasts only about 20 minutes after services and will provide you an overview of our mission, strategy, and environments to help you determine your best next step for continuing your faith journey. Meets fireside.

TUESDAY AM WOMENS BIBLE STUDY

Begins 9/8 | 9:00 AM

The Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study will resume their weekly meetings at the church on September 8 at 9:00 a.m. This fall the group will be reading *Jesus In Me ~ Experiencing the Holy Spirit as a Constant Companion* by Anne Graham Lotz.

Copies of the book can be purchased at the meeting for \$11.00. The book is also available on Amazon in Kindle and Audiobook formats. All women of Faith and their friends are welcome and encouraged to attend. We would love to have you join us! For additional information contact Sue Boozell at sue.boozell@discoveringfaith.com.

MENS COMMUNITY GROUP

Sat 9/12 | 8:00 AM

Meets fireside at Faith, the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month.

In addition to coffee, great conversation, and fellowship, we typically are engaged in a spiritual study topic or video discussion. Come join us!

A MOMENT FOR MOM

Sat 9/12 | 10:00 AM

A Moment for Mom will hold an Open House on Saturday, September 12th at 10:00 AM. Donuts and coffee will be served. Bring your kids to play on our playground and you can learn what we are all about.

STUDENT MINISTRIES ORIENTATION MEETING

Sun 9/13 | 10:45 AM

All 6th – 12th grade students and their parents are invited to attend the orientation meeting for Revolution, on Sunday, Sept 13 @ 10:45am in the sanctuary. Come learn about the exciting events planned for this year. Our program, events, mission trip 2027, Middle School Summer Camp 2027, and expectations for our Crossroads/Confirmation program will be covered. For more information contact Pastor Rob.

ADULT ONLINE STUDY GROUP

Begins 9/15 | 7:15 PM

Drive Through History: Temple, Cross and the Empty Tomb

In a style all his own, Dave Stotts—host and editor of Drive Thru History—speeds through the ancient world of the Bible, giving you a fast-paced encounter with the people, places, and events that have shaped our world and the Christian faith.

In this 3-week study, the group will be following and discussing Dave's journey from Jerusalem to Calvary.

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

Weds 9/16 | 7:15 PM

This is a wonderful volunteer opportunity to help out in our community. We will be packing meals on Wednesday, September 16. Sign up at www.discoveringfaith.com. All volunteers need to sign up before September 7. Check out the volunteering policies before signing up!

COMPASSION WEEKEND IS COMING!

September 18-20

Save the date and get ready to get your serve on at Faith's 13th annual Compassion Weekend. We'll be rolling up our sleeves and heading out to partner with organizations and projects that make a real impact on the lives of people in our community. As part of our serving weekend, we want to extend care and love to those in need in our very own neighborhoods. If you, or someone you know, is in need of any help with projects/tasks around their home you are encouraged to visit www.discoveringfaith.com/compassionweekend where you can submit that need. From cutting lawns, to painting, to yard work, our Compassion Weekend Team would like to help our neighbors on that weekend.

WATOTO CHILDREN'S CHOIR CONCERT

Fri 9/18 | 7:00 PM

"LOVE NEVER FAILS" A Vibrant Worship Experience

The Sound of a Transformed Generation

All the way from Uganda, East Africa, we're excited to bring you the Watoto Children's Choir performing songs from their brand-new album, "Love Never Fails". As the children sing, dance, and share their personal stories of hope, you'll see firsthand the power of God's unfailing love.

Watoto Children's Choirs have traveled the world for over three decades, declaring the good news of what Jesus has done in their lives. Our children have performed for Her Majesty the Queen, the President of the United States, and almost every major parliament in the world.

Yet, as remarkable as those moments have been, we cherish the times we've met ordinary people in their moment of pain and have been able to see firsthand how Jesus heals. As people meet our children from Uganda, with their hearts healed and their dreams restored, they can't help but realize that God loves them too.

Don't miss out! This one-of-a-kind experience will inspire and encourage you, your family, and your friends. Other than traveling to Africa yourself, what better way to learn about all the good work God is doing through Watoto than by meeting the children and hearing how the love of Jesus transformed their lives.

Outdoor Sunday Worship

Sun 9/20 | 9:30 AM

Sunday, September 20, we'll be meeting outdoors at 9:30 AM for only one worship service. No 8:00 AM service. Bring your lawn chair or blanket and join us on the lawn. We'll have some outdoor seating as well. You can also attend from your car by tuning into FM 88.3. We'll be live streaming this service as well, if you're unable to make it in person. Come join us!

REVOLUTION KICK OFF

Sun 9/20 | 5:00 PM

Put it on the calendar and get ready for a great new year of outrageous games, extraordinary worship, and engaging groups as we gather on Sunday Nights for our Student Ministries. Students, 6th-12th grade, are invited to attend this engaging night of growing as followers of Jesus. Student ministries meets the first and third Sundays of the month. Register today at www.discoveringfaith.com/students.

ADULT ONLINE STUDY GROUP

Begins 10/6 | 7:15 PM

Epic of Eden

The Old Testament can feel like a puzzle. Richter's substantive and profoundly spiritual exploration shows how the pieces fit together and how accessible the narrative truly is! We plan to begin our next study on October 6. This will be a twelve week study.

A MOMENT FOR MOM

Sat 10/10 | 10:00 AM

We welcome you to our moms group for moms just like you! We are hosting moms of children ages 0-10 to come together for a time of learning, laughter, and treats. Take a moment to connect with other moms, while enjoying a yummy breakfast, hearing from a knowledgeable speaker on topics related to parenting, and build your mom village along the way. Each Session is \$6, Childcare is \$8

Guest Speaker: Joseph Agostinelli, PT

Where We Hold Our Stress and Why It Matters, Jaw and Neck Techniques to Release Tension
Register online www.discoveringfaith.com

PROJECT 3:23 COMING SOON!

A new monthly group for men in their 20s, 30s, and 40s. Inspired by Colossians 3:23, Project 3:23 is designed to bring men together through Service, Social, and Support—creating opportunities to serve others, build genuine friendships, and support one another through every season of life. No pressure, no special skills required, and no major time commitment—just a chance to show up, connect, and do something meaningful together. More details coming soon!

FAITHFUL FOUNDATIONS CAMPAIGN

Our 2026 Faithful Foundations campaign aims to raise \$75,000 for Faith. Our building and grounds are 18 years old and need some tender loving care.

The goal for this fundraising campaign is to:

- Repair and Upgrade our HVAC units.
- Improve our parking lot.
- Upgrades to our building's interior painting, furniture, light fixtures and improvements to our auditorium.
- Landscaping around the church.
- Signage at the parking lot entrance.

Giving at Faith! As Easy as Click & Give



As followers of Jesus Christ, we embrace irrational generosity. We know it changes lives—ours and the people we're reaching. At Faith, taking action on your generosity is simple. Just scan the QR code with your camera and give. Simple, safe, and secure.



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