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Church

LIVING OUT OUR PURPOSE

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Time after Pentecost  
8:00 am worship service

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

## **Becoming fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.**

August 29, 2021

### **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: WE THE CHURCH**

What is the most important thing about you? What do you value? What matters most? Who are you? In this series we tackle these big questions about us as individuals, and about Faith as a church. It turns out, whatever you value most, that's what you organize your life around. Join us as we learn to organize our lives around Jesus.

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# The Gathering

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OPENING HYMN

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come | ELW #693

*please stand*

1 Come, ye thank-ful peo-ple, come; raise the song of har-vest home.  
2 All the world is God's own field, fruit un-to his praise to yield;  
3 For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his har-vest home;  
4 E-ven so, Lord, quick-ly come to thy fi-nal har-vest home.

All be safe-ly gath-ered in ere the win-ter storms be-gin,  
wheat and tares to- geth-er sown, un-to joy or sor-row grown,  
from his field shall in that day all of-fens-es purge a-way;  
Gath-er then thy peo-ple in, free from sor-row, free from sin,

God, our mak-er, doth pro-vide for our wants to be sup-plied.  
First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap-pear.  
give his an-gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,  
there, for-ev-er pu-ri-fied, in thy gar-ner to a-bide.

Come to God's own tem-ple, come, raise the song of har-vest home.  
Lord of har-vest, grant that we whole-some grain and pure may be,  
but the fruit-ful ears to store in his gar-ner ev-er-more.  
Come, with all thine an-gels, come, raise the glo-rious har-vest home!

## GREETING

**P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C:** **And also with you.**

## KYRIE



**A** In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **B** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



**B** Lord, have mer - cy.



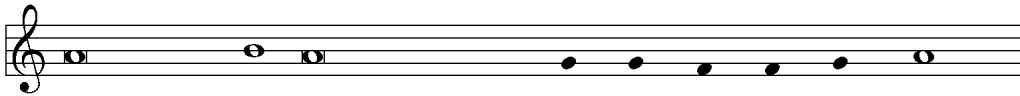
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



**B** Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men

## HYMN OF PRAISE

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.




1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.  
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and  
Bless-ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.  
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

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## The Word

### FIRST READING

**Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9**

So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God with which I am charging you. You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, “Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!” For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today? But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children’s children—

### SECOND READING

**Hebrews 12: 1-3**

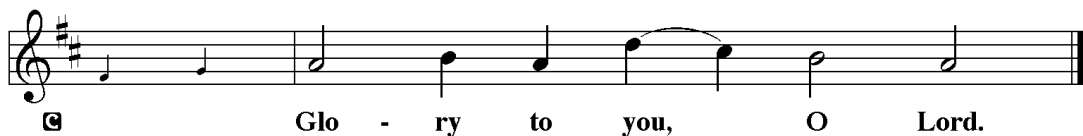
Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such hostility against himself from sinners, so that you may not grow weary or lose heart.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *please stand*



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 7<sup>th</sup> chapter.



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

## GOSPEL

**Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23**

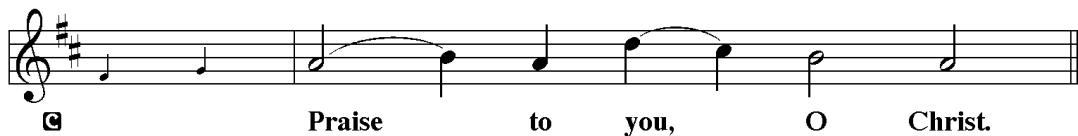
Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

‘This people honors me with their lips,  
but their hearts are far from me;  
in vain do they worship me,  
teaching human precepts as doctrines.’  
You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”



Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.” For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



**MESSAGE**

Up | Pastor Rob

# HYMN OF THE DAY

Here I Am, Lord | ELW #574

*please stand*



1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.  
2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.  
3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.  
I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.  
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.  
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.  
Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"  
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"  
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

## APOSTLES CREED

**C:** 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 THE CHURCH

**A:** Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world,  
and all in need.

**A:** We pray for the church, that it is a safe haven for all who seek your presence.  
Fill it with pastors, deacons, and leaders who echo your expansive and  
generous welcome. Lord, in your mercy,

**C:** hear our prayer.

**A:** We pray for the whole of creation, that plants and animals have the habitat  
and resources to thrive and flourish. Inspire us to protect threatened habitats  
and ensure a sustainable future for generations to come. Lord, in your mercy,

**C:** hear our prayer.

A: We pray for individuals in positions of authority. Raise up wise and discerning leaders in federal, state, and local governments and guide them to seek the benefit of every person. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: We pray for all who are in need. Support and encourage those who are unemployed, underemployed, or experiencing poverty. Bring food, shelter, clothes, and stability for daily life. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: We pray for this congregation, especially those beginning a new school year. Empower teachers and school administrators. Guide students in their learning and development. Accompany parents, foster parents, and caregivers who provide encouragement and love. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Gracious and loving God, we pray for the family and friends of Faith... Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

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## *The Meal*

### **PEACE**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

### **OFFERING**

## OFFERING RESPONSE *please stand*



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our



cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the



seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.



Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the



prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER


A: Jesus, Bread of life,  
you have set this table with your very self,  
and called us to the feast of plenty.  
Gather what has been sown among us,  
and strengthen us in this meal.  
Make us to be what we receive here,  
your body for the life of the world.

C: **Amen.**


## GREAT THANKSGIVING



**P** The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.



**P** Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**C** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right and salutary . . .we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

**P:** Christ has set the table with more than enough for all.  
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. Grape juice is in the center of the communion tray. Gluten free wafers available at the usher stand, please ask an usher to assist you.*

**C** Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
 world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
 sin of the world; grant us peace.

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

C: Amen.

**C** Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.  
 Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear his name.  
 He re - calls his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with  
 shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.



## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*please stand*

A: Jesus, Bread of life,  
we have received from your table  
more than we could ever ask.  
As you have nourished us in this meal,  
now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.  
In your name we pray.

**C: Amen**

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## *The Sending*

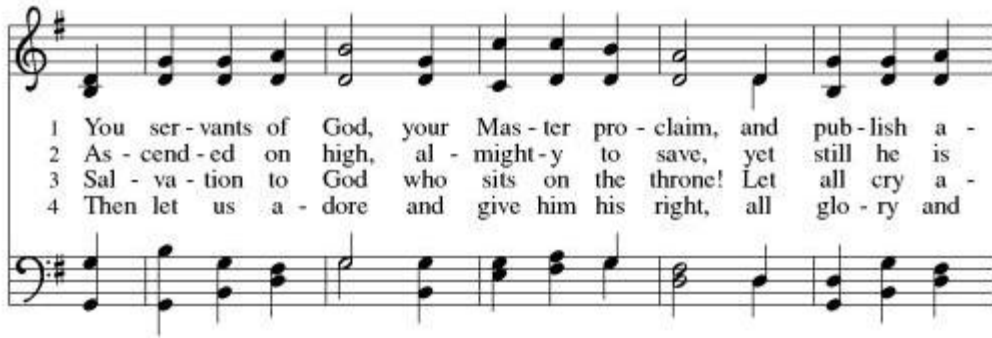
### BLESSING

P: The blessing of God,  
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,  
† be upon you now and forever.

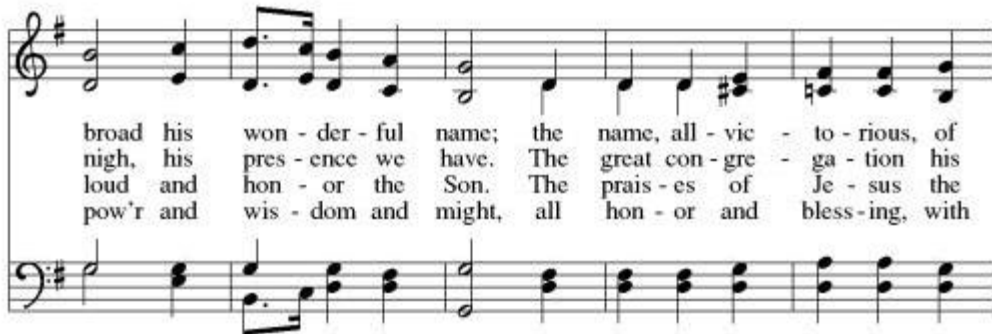
**C: Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN


You Servants of God | ELW #825



1 You ser - vants of God, your Mas - ter pro - claim, and pub - lish a -  
2 As - cend - ed on high, al - might - y to save, yet still he is  
3 Sal - va - tion to God who sits on the throne! Let all cry a -  
4 Then let us a - dore and give him his right, all glo - ry and



broad his won - der - ful name; the name, all - vic - to - rious, of  
nigh, his pres - ence we have. The great con - gre - ga - tion his  
loud and hon - or the Son. The prais - es of Je - sus the  
pow'r and wis - dom and might, all hon - or and bless - ing, with



Je - sus ex - tol; his king - dom is glo - rious and rules o - ver all!  
tri - umph shall sing, as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus, our king!  
an - gels pro - claim, fall down on their fac - es, and wor - ship the Lamb.  
an - gels a - bove, and thanks nev - er ceas - ing, and in - fin - ite love!

## DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

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## NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 13 YEARS OF SHARING THE LIGHT

On August 21, 2008, the first worship service was held at our current location on Liberty St. in Aurora. Ever since, Faith's congregation has been changing lives and helping others grow in their love and faith of Jesus Christ. Each Sunday during the month of August, we will be highlighting various ministry programs. You'll have an opportunity to learn firsthand how lives are being changed. In our cafe, we have special Birthday gifts that you can give to Faith Lutheran Church. Each gift represents a need from various programs and can help truly make a difference in the services we provide. During the month of August, we ask you to prayerfully consider how you can make a difference.

### FIRST LOOK & KIDWERKS ARE BACK!

Our Sunday morning children's ministry program is back with both in-person and virtual options this year. At 9:30am we will meet weekly and you can choose to attend in person (with masks) or online. Whichever suits your family's needs. Registration is now open <https://faith.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/8/responses/new>

### REVOLUTION KICK OFF

Sep 19 | 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 dynamic night of growing as disciples. Student ministries meets the first and third Sundays of the month.

### ONLINE STUDY GROUP

Tuesdays | 7:00 PM

Discover new ways of connecting with God by understanding how he uniquely created you to worship him. As believers in Christ, many of us today fall into the trap of thinking we have to approach God in a certain way. But our Creator made us all unique, and he designed us to connect with him in our own ways. For some, this might look like quiet contemplation. Others express praise through caregiving or theological discussions. It's important to discover the particular pathway that will best help you to experience God's presence. Bestselling author and speaker Gary Thomas reveals nine distinct spiritual temperaments to give you insight into how you naturally worship and how your personal walk with God might look different from those around you. For more information, please contact Pastor Rob-[pastor@discoveringfaith.com](mailto:pastor@discoveringfaith.com)

## **COMPASSION WEEKEND**

**Sept 10-12, 2021**

Compassion Weekend is all about caring for each other. All around us, people are hurting. They are tired, worn down and lonely. God cares deeply about the real-life challenges of real people in our neighborhoods. We serve each other as an extension of that compassion. There is no hidden agenda or secret motive. For this one weekend, we set aside our regular weekend services and activities simply to serve those around us. We want to invite you to join us! You can make a difference in the lives of others around us.

## **COMPASSION WEEKEND SERVICE**

**Sep 12 | 9:30 AM**

Due to the Compassion Weekend event we will be having an outdoor service on Sunday Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>. Please join us as we combine our services into one amazing worship experience!

## **UPDATED COVID GUIDELINES FOR IN-PERSON WORSHIP**

Below are guidelines we ask all onsite participants to follow. These will be revised periodically as CDC guidelines continue to evolve.

1. Masks are not required if you have been fully vaccinated. Unvaccinated Worshipers are asked to wear masks at all times while in the building. If you are ill, been exposed, or at risk, please continue to worship with us online.
2. Seating will be identified with space for social distancing blocked off. If you are the first to sit in your pew, please choose the center seating option to avoid “climbing” over one another.
3. Musicians, singers, and worship leaders will be following CDC guidelines. If you are fully vaccinated, feel free to fully participate in singing and prayer. Otherwise, the congregation may pray the words of our songs or hum along, but please do not sing. According to the CDC, if not vaccinated, singing has a greater risk of dispersing droplets.
4. No nursery will be available.
5. Fellowship in the Café has resumed.







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