



**don't worry.
be happy.**

CONFIDENTLY LIVING THROUGH TROUBLED TIMES

All Saints Sunday
9:30 Worship Celebration

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

Becoming fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

November 5, 2023

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: DON'T WORRY. BE HAPPY.

Worry—it's universal. It's as much a part of life as breathing. Yet Jesus said, Don't. Don't worry! Easier said than done. Join us as we explore all that Jesus had to say about worry. You'll discover where worry comes from, why it's so difficult to overcome, and what you can do to conquer it. We'll discover a story about a man who was challenged with a single question—a question that brought a new perspective to his worries. That question may be the key to overcoming worry in your life as well.

The Gathering

OPENING SONG

Open Up the Heavens

We've waited for this day, we're gathered in Your name

Calling out to you

Your glory like a fire, awakening desire

Will burn our hearts with truth

Pre-Chorus You're the reason we're here

You're the reason we're singing

Chorus Open up the heavens, we want to see you

Open up the floodgates, a mighty river

Flowing from your heart

Filling every part of our praise

Your presence in this place, Your glory on our face

We're looking to the sky

Descending like a cloud, You're standing with us now

Lord, unveil our eyes (*Pre-Chorus*) (*Chorus*)

Show us, show us Your glory

Show us, show us Your power

Show us, show us Your glory, Lord

Show us, show us Your glory

Show us, show us Your power

Show us, show us Your glory, Lord (*Chorus*) (*Chorus*)

What a Beautiful Name

You were the Word at the beginning One with God the Lord Most High
Your hidden glory in creation Now revealed in You our Christ

Chorus 1 What a beautiful Name it is What a beautiful Name it is
 The Name of Jesus Christ my King What a beautiful Name it is
 Nothing compares to this What a beautiful Name it is
 The Name of Jesus

You didn't want heaven without us So Jesus You brought heaven down
My sin was great Your love was greater What could separate us now

Chorus 2 What a wonderful Name it is What a wonderful Name it is
 The Name of Jesus Christ my King What a wonderful Name it is
 Nothing compares to this What a wonderful Name it is
 The Name of Jesus What a wonderful Name it is
 The Name of Jesus

Death could not hold You The veil tore before You
You silence the boast of sin and grave The heavens are roaring
The praise of Your glory For You are raised to life again

You have no rival You have no equal
Now and forever God You reign Yours is the kingdom
Yours is the glory Yours is the Name above all names

Chorus 3 What a powerful Name it is What a powerful Name it is
 The Name of Jesus Christ my King What a powerful Name it is
 Nothing can stand against What a powerful Name it is
 The Name of Jesus

What a powerful Name it is The Name of Jesus
What a powerful Name it is The Name of Jesus
What A Beautiful Name

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: 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.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Word

READING

1 John 3: 1-3

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

I Love You Lord

please stand

I love you, Lord and I lift my voice
To worship You, oh my Soul rejoice
Take joy, my King in what You hear
May it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear

GOSPEL

Matthew 6: 24-34

“No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.

“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. “So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.

MESSAGE

Devotion in Motion | Pastor Rob

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A: Let us turn our hearts to God, our breath and life, as we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A: Holy God, the church triumphant gathers around your throne to praise you. We join them in worship and remember your sustaining grace in every generation. Heal our divisions; show us unity in your presence. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Holy creator, we marvel at your creation revealed in the cycle of seasons, changing landscapes, and the rise and fall of ocean tides. Turn us from selfish consumption and open us to gentle healing of the earth so all creation thrives. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Holy advocate, we lift grateful hearts for the ability to vote and elect leaders. Grant wisdom to those who will be elected and safety to poll workers. May civic leaders serve the whole community, especially all who are underrepresented or oppressed. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Holy healer, bless the brokenhearted and all who mourn. Send your compassion to all who grieve, grant wholeness to those who are sick, and accompany the dying. Be near to all who need you. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Holy comforter, we pray for this congregation, that the promise of your new life may be shared and experienced. We pray for the funeral ministry of this congregation, that families and friends seeking your love find it here. 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: We offer our spoken prayers and those held in our hearts trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

The Meal

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

OFFERING RESPONSE

For All the Saints

For all the saints
Who from their labours rest
Who Thee by faith
Before the world confessed
Thy name O Jesus
Be forever blest Alleluia

OFFERATORY PRAYER

- A: God of all goodness,
generations have turned to you,
gathered around your table,
and shared your abundant blessings.
Number us among them
that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance,
and give thanks for your rich blessings,
we may feast upon your very self
and care for all that you have made,
through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant.
- C: **Amen**

The Meal

- P: God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
you have brought us this far along the way.
In times of bitterness you did not abandon us,
but guided us into the path of love and light.
In every age you sent prophets
to make known your loving will for all humanity.
The cry of the poor has become your own cry;
our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire.
In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant
to preach good news to the afflicted,
to break bread with the outcast and despised,
and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.
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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection,
we await the day when Jesus shall return to free all the earth
from the bonds of slavery and death.

Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say "Amen"!

C: 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: There is a place for you at the banquet.
Come and feast at Jesus' table.

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: May the God of all creation,
in whose image we are made,
who claims us and calls us beloved,
who strengthens us for service,
give you reason to rejoice and be glad!
The blessing of God,
Sovereign, † Savior, and Spirit,
be with you today and always.

C: **Amen.**

CLOSING

Praise God From Whom all blessings flow
Praise Him All creatures here below
Praise Him above Ye heav'nly host
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost

Chorus Praise the Father Praise the Son
Praise the Spirit Now with us
Every moment all our days God be praised
Oh God be praised

Praise God With morning's breaking light
Praise Him Through darkness of the night
Praise Him With every breath of life
Praise Him my soul With all your might (*Chorus*)

Praise God In face to face we see
The One who died To set us free
The One Who rose in victory
Praise now forever Christ our King (*Chorus*) (*Chorus*)

God be praised Oh God be praised
Praise God From Whom all blessings flow
Praise Him All creatures here below
Praise Him above Ye heav'nly host
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost

DISMISSAL

A: Beloved of God,
go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Doxology

Today is All Saints Sunday

As November heralds the dying of the landscape, the readings and liturgy call us to remember those who have died in Christ. As the liturgical year draws to a close, we hear warnings about the end of time, stories of crisis and judgment, and parables of loss and death. The Christian community speaks honestly about human frailty and mortality.

At the same time, we confess our faith in the risen Lord, in the communion of saints, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. While we may face death with fear, the liturgy calls us to hear the Lord's promise that he is with us in life and in death.

Christ has claimed us in baptism and nourishes us in the communion of his body and blood. He leads us to the new Jerusalem. There we shall join all the saints in praise of God, who has turned our graves into the doorway to eternal life.

We remember those who have entered into God's eternal kingdom this past year:

Frank Phillips, brother of Louise Adcox
Cathy Cowan, stepmother of Jeff Cowan
Diane McGuire, mother of Diana Nawrocki
Mark Wessells, brother in law of Jill North
Janette Warren, mother of Ginny Cowan
Stephanie Follin, friend of Schnorr & Hogan Families
Elvira Besco, mother of Joyce Ardelean
Mary Larson, mother of Linda Weigel
Lily McCarthy, daughter of Leo Zarko
Pat Entile
Betty Boyles
Don Dame, father of Kelly Schell
Gregg Chase, brother in law of Dale & Judy Bridge
Tim O'Neal, father of Andrew O'Neal
Mary Kruse, aunt of Dale Bridge

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!

Please celebrate with those sharing in their First Meal of Holy Communion...

Jaidyn Rae Ardelean
Ella Joyce Gislason
Skylee James Skupien

Kathryn Stella Butikofer
Lucas Joseph Runge

The bread for this service was made by our First Communion workshop participants.
Thank You!

HOLIDAY GREENERY SALE

Sun 10/29 & 11/5

For the next two Sundays in between services, please welcome our Cub Scout Pack 643 and Scouts BSA Troop 508 in the café. They will be selling wreaths, greenery, and holiday décor to help support their Scouting adventures. All commissions will go back to the scouts, and you will be purchasing beautiful live holiday greenery, and supporting our community.

Win, Win! All purchases will be available for pickup Friday November 17 from the church, or after services November 19.

If you have any questions, please contact Kim Ginsberg, the wreath sales coordinator at kimberlyginsberg@gmail.com.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Mon 10/30 | 7:15 PM

Ladies Bible Study has started up again onsite at Faith. We'll be following Pastor Rob's message series "Follow the Leader". Here are our other meeting dates for your calendar. All dates begin 7:15 PM.

Monday | November 13

Monday | November 27

Monday | December 11 | Holiday Party

Monday | January 8

We will resume study in the new year with a new book we'll announce at the end of this year. As in the past, there's no need to register or signup. Just come join us and bring a friend!

TRIVIA NIGHT (21+ Event)

Sat 11/4 | 5:00 PM

Faith Community Life is excited to host Trivia Night @ Faith on Saturday, November 4, in the café and auditorium. This is a 21+ BYOB and appetizer event. Sandwiches will be provided. Gather your own team of 4-6 people or we can assign you to team. Our emcee for the night will be our very own Matt Clemm. Come join us for a night of fun, fellowship, and trivia! Sign up today online or at the welcome center

MOM'S GROUP: A Moment for Mom

Sat 11/11 | 10:00 AM

We are hosting moms of children infants-elementary school 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 building your mom village along the way. Our group meets the 2nd Saturday of each month, October-May, 10:00 AM - 12:15 PM. For more information about our guest speaker and topic lineup, and to register for events, please visit www.discoveringfaith.com/amomentformom.

NEXT

Sun 11/19 | 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

SAVE THE DATE! Holiday Trolley: All Ages

Sat 11/25 | 6:15PM

Meet at Gemato's in Naperville, Cost is \$17/person- more details to come!

KIDWERKS

Sundays at 9:30 AM

Join us in the auditorium as we dive into learning about new virtues each month through stories from the bible so that we can grow in our understanding and relationship with God. To register go to discoveringfaith.com or for more information please contact jenn@discoveringfaith.com PreK – 5th grade

REVOLUTION

Sundays | 5:00 PM

On Sunday Nights at Faith, we've created an event that attracts **middle & high school students just like you**. After all, we figure you want to be wherever your friends are. We make this time as fun and relevant as we possibly can. The goal is for you to leave feeling energized to go out there and tackle another week! Meets weekly in the auditorium Register online- discoveringfaith.com

Living Generously

Our mission is simple. Invite people to discover the new life that can be found in Jesus Christ. Because of your financial generosity, lives are being changed. Our budgeted resource needs to live out our mission are not currently fully funded. We would like to invite you to prayerfully consider how you can respond so that together we can enhance our mission impact in our community and beyond. Thank you for living generously.

2023 YTD Giving \$ 274,221

2023 YTD Budget \$ 301,356

2023 YTD Expenses \$ 349,415

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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