



Time after Pentecost
9:15 am worship service

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

Becoming fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

June 20, 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 MESSAGE SERIES : FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. We'll be looking at ways to allow the spirit to cultivate these virtues in our lives.

The Gathering

OPENING SONGS *please stand*

Freedom

You came to set the captives free
You came to bring us liberty
My sin and my rejection met
Your blood and my acceptance
Now I'm alive to bring You praise

Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom
Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom
Every chain is broken through You, Jesus
Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom
Whoa oh, oh, oh

Your blood has covered every sin
Your grace empowers me to win
My pain and my oppression met
Your blood and my acceptance
Now I'm alive to bring You praise

I'm free I'm free, I'm free to dance and sing
I'm free, I'm free, I'm free to shout it out
I'm free, I'm free, I'm free to dance and sing
I'm free, I'm free, I'm free to worship You

I'm gonna worship You

Oh For a Thousand Tongues To Sing

Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing My great Redeemer's praise
The glories of my God and King The triumphs of His grace

My gracious Master and my God Assist me to proclaim
To spread through all the earth abroad The honors of Thy name

Chorus 1 So come on and sing out
Let our anthem grow loud
There is one great love Jesus

Jesus, the name that charms our fears That bids our sorrows cease
'Tis music in the sinner's ears 'Tis life and health and peace

He breaks the power of canceled sin He sets the prisoners free
His blood can make the foulest clean His blood availed for me

Chorus 2 So come on and sing out Let our anthem grow loud
There is one great love There is one great love Jesus

He speaks and listening to His voice New life the dead receive
The mournful broken hearts rejoice The humble poor believe

Glory to God and praise and love Be ever, ever giv'n
By saints below and saints above The church in earth and Heav'n (*Chorus 2*)

There are so few words That never grow old
There are so few words That never grow old
Jesus Jesus Jesus

Chorus 3 So come on and sing out Let our anthem grow loud
There is one great love So, come on So, come on

Chorus 4 So come on and sing out Let our anthem grow loud
There is one great love There is one great love
There is one great love Jesus

OPENING PRAYER

L: O God of creation, eternal majesty, you preside over land and sea, sunshine and storm. By your strength pilot us, by your power preserve us, by your wisdom instruct us, and by your hand protect us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Word

FIRST LESSON

2 Corinthians 6:1-13

As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, “At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you.” See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

please stand

I Love You Lord

I love You, Lord
and I lift my voice
to worship You!
O my soul, rejoice!
Take joy, My King, in what You hear,
May it be a sweet, sweet sound
In Your ear

GOSPEL

John 15: 9-12

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

MESSAGE

Joy | Pastor Rob

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A: Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

A: Holy God, you gather your people from east and west, north and south. We pray for the mission of the church throughout the world, that your steadfast love may be made known to all peoples. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: You laid the foundations of the earth and the waters are the womb of creation. The morning stars sing your name and all creation shouts for joy. We pray for your blessed creation, that it may continue to flourish and magnify your glory. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: You keep watch over all nations. We pray for countries experiencing violence, hunger, and unrest. Guide worldwide and local community organizations in their efforts to establish safety and justice. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: You are close to the brokenhearted and near to those in distress. We pray for those who are experiencing oppression. Liberate us from the systems and chains that bind us. Remove the barriers that separate us from one another. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: You dwell with us in this faith community. We pray for our leaders and elders. Grant them knowledge, patience, and kindness, that through their leadership you may be exalted in this assembly. 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: We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace.

C: Amen.

THE 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.**

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 SONG

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee, Op'ning to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day!

All Thy works with joy surround Thee, Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee, Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
Singing bird and flowing fountain Call us to rejoice in Thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, Ever blessing, ever blest,
Wellspring of the joy of living, Ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother, All who live in love are Thine;
Teach us how to love each other, Lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the happy chorus, Which the morning stars began;
Father love is reigning o'er us, Brother love binds man to man.
Ever singing, march we onward, Victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us Sunward In the triumph song of life.

DISMISSAL

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

C: Thanks be to God.

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

STUDENT MINISTRIES CAR WASH

Today! | 8:00 AM

Have you looked out your window recently and said, “I need to get my car washed.” Don’t worry, the middle & high school students at Faith can help you with your problem. Bring your car with you to church on Sunday, June 20 and while you are worshipping your car will get clean and shiny. Your free-will donation will go to help support our students as they serve here in Aurora on their local mission trip in July.

ONLINE ADULT STUDY GROUP

Tuesdays | 7:00 PM

In this six-session small group Bible study, pastor and bestselling author Jim Cymbala explores the person and work of the Holy Spirit to bring a fresh sense of God’s power to your church and your life.

What happens when the Holy Spirit moves powerfully within a church?

Through this six-session study you will learn how:

- To make room for the Spirit’s action in your life and in your church
- God wants to work through your gifts and talents to enable you to do what only he can do
- To listen for the voice of the Spirit in prayer and how to apply God’s Word to your life
- The Spirit can bring healing to your body, your emotions, and your relationships; how a life lived in the presence of the Spirit can transform the church and the world

MENS GROUP

Sat 6/26 | 8:00 AM

A new men’s group has started at Faith.

We’ll be meeting fireside at 8:00am on the second & fourth Saturdays of the month. We’re kicking off a new 4 part series on Saturday, June 26 entitled, "Circle Up." Coffee and donuts will be available but feel free to bring your new morning favorite.

LADIES CHARCUTERIE NIGHT

Sat 6/26 | 6:00 PM

Join us for an evening of conversation and refreshments on Faith’s patio. Spend a relaxing early summer evening with old and new friends over wine and cheese.

KIDWERKS LIVE 2.0 - Now Meeting Onsite AND Online!

Kidwerks Live 2.0 is happening twice a month in the summer @ 9:15am in the auditorium and online for those who wish to participate from home!

Summer dates are: 6/27, 7/11, 7/25, 8/8, 8/22

For more information, please contact jenn@discoveringfaith.com

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - SAVE THE DATE!

Treasured--Discovering You're Priceless to God!

July 5-9 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at Faith Lutheran Church

Cost : in person \$35 (early bird discount, register by 5/31); \$40 (after 6/1) remote: \$15

Treasured VBS takes kids on an epic, faith-filled adventure where they'll discover that they're God's greatest treasure! Kids participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, make and devour yummy treats, experience one-of-a-kind Wild Bible Adventures, collect Bible Memory Buddies to remind them of God's love, and test out Sciency-Fun Gizmos they'll take home and play with all summer long. Plus, kids will learn to look for evidence of God all around them through something called God Sightings. Each day concludes at Closing Quest that gets everyone involved in living what they've learned. Due to COVID we will be offering VBS either onsite or online to best suit your family's needs.

ONE OF THESE NIGHTS CONCERT

Fri 7/9 | 8:00 PM

Spend your summer evening with friends from Faith listening to an acclaimed Eagle's tribute band. RiverEdge Park is located in downtown Aurora along the Fox River. Faith members will stake out a location for us to congregate. Tickets are available now for \$2.00/person and can be purchased through RiverEdge Park/Paramount. Bring your own seating. Food and beverage must be purchased on site.



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