

# AMAZING STORIES

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5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
9:30 Worship Celebration

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

## Becoming fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

July 2, 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: Amazing Stories**

Join us for our series entitled, "Amazing Stories," where over the next few weeks, we're going to be looking at some of the more famous stories in the Bible. We'll journey with Noah, stand with David, consider Joseph's wardrobe, and watch God restore a man named Naaman. Our hope is that you don't just see these stories as cute children's stories, but as amazing stories of our amazing God.

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# *The Gathering*

## **OPENING SONG**

### **Glorious Day**

I was buried beneath my shame  
Who could carry that kind of weight?  
It was my tomb 'til I met You

I was breathing but not alive  
All my failures I tried to hide  
It was my tomb 'til I met You

*Chorus*    You Called my name and I ran out of that grave  
              Out of the darkness into Your glorious day  
              You called my name and I ran out of that grave  
              Out of the darkness into Your glorious day

Now Your mercy has saved my soul  
Now Your freedom is all that I know  
The old made new, Jesus, when I met You (*Chorus*)

I needed rescue, my sin was heavy  
But the chains break at the weight of Your glory  
I needed shelter, I was an orphan  
Now You call me a citizen of Heaven

When I was broken, You were my healing  
Now Your love is the air that I'm breathing  
I have a future  
My eyes are open, cause when (*Chorus*)

## House of the Lord

We worship the God who was  
We worship the God who is  
We worship the God who evermore will be

He opened the prison doors  
He parted the raging sea  
My God, He holds the victory

Chorus There's joy in the house of the Lord  
There's joy in the house of the Lord today  
And we won't be quiet  
We shout out Your praise  
There's joy in the house of the Lord  
Our God is surely in this place  
And we won't be quiet  
We shout out Your praise

(Oh-oh, oh) we shout out Your praise  
(Oh-oh, oh)

We sing to the God who heals  
We sing to the God who saves  
We sing to the God who always makes a way

'Cause He hung up on that cross  
Then He rose up from that grave  
My God's still rolling stones away (Chorus)

We were the beggars  
Now we're royalty  
We were the prisoners  
Now we're running free  
We are forgiven, accepted  
Redeemed by His grace  
Let the house of the Lord sing praise (Repeat) (Chorus) (Chorus)

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### *The Word*

#### READING

**Genesis 37: 1-8**

Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. This is the story of the family of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him.

Once Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers, they hated him even more. He said to them, "Listen to this dream that I dreamed. There we were, binding sheaves in the field. Suddenly my sheaf rose and stood upright; then your sheaves gathered around it, and bowed down to my sheaf." His brothers said to him, "Are you indeed to reign over us? Are you indeed to have dominion over us?" So they hated him even more because of his dreams and his words.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

In Christ Alone

*please stand*

In Christ alone my hope is found  
He is my light my strength my song  
This Cornerstone this solid Ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
What heights of love what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled when strivings cease  
My Comforter my All in All  
Here in the love of Christ I stand

## GOSPEL

**Matthew 10:40-42**

“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

## MESSAGE

The Secret of the Man Who Lost His Coat | Pastor Rob

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A: Trusting in God’s abundant mercy, let us offer our prayers for a world in need.

A: We pray for the church. For wisdom to heed the voices of prophets in our midst who cast a vision of God’s promised future. For courage to welcome people whom society rejects. For resolve to serve all in need. God, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: We pray for creation. For all rivers, lakes, oceans, and streams. For lands experiencing scorching heat, drought, or wildfires. For conservation organizations and environmental activists. For scientists working on clean energy solutions. God, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: We pray for this nation and all nations. For presidents, governors, and legislators. For judges, juries, district attorneys, and public defenders. For military personnel. For those who are incarcerated. Guide us in ways of freedom that promote the common good. God, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: We pray for those in need. For exiles, immigrants, refugees, and those seeking asylum. For victims of harassment, torture, or abuse. For those who are ill. For any near death and for all who grieve. God, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: We pray for children. For their safety at home and in childcare settings. For their flourishing at summer programs and camps. For the many people who care for them including parents and grandparents; childcare workers and teachers; coaches, counselors, and mentors; pediatricians and psychologists. God, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

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

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: Receive our prayers and answer us, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ.

**C: Amen.**

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## *The Meal*

**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**OFFERING**

## OFFERING RESPONSE

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,  
God of glory, Lord of love!  
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee,  
Praising thee, their 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!

## OFFERATORY PRAYER

A: God of field and forest, sea and sky,  
you are the giver of all good things.  
Sustain us with these gifts of your creation,  
and multiply your graciousness in us,  
that the world may be fed with your love,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen**

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## *The Meal*

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift our hearts with joy,  
we lift them to the Lord.**



P: We give you thanks, our God,  
for that is right and good.

Yes, it is truly good,  
our duty and delight,  
that we should everywhere  
and at all times give thanks.  
And so we thank you now,  
our holy Father, Lord,  
eternal, mighty God,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Who came to earth for us  
in great humility  
and by his birth and life  
has shown your love to us.

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.  
You fill all of heaven and earth;  
save us, God on high!**

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread,  
and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples,  
and said, Take and eat; this is † my body, which is given for you. Do this  
in remembrance of me.

In the same way he took the cup, after the supper, and when he had given  
thanks, he gave it to them, and said, Drink of it, all of you; this is † my  
blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of  
sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Gracious Father, we therefore remember the sacrifice of our Lord in  
celebration, as we receive his body and blood with this bread and wine.  
We rejoice to receive all that he has done for us in his life and death, his  
resurrection and ascension; and we wait for his coming again to share  
with us the heavenly feast.

**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: All people are called to Christ's table.  
Come, eat what is good.

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.**

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# The Sending

## SENDING PRAYER

A: We thank you, generous God,  
for the refreshment we have received  
at your banquet table.  
Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world,  
through the one who is our dearest treasure,  
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

## CLOSING SONG

## Doxology – 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

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:** Go in peace. Share the harvest.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

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## 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!

### **VBS -Stellar**

**7/10 - 7/14 | 9:00 AM**

Join us at Stellar VBS, where we'll explore rugged moonscapes, colorful constellations, and lunar landers as we dig into God's great love! Kids participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, make and devour yummy treats, experience one-of-a-kind 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. For more information contact [jenn@discoveringfaith.com](mailto:jenn@discoveringfaith.com) or register online at [discoveringfaith.com](http://discoveringfaith.com)

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

- The children's ministry team is looking for volunteers to join us for VBS this summer, July 10-14. We are looking for both teen and adult volunteers for the week. Please contact [jenn@discoveringfaith.com](mailto:jenn@discoveringfaith.com) if you're interested in serving this summer!

### **DOWNTOWN ALIVE!**

**Concerts at RiverEdge in Aurora | 8:00 PM**

**7<sup>th</sup> Heaven Fri 7/7 \$5**

**Stayin' Alive Sat 8/5 \$20**

We're gathering inside the park in the grass closer to the river. We'll be flying red balloons to make it easier to find us. Tickets must be purchased at RiverEdge Park website. All general admission. No seating provided. Gates open at 6:00 PM. Come join us!

### **KIDWERKS Summer Schedule**

**Sundays at 9:30am**

July: 2, 16 & 30

August 13 & 27

We will continue to meet this summer every other week in the auditorium. Join us for a summer of fun and learning! To register go to [discoveringfaith.com](http://discoveringfaith.com) or for more information please contact [jenn@discoveringfaith.com](mailto:jenn@discoveringfaith.com)

## **REVOLUTION Summer Schedule**

**Sundays at 5:00 PM**

Get ready for our summer adventure at Revolution. We are going to be meeting weekly for Revolution starting on Sunday, July 9th, from 5:00 - 6:30pm. Our kickoff night will include some extreme outdoor games, food hot off the grill, and a raffle for some awesome prizes. Our summer Revolution will run July 9 - August 6th, and will include the same games, groups, and food that we enjoy during the school year. So, drop it in your calendar, and invite your friends!

## **NEXT**

**Sun 7/16 | 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 we call NEXT. This informal gathering lasts only about 20 minutes. It 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 at the church after each service.

## **BLOOD DRIVE**

**Sat 8/5 | 9:00AM**

We will be hosting a Blood Drive on Sat, August 5 from 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM in the auditorium. There will be snacks and more! Download the flyer from the Faith website [discoveringfaith.com](http://discoveringfaith.com) for complete details, including how to schedule an appointment. Thank you!

## **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.

**Prayers**

If you would like to add someone to our prayer list and have the prayer team pray for them, please contact the church office at [\(630\) 862-3500](tel:6308623500) or send an e-mail [prayerteam@discoveringfaith.com](mailto:prayerteam@discoveringfaith.com)

Prayer concerns will be listed for four weeks unless otherwise noted.

**Care**

If you know of someone who is in need of emotional, physical, or spiritual support, please contact our care team at: [careteam@discoveringfaith.com](mailto:careteam@discoveringfaith.com)

**Pastoral Emergency**

In the case of an emergency that requires immediate Pastoral Care, please contact Pastor Rob directly on his cell phone at [\(630\) 248-5515](tel:6302485515).



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