

All Saints Day 9:15 am worship service

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

# Becoming fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

November 1, 2020

### 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 : THE WAY OF JESUS**

Looking for a concrete, life-transforming way of life? One that makes being a disciple of Jesus accessible? People comment that church offers a list of devotional activities to choose from, with no rhyme or reason for what to choose or why. But what we really need is a pathway.

## The Gathering

#### **OPENING SONGS** please stand

### You'll Come

I have decided I have resolved To wait upon You, Lord My rock and redeemer Shield and reward I'll wait upon You, Lord

Chorus As surely as the sun will rise You'll come to us Certain as the dawn appears You'll come Let Your glory fall as You respond to us Spirit reign Flood into our thirsty hearts again You'll come, You'll come

We are not shaken We are not moved We wait upon You, Lord Our mighty deliverer Triumph and truth We wait upon You, Lord (Chorus)

Chains be broken Lives be healed Eyes be opened Christ is revealed

### Amazing Grace My Chains Are Gone

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me I once was lost, but now I'm found Was blind, but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear And grace my fears relieved How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed

Chorus My chains are gone I've been set free My God, my Savior has ransomed me And like a flood His mercy rains Unending love, Amazing grace

The Lord has promised good to me His word my hope secures He will my share and portion be As long as life endures (Chorus)

The Earth shall soon dissolve like snow The sun forbear to shine But God, Who called me here below Will be forever mine You'll be forever mine (Chorus) (Chorus)

### **OPENING PRAYER**

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

### FIRST LESSON

James 1: 1-5

James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, To the twelve tribes in the Dispersion: Greetings.

My brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of any kind, consider it nothing but joy, because you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance; and let endurance have its full effect, so that you may be mature and complete, lacking in nothing. If any of you is lacking in wisdom, ask God, who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly, and it will be given you.

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

please stand

A mighty fortress is our God, A bulwark never failing Our helper He amid the flood, Of mortal ills prevailing For still our ancient foe, Doth seek to work us woe His craft and pow'r are great, And armed with cruel hate On earth is not his equal

### GOSPEL

#### Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

### MESSAGE

Everyday Trials | Pastor Rob

**SPECIAL MUSIC** 

For All the Saints

### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- P: Longing for Christ's reign to come among us, we pray for the outpouring of God's power on the church, the world, and all in need.
- P: Lord of all the saints, we praise you for evangelists and martyrs whose sacrifices witness to your gospel across time and space. Inspire us by their courage to carry our faith to new people and places around us. Hear us, O God.

### C: Your mercy is great.

- P: Lord of every place, the universe proclaims your greatness from generation to generation. Bless the work of naturalists, conservationists, and park rangers who train our attention to the wonders of the world you have made. Hear us, O God.
- C: Your mercy is great.

P: Lord of every nation, guide this country—red states and blue states, rural voters and urban voters, young and old—as we share in another national election. Kindle hearts eager to understand our common needs and seek our common good. Hear us, O God.

### C: Your mercy is great.

P: Lord of every blessing, your Son's blessing came to those living with poverty, grief, hunger, thirst, and persecution. Shape our vision of the saints to match his own. Awaken in us your call to serve all who suffer. Hear us, O God.

### C: Your mercy is great.

- P: Lord of every venture, anoint us with the missionary spirit of the early church. Bless all new missions of our synod. Empower testimony from new communities of faith to shape a diverse witness to your saving power. Hear us, O God.
- C: Your mercy is great.
- P: (Prayers of the community). Hear us, O God.
- C: Your mercy is great.
- P: Receive our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, until that day when you gather all creation around your throne where you will reign forever and ever.
- C: Amen.

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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: 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 SONG**

### **Build My Life**

Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe We live for You

Jesus the name above ev'ry other name Jesus the only one who could ever save Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe We live for You We live for You

Holy there is no one like You There is none beside You Open up my eyes in wonder and show me who You are And fill me with Your heart And lead me in Your love to those around me

I will build my life upon Your love It is a firm foundation I will put my trust in You alone And I will not be shaken

### DISMISSAL

- L: Beloved God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God.

### **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:

Phil Nilkowski Erik Youmans, brother of Kelly Hannapel Charlene Dahmen, mother of Duke Dahmen Bernice Wachowicz, mother of Lynn Kubiak Carl Beckner Chuck Hawkinson Charles Smith, brother of Judy Bridge Vernon Carlson, father of Mark Carlson Rita Falkos Marvin Shannon, relative of Donna Wampach Dale Jackman Marley Wilander, family friend of Danita Curry John Driscoll, family friend of Donna Wampach Kevin Lechnick, uncle of Michael Lechnick Jackie Harve, father of Scott Harvey Richard Hamrick, father of Mark Hamrick

# **NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **ONLINE STUDY GROUP – EVERYBODY ALWAYS**

What happens when we give away love like we're made of it? When we learn to love without inhibition, insecurity, or restriction, we have actually discovered the secret of living life without fear, constraint, or worry! Whether that means throwing a parade for a sick neighbor or befriending a Ugandan witch doctor, Bob Goff shows us how to give away love with a nolimits attitude that is as infectious as it is extraordinarily ordinary. Join us for this five-part series led by Pastor Rob that meets online on Tuesday nights.

#### **REVOLUTION ONLINE**

God is good, and He is with us in everything! We want our students to know that, trust that, and experience that every moment of their lives. Our fall groups for middle & high school students have begun. These 45 minute gatherings will allow our students to connect with each other and with God, and grow in their faith. This will be a fun, and engaging opportunity for your child to connect with others during this confusing time, where they will find encouragement, support, and growth.

#### KIDWERKS LIVE

We've changed to a new time and a new engaging format to help our kids connect with God and with each other. Every Sunday morning kids are invited to connect and grow through our Kidwerks Live 2.0. This fun, interactive, event happens at our new time at 10:30am.

### **BOY SCOUT WREATH SALE**

Your local BSA troop 508 is thankful that we can offer Wreath decorations again this year! Covid 19 has certainly changed up everything we do but not how we celebrate and decorate! Our website allows for social distancing and electronic payments. Please feel free to head to our site to place your order. The last day to order by website is 10/31.

We will be having our pick up on 11/22 from 8am to 12pm at Lutheran Church. https://go.wreathsaleapp.com/troop508

If you aren't available during that time we will be available on Thursdays in December (except the week of Christmas) at the church at 7pm.

## Sundays | 10:30 AM

#### Tuesdays |7:00 PM

Sundays | 5:00 & 6:00 PM

# JOYS & CONCERNS

The Family of Richard Hamrick- father of Mark Hamrick, who passed away Steve Eng, hospitalized The family & friends of Pauline Loveless, sister-in-law of Danita Curry Strength for Sonjia Ramsey Sarah Barr Scott Perkins, friend of Randy & Bonnie Schumacher Bob Clark, hospitalized Jay Bridge, brother of Dale Bridge Ron Cizek, prayers of healing Scott Lee John, Jill O'Neal's godfather Kathy, health care worker Jerry, son of Judy Bridge Dana & Daniel, friends of Judy Bridge Claudia Marrow, friend of Danita Curry Nick Falkos John Larkin, cousin of Pastor Rob Bella, Karen Solan's granddaughter VerHagen family, friends of the Jensen family Dave Belinski Dave Hibler, brother of Kathryn Pawluczyk Muriel Weigel, mother of Gary Weigel Christy Dunn, Diane Rinehard, Jess Schell- working with Covid patients



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