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Time after Pentecost  
9:30 am worship service

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

Becoming fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

July 4, 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.

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# The Gathering

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

### **I Am Free**

*Verse* Through You the blind will see  
Through You the mute will sing  
Through You the dead will rise  
Through You all hearts will praise  
Through You the darkness flees  
Through You my heart screams  
I am free

*Chorus* I am free to run (I am free to run)  
I am free to dance (I am free to dance)  
I am free to live for You (I am free to live for You)  
I am free (I am free)

(Chorus)

(Verse)

(Chorus)

## **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

## **OPENING PRAYER**

L: God of the covenant, in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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## The Word

### FIRST LESSON

1 Corinthians 13: 4-13

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

I Love You Lord

*please stand*

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

Mark 6: 1-13

He left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

## MESSAGE

Patience | Pastor Rob

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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

A: God of all, through the waters of baptism you claim people of all races, ethnicities, and languages as your beloved children. Sustain the baptized and increase their faith, that your gospel may be proclaimed throughout the earth. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: God of the heavens, your creating Spirit animates the universe. We give you thanks for the moon and stars, for the planets and the Milky Way Galaxy, and for all of the mysteries of the cosmos that remain unknown to us. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: God of freedom, you have liberated us from sin and death and rescue us from all forms of spiritual, social, and political oppression. Defend us from tyrants in our midst and deliver us from all forms of slavery or corruption. Direct our freedom for works of liberation and wholeness. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: God of compassion, you became vulnerable in the person of Jesus Christ in solidarity with the disempowered. Strengthen those who feel faint, give courage to those who fear, and bring wholeness to those in need. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: God of holiness, you send us out into the world to proclaim your love. We pray for our outreach ministries. Equip us as we leave this place to witness and serve our neighbors. 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.**

## **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

## **OFFERING**

## OFFERING RESPONSE

Give Thanks

*please stand*

Give thanks with a grateful heart  
Give thanks to the Holy One  
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son  
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Give thanks to the Holy One  
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son  
And now let the weak say, "I am strong"  
Let the poor say, "I am rich  
Because of what the Lord has done for us"  
And now let the weak say, "I am strong"  
Let the poor say, "I am rich  
Because of what the Lord has done for us"  
Give thanks!

## 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.**



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## The Meal

P: The earth is the Lord's and everything in it,  
The trees of the field clap their hands,  
the birds of the air sing songs of praise.  
And so, we lift up our hearts, and we lift up our voices  
And we offer thanksgiving and adoration to the Lord the Creator of all.  
Blessed are you, Sovereign of the Universe, for from seeds sown into the  
earth you have given us the gift of bread to feed and nourish us. And at  
Jesus' last meal with his friends, before facing the cross, Our Lord took  
bread, blessed it and broke it. Then he passed it among them saying:

This is my body, broken for you.  
Take and eat, and do this to remember me.

Blessed are you, Sovereign of the Universe,  
for from grapes which grow ripe and sweet on the vine,  
you have given us the gift of wine to refresh and heal us.  
And at Jesus' last meal with his friends before facing the cross,  
Our Lord took the cup of wine and blessed it.  
Then he passed it among them saying:

This is my blood shed for you.  
Take and drink, and do this to remember me.

And now we come to your table again, Jesus,  
Mindful of how you laid your life down,  
so that we and creation could be born anew;  
Mindful of how you took your life up again,  
so that we and creation could be filled with your abundant life.  
May your Spirit work in these fruits of earth,  
so that they may become for us a sharing in Christ's body and blood.  
May your Spirit work in us, so that we may be transformed into Christ's  
body, carrying his life, his care, and his salvation to all creation.

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.

## INVITATION TO THE MEAL

P: Christ has set the table with more than enough for all.  
Come!

C: Thanks be to God.

## 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 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: 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**

### **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**

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord  
We will wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord  
Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord  
We will wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord

Our God, You reign forever  
Our hope, our Strong Deliverer

You are the everlasting God  
The everlasting God  
You do not faint  
You won't grow weary  
You're the defender of the weak  
You comfort those in need  
You lift us up on wings like eagles

## **DISMISSAL**

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

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

## **Everlasting God**

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## NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL -

*Treasured--Discovering You're Priceless to God!*

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

Cost : \$35

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.

### 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.

### KIDWERKS JULY EVENT

**Sat 7/17 | 10:00 AM**

You're invited to join the Children's ministry team on site to clean up trash in the field behind the building and along the roads and then beautify our parking lots with your best chalk drawings! Donuts & juice will be provided!

### 50's DRIVE IN DINER

**Sat 7/17 | 6:00 PM**

Come on out to the Faith parking lot for a great night of food, fun, and entertainment at our 1950's Drive-in dinner show. Throw the ankle-biters in the back seat, drive on over to the Faith diner, roll down the windows, and enjoy some delicious food while some cool cats sing your favorite songs from the 50's. You'll also have a chance to win some fabulous prizes in our games and raffle. Soda Jerks will be on hand to make your favorite float. All proceeds go to support our middle & high school mission trip. Ticket price \$10.00 (includes food, entertainment, and outstanding service.) Purchase tickets here - <https://faith.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/134/responses/new>

## **RESET OUTDOOR WORSHIP & MINISTRY EXPO**

**Sun 7/18 | 9:30 AM**

These past 16 months have been challenging to say the least. But things are changing and thankfully returning to normal. At Faith we want to take this opportunity to hit the refresh button and reset the rhythms of worshipping, connecting, growing, and serving. Join us for our reset weekend where we'll join in an inspiring outdoor worship service at 9:30am, followed by an invitation to Faith's ministry expo. You'll also have the chance to learn about new adult community groups, upcoming children & student events, and a join the leaders at Faith for a "Reset" conversation hosted by the church council.

### **MINISTRY EXPO 10:30 – 11:30 AM**

The Ministry Expo is the perfect opportunity for kids and adults to learn about the variety of ways to use your gifts in serving. The expo gives you a chance to speak with leaders, pick up information, and sign up to serve. You'll also have the chance to enter your name to win one of three "serving expo gift packages," which includes our favorite Faith serving t-shirt, gift card, and a 5-hour energy bottle. The expo will run from 10:30 – 11:30am in the auditorium & Café. Spending 15 minutes at the expo will change lives, and most importantly, change you. It's time to reset and jump in!

## **COUGARS NIGHT FOR FLC**

**Sat 7/24 | 6:30 PM**

Baseball anyone? Attend a minor league baseball team game with Faith friends. After the game, stay for the fireworks. Faith will have its own section and families will be seated in Pods. All ages welcome. Contact the church office for tickets.

For more information see: <https://www.kccougars.com>

## **CHRISTMAS IN JULY!**

**Ends Sun 7/25**

The mission resource team is excited to announce Christmas in July, which will culminate on July 25th. During the month of July you will learn more about how you can help sponsor or volunteer to support a "Faith mission" you have passion for such as: KidWerks, including VBS; Our music program; Community Life Events; Operations/Landscaping; Youth programs, and more!

## **KIDWERKS LIVE 2.0 - Now Meeting Onsite AND Online!**

Kidwerks Live 2.0 is happening twice a month in the summer @ 9:30am 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](mailto:jenn@discoveringfaith.com)

## MISSION RESOURCE UPDATE

These past 15 months have presented unique challenges and the people of Faith have shown resilience, strength and generosity. We have remained strong in our mission and ministry.

Thank you for your faithful generosity of your time, talents, and financial resources. As we move into the second half of 2021 we are currently experiencing a funding gap between our income and expenses.

YTD Income	\$171,172.01
Expense	\$174,635.44
Net Income	-3,463.43

As we transition back to “normal life and reset the rhythms of our daily lives, the mission resource team would like to invite you to take this opportunity to reset the rhythm of your give by setting up your reoccurring giving online. It’s a safe, secure, and simple way to live out your generosity. To set up your giving, visit [www.discoveringfaith.com/give](http://www.discoveringfaith.com/give).

## 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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