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Second Sunday after Epiphany  
8:00 am worship service

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

Becoming fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

January 17, 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 WORSHIP SERIES: THE PURSUIT OF JOY**

In life, we chase many things to attain happiness, but often when we catch them, we soon realize we haven't found what we're looking for. So if there's a pathway to happiness, how do we find it? Start this new year off by joining us as we walk through the letter to the Philippians and discover what it means to live with increasing joy and happiness. Each week you will come away with simple, practical steps that will lead you into a deeper sense of joy and contentment.

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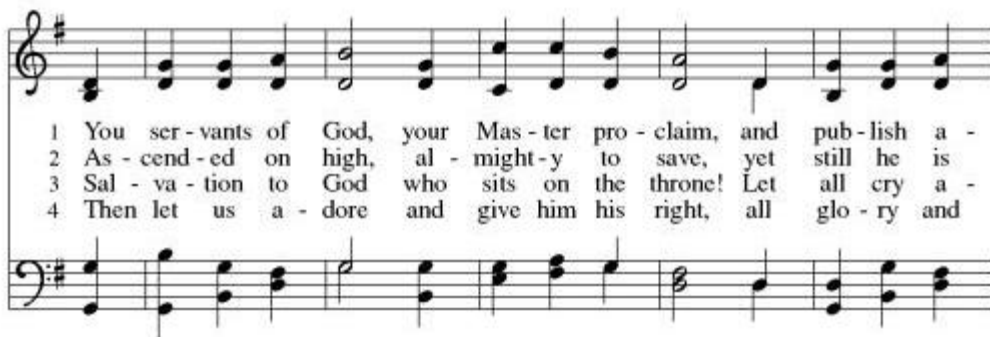
# The Gathering

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

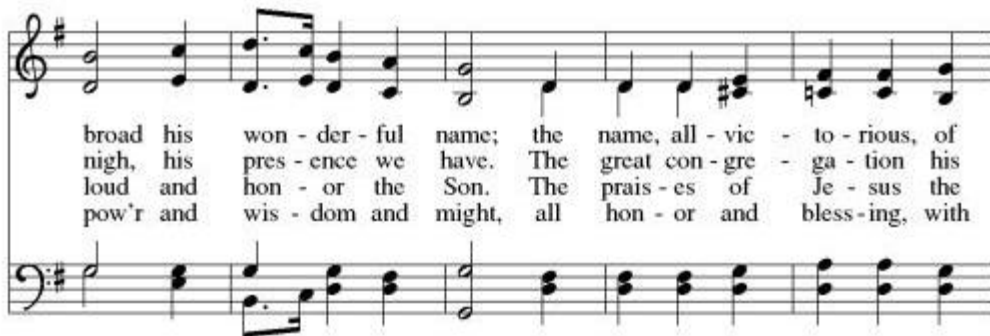
### OPENING HYMN

You Servants of God | ELW #825

*please stand*



1 You ser - vants of God, your Mas - ter pro - claim, and pub - lish a -  
2 As - cend - ed on high, al - might - y to save, yet still he is  
3 Sal - va - tion to God who sits on the throne! Let all cry a -  
4 Then let us a - dore and give him his right, all glo - ry and



broad his won - der - ful name; the name, all - vic - to - rious, of  
nigh, his pres - ence we have. The great con - gre - ga - tion his  
loud and hon - or the Son. The prais - es of Je - sus the  
pow'r and wis - dom and might, all hon - or and bless - ing, with



Je - sus ex - tol; his king - dom is glo - rious and rules o - ver all!  
tri - umph shall sing, as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus, our king!  
an - gels pro - claim, fall down on their fac - es, and wor - ship the Lamb.  
an - gels a - bove, and thanks nev - er ceas - ing, and in - fin - ite love!

## GREETING

**P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C:** **And also with you.**

## KYRIE



**A** In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **G** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



**G** Lord, have mer - cy.



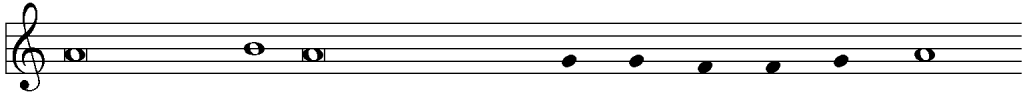
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



**G** Lord, have mer - cy.



▣ For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. ▣ Lord, have mer - cy.



▣ Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord. ▣ A - men

# HYMN OF PRAISE

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.  
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and  
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.  
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray,

C: **Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer, for the countless blessings and benefits you give. May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day praising you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

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## *The Word*

### FIRST READING

**1 Samuel 3:1-10**

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

## SECOND READING

Philippians 3: 7-14

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ

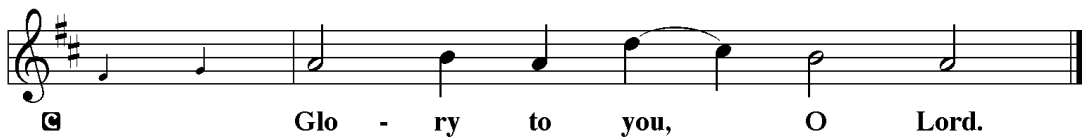
and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *please stand*



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to John, the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter.



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

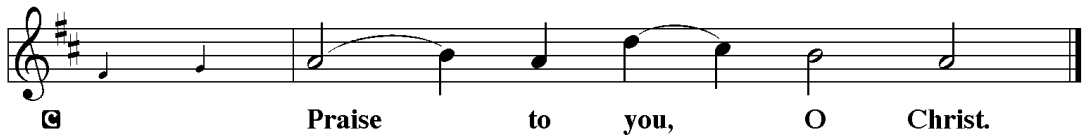


## GOSPEL

John 1:43-51

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.” Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, “Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!” Nathanael asked him, “Where did you get to know me?” Jesus answered, “I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.” Nathanael replied, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” Jesus answered, “Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.” And he said to him, “Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



## MESSAGE

Choosing the Right Goal | Pastor Rob

# HYMN OF THE DAY

As with Gladness Men of Old | ELW #302

*please stand*



1 As with glad - ness men of old did the guid - ing star be - hold;  
2 As with joy - ful steps they sped, Sav - ior, to thy low - ly bed,  
3 As they of - fered gifts most rare at thy cra - dle, rude and bare,  
4 Ho - ly Je - sus, ev - 'ry day keep us in the nar - row way;  
5 In the heav'n - ly coun - try bright need they no cre - a - ted light;



as with joy they hailed its light, lead - ing on - ward, beam - ing bright;  
there to bend the knee be - fore thee, whom heav'n and earth a - dore;  
so may we with ho - ly joy, pure and free from sin's al - loy,  
and when earth - ly things are past, bring our ran - somed souls at last  
thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down;



so, most gra - cious Lord, may we ev - er - more be led by thee.  
so may we with will - ing feet ev - er seek thy mer - cy seat.  
all our cost - liest trea - sures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav'n - ly king.  
where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo - ry hide.  
there for - ev - er may we sing al - le - lu - ias to our king.



## **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

P: Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

P: For the body of Christ gathered throughout the world and for all servants of the gospel, that following Jesus, the church lives out its calling every day, let us pray.

**C: Have mercy, O God.**

P: For the well-being of creation, for plants and animals, and for all that God has marvelously made, that we serve as wise stewards of Earth, our home, let us pray.

**C: Have mercy, O God.**

P: For police officers and firefighters, for attorneys and paralegals, for peacekeepers and military personnel, and for the leaders of governments, that they provide protection to all people, especially the most vulnerable, let us pray.

**C: Have mercy, O God.**

P: For those lacking food or shelter, for those who are sick or grieving, and for those who are imprisoned or homebound, that God console all who suffer, let us pray.

**C: Have mercy, O God.**

P: For our neighborhood, for visitors joining us for the first time or returning, and for those absent from our assembly, that all who seek to know God are nourished by word and sacrament, let us pray.

**C: Have mercy, O God.**

P: (Prayers of the community), let us pray.

**C: Have mercy, O God.**

P: Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior.

**C: Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen

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## *The Sending*

### BLESSING

P: God the creator strengthen you;  
Jesus the beloved fill you;  
and the Holy Spirit the comforter † keep you in peace.

C: Amen.

# CLOSING HYMN

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise | ELW #834

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light;  
3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;  
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;  
in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;  
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove,  
we blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,  
all laud we would ren - der; oh, help us to see

al - mighty, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise!  
thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love,  
and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.  
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

## DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

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## NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **VIRTUAL TRIVIA NIGHT**

**Sat 1/23 | 7:00 PM**

Enjoy a fun night of Trivia from the comfort of your home! Faith Community Life's Trivia Night. Register with the link below.

No Team? No Problem! We will match you when you sign up.

Zoom link will be provided the day before the event.

BYOS—Bring your own snacks! Hosted by Faith Community Life.

For more information contact Leslie Lepore at (630) 915-9591 or [Lepore9902@gmail.com](mailto:Lepore9902@gmail.com)

Registration link: <https://faith.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/114/responses/new>

### **ADULT ONLINE STUDY GROUP**

**Begins Tues 1/19 | 7:00 PM**

#### **30 Days to Understanding the Bible**

The problem most of us have with the Bible is we never got the big picture. Master the Bible by looking at only a manageable amount of information. In 30 days, you'll have a complete understanding of the story of the Bible and the core teachings or doctrines that Christians have held onto throughout the centuries, presented in bite-sized pieces. This six-session online series is led by Pastor Rob and meets on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 - 8:00pm.

Register online: <https://faith.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/115/responses/new>

### **ADULT ONLINE STUDY GROUP**

**Begins Weds 1/20 | 7:00 PM**

#### **Rhythms of Renewal**

Daily struggles with anxiety and stress make it difficult to receive God's peace. Rhythms of Renewal will help you trade your anxiety for the vibrant life you were meant to live through four profound rhythms: rest, restore, connect, and create. With encouraging stories and practical steps, Rebekah Lyons will help you begin an intentional, lifelong journey toward sustained emotional, relational, and spiritual health. Rebekah shares a pathway to establish four life-giving rhythms that quiet inner chaos and make room for a flourishing life.

This five-session online series is led by Pastor Rob and meets on Wednesday nights from 7:00-8:00pm. Register online: <https://faith.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/116/responses/new>

### **LET'S BUILD A SNOWMAN!**

At the next big snowfall of 3 inches or more.... Come out and build your snow- man at Faith! Snowmen can be made any where on the property. First come First Built! Snowmen must be tasteful and family friendly. Decorations are encouraged. Decorations must be retrieved as your snowman melts. Label your snowman so we know who built it.

## **REVOLUTION ONLINE**

**Sundays | 5:00 & 6:00 PM**

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**

**Sundays | 10:30 AM**

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.

## **BRIGHT BEGINNINGS REGISTRATION**

Happy New Year from Bright Beginnings Preschool! It is hard to believe but it is already time to register for preschool classes which will begin Fall 2021.

Registration for this year's clients & church members begins January 18th. There is a 5% tuition discount for church members. Registration opens to the public & alumni on Monday January 25<sup>th</sup>.

Information and forms for registration are available on the website [discoveringfaith.com](https://www.discoveringfaith.com) under the "preschool" tab. Feel free to call the church and leave a message at ext. 103 or email [jenn@discoveringfaith.com](mailto:jenn@discoveringfaith.com) and Jenn will get back to you as soon as possible.

## **THE HUB 2021**

As we have entered in the new year it's a great time to sign up on the Hub or login to your existing profile page. The Hub is our centralized church system that give you all the information that is pertinent to you and our church!

Your giving is tracked on the Hub, your volunteer scheduling is done on the Hub, if you need to find someone's address or phone number you can get it on the Hub as well as countless other functions. You can make any changes, updates to your profile or load a new picture of yourself! Check it out <https://faith.ccbchurch.com>

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## JOYS & CONCERNS

Lisa McQueen

Parents of Lisa McQueen

Ray & JoAnn Reiningger, parents of Ben Reiningger

Doris Johnson, mother of Karen Banschbach

Jennifer, Mark & Booker, daughter of Dale Bridge

Chris, friend of Danita Curry

Sarah Hennings prayers of healing

Nancy Staton

Mitch- son of co-worker of Christy Douglas

Mike Autry

Taylor Scott

Kathy, daughter-in-law of Karen Solan

Strength for Sonjia Ramsey

Sarah Barr

Scott Perkins, friend of Randy & Bonnie Schumacher

Bob Clark

Jay Bridge, brother of Dale Bridge

Ron Cizek, prayers of healing

Scott Lee

Jerry, son of Judy Bridge

Dana & Daniel, friends of Judy Bridge

Nick Falkos

John Larkin, cousin of Pastor Rob

Bella, Karen Solan's granddaughter

Dave & Jan Belinski

Dave Hibler, brother of Kathryn Pawluczyk

Christy Dunn, Diane Rinehard, Jess Schell- working with Covid patients



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