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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 25, 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*

### **Your Grace is Enough**

Great is Your faithfulness, oh God  
You wrestle with the sinner's heart  
You lead us by still waters and to mercy  
And nothing can keep us apart

*Pre Chorus*    So remember Your people  
                    Remember Your children  
                    Remember Your promise, oh God

*Chorus*            Your grace is enough  
                    Your grace is enough  
                    Your grace is enough for me

Great is Your love and justice, God  
You use the weak to lead the strong  
You lead us in the song of Your salvation  
And all Your people sing along

*(Pre Chorus) (Chorus) (Chorus)*

*(Pre Chorus) (Chorus)*

*Chorus 2*        Your grace is enough  
                    Heaven reaching down to us  
                    Your grace is enough for me  
                    Your grace is enough  
                    I'm covered in Your love  
                    Your grace is enough for me, for me

## **Great is Thy Faithfulness**

Great is Thy faithfulness O God my Father  
There is no shadow Of turning with Thee  
Thou changest not Thy compassions they fail not  
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be

*Chorus* Great is Thy faithfulness Great is Thy faithfulness  
Morning by morning New mercies I see  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided  
Great is Thy faithfulness Lord unto me

Summer and winter And springtime and harvest  
Sun, moon and stars In their courses above  
Join with all nature In manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness Mercy and love (*Chorus*)

Pardon for sin And a peace that endureth  
Thy own dear presence To cheer and to guide  
Strength for today And bright hope for tomorrow  
Blessings all mine With ten thousand beside (*Chorus*)

## **OPENING PRAYER**

L: Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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## The Word

### FIRST LESSON

Genesis 18: 1-13

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, “My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.” So they said, “Do as you have said.” And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, “Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.” Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to him, “Where is your wife Sarah?” And he said, “There, in the tent.” Then one said, “I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.” And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, “After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?” The Lord said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh, and say, ‘Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?’

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Be Thou My Vision

*please stand*

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art -  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night;  
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

## GOSPEL

John 6:1-21

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, “Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?” He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, “Six months’ wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.” One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him, “There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?” Jesus said, “Make the people sit down.” Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, “Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.” So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, “This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.”

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself. When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, “It is I; do not be afraid.” Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

## MESSAGE

Faithfulness | Pastor Rob

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A: Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A: We pray for the church. Bless the ministries of our neighboring congregations. Empower churches throughout the world and encourage missionaries who accompany global neighbors. Kindle in us a spirit of collaboration, that all people may know your loving works. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: We pray for creation. Send rain to lands experiencing drought and come to the aid of those enduring sweltering heat. Nurture wheat and barley crops grown for the nourishment of your people and conserve aquatic habitats and fish populations. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: We pray for those who govern. Cast out arrogance, selfishness, and corruption and instruct those who lead to practice compassion and humility. Inspire them with a vision of the common good and a commitment to ensure that all who hunger are fed. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: We pray for those bowed down by heavy burdens: those who are unemployed or underemployed, those unable to find affordable housing, and those without health insurance. Console those who grieve and hear the cries of those who call to you for healing. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: We pray for this assembly. Deepen our resolve to use what we have to serve those in need. When we worry that we do not have enough resources for ministry, assure us of your abundance. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Gracious and loving God, we pray for the family and friends of Faith... Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the promise of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

## OFFERING

### OFFERING RESPONSE

We Are An Offering

*please stand*

We lift our voices We lift our hands  
We lift our lives up to You  
We are an offering  
Lord use our voices Lord use our hands  
Lord use our lives they are Yours  
We are an offering  
All that we have All that we are  
All that we hope to be  
We give to You We give to You

## 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

Forever

Give thanks to the Lord, our God and King  
His love endures forever  
For He is good, He is above all things  
His love endures forever  
Sing praise, sing praise

With a mighty hand and outstretched arm  
His love endures forever  
For the life that's been reborn  
His love endures forever

*Pre-Chorus* Sing praise, sing praise  
Sing praise, sing praise

*Chorus* Forever, God is faithful  
Forever, God is strong  
Forever, God is with us  
Forever

From the rising to the setting sun  
His love endures forever  
And by the grace of God, we will carry on  
His love endures forever (*Pre-Chorus*) (*Chorus*) (*Chorus*)

## DISMISSAL

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

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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## NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### YOUTH & COMMUNITY LIFE CONCERT

**Fri 7/30 | 6:00 PM**

Join us for an evening of music celebrating the end of our youth's mission week. Bring your own food, beverage and seating or purchase VIP tickets: reserved seating with food & beverage service. All ages welcome- reserved seating for 21 & over only.

### S'MORES & MORE!

**Sat 8/14 | 5:00 PM**

Help our local students prepare for the new school year. Faith is collecting supplies for Nancy Young school kids and packing them in backpacks. Join us on Saturday 8/14 to "stuff the backpacks" and then gather around the fire pits for fun, relaxation and of course s'mores. Supply lists will be available soon.

### KIDWERKS KICKOFF PARTY!

**Sat 8/21 | 3:00 PM**

\$10/family (includes dinner)

Join us for a party to kickoff the start of the new children's ministry year! We will have games, water balloons, music, burgers and hotdogs as well as the Kona ice truck and we'll cap off the afternoon with a visit from Dave Dinasso and his traveling world of reptiles!!

Contact [jenn@discoveringfaith.com](mailto:jenn@discoveringfaith.com) or sign up here

<https://faith.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/148/responses/new>

### 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: 7/25, 8/8, 8/22

For more information, please contact [jenn@discoveringfaith.com](mailto:jenn@discoveringfaith.com)

## **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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