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Fifth Sunday after Epiphany  
9:30 Worship Celebration

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

## **Becoming fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.**

February 8, 2026

### **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: THIS IS LIVING**

What does it look like to live a full life? Join us as discover through Paul's letter to the followers in Philippi Jesus' way.

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## *The Gathering*

### **Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord**

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord  
Open the eyes of my heart  
I want to see You, I want to see You  
Open the eyes of my heart, Lord  
Open the eyes of my heart  
I want to see You, I want to see You

*Chorus* To see You high and lifted up  
Shinin' in the light of Your glory  
Pour out Your power and love  
As we sing holy, holy, holy

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord  
Open the eyes of my heart  
I want to see You, I want to see You  
Open the eyes of my heart, Lord  
Open the eyes of my heart  
I want to see You, I want to see You (*Chorus*) (*Chorus*)

Holy holy holy Holy holy holy  
Holy holy holy Holy holy holy  
Holy holy holy I want to see You (*Repeat*) (*Chorus*) (*Chorus*)

I want to see you, I want to see you

## **Our God**

Water You turned into wine    Opened the eyes of the blind  
There's no one like You    None like You

Into the darkness You shine    Out of the ashes we rise  
There's no one like You    None like You

*Chorus*    Our God is greater  
              Our God is stronger  
              God You are higher than any other  
              Our God is healer  
              Awesome in power our God our God

Into the darkness You shine  
Out of the ashes we rise  
There's no one like You  
None like You    (*Chorus*) (*Chorus*)

And if our God is for us  
Then who could ever stop us  
And if our God is with us  
Then what could stand against  
And if our God is for us  
Then who could ever stop us  
And if our God is with us  
Then what could stand against  
Then what could stand against (*Chorus*)(*Repeat*)

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

L: Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you.  
By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and  
power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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## The Word

### READING

**Philippians 3: 4-9**

even though I, too, have reason for confidence in the flesh.

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

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.

### RESPONSE

Come Let Us Worship & Bow Down

*please stand*

Come let us worship and bow down  
Let us kneel before the Lord,  
Our God, our Maker    Come let us worship and bow down  
Let us kneel before the Lord,    Our God, our Maker

For He is our God  
And we are the people of His pasture  
And the sheep of His hand    And the sheep of His hand

## GOSPEL

Matthew 5:13-20

“You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

## MESSAGE

Lost Now Found | Pastor Rob

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A: As God’s beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

A: Your church does ministry in many and various ways. Keep the baptized true to the mind of Christ, that our works and witness bring hope to a troubled world. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: Your marvelous creation cries out to you. Restore polluted air, soil, and water sources to wholeness. Guard honeybees, elephants, great whales and songbirds from harm, and renew the face of the earth. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: Your people in every nation suffer injustice, poverty, and the threat of violence. Guide those in authority to govern with compassion, and bring peace to war zones. We pray for our enemies. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: Your wisdom guides this congregation and its ministries. Sustain our ordained leaders, staff, lay leaders, and volunteers. Form us to be salt and light for the neighbors we serve, following the example of Christ. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

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

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.

**C: Amen.**

## **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

## **OFFERING**

## **OFFERING RESPONSE**

*please stand*

Beautiful Savior King of creation  
Son of God and Son of Man  
Truly I'd love Thee truly I'd serve Thee  
Light of my soul my Joy my Crown

Beautiful Savior

## OFFERATORY PRAYER

A: God of majesty,  
no eye has seen, no ear has heard  
what you have prepared for those who love you,  
yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy.  
Use what we have gathered  
to feed us with the reign of God come near,  
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

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## *The Meal*

P: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,  
in the beginning you formed the heavens and earth  
and created us in your likeness.  
You made us guardians of your good creation and left the earth in our care.  
All through our weary years and our silent tears,  
you did not abandon us to ourselves,  
but sought us out in love.  
  
In the crowning act of love you gave your only Son,  
that whoever believes in him will have eternal life.  
For you sent Jesus not to condemn the world,  
but to save the world from sin.  
Through his death on the cross, we who were once far off  
have been brought near by the blood of Christ.  
  
In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P: Send, we pray, your Holy Spirit  
upon us and upon this bread and wine,  
that we who share this meal may become a holy communion,  
the body of Christ in the world.

**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: Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

Come to the table; taste and see.

**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: Radiant God,  
we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.  
In the sacrament of his body and blood  
you have drawn us to your heart.  
Send us from this table with delight,  
that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love,  
and bear witness to all we have seen and heard,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## CLOSING SONG

## Holy Forever

A thousand generations falling down in worship  
To sing the song of ages to the Lamb  
And all who've gone before us, and all who will believe  
Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb

*Pre-Chorus* Your name is the highest  
Your name is the greatest  
Your name stands above them all  
All thrones and dominions  
All powers and positions  
Your name stands above them all

*Chorus 1* And the angels cry, "Holy"  
All Creation cries, "Holy"  
You are lifted high, holy  
Holy forever

If you've been forgiven, if you've been redeemed  
Sing the song forever to the Lamb  
If you walk in freedom, if you bear His name  
Sing the song forever to the Lamb  
We'll sing the song forever and amen (*Chorus 1*)

*Chorus 2* Hear Your people sing, "Holy"  
To the King of kings, holy  
You will always be holy  
Holy forever

(*Pre-Chorus*) (*Pre-Chorus*) (*Chorus 1*) (*Chorus 2*)

You will always be holy  
Holy forever

## DISMISSAL

**P:** Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

**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!

### **SCOUT SUNDAY**

**Today!**

Faith Lutheran Church's Cub Scout Pack 643 and Scout Troop 508 are present at both 8:00 and 9:30 AM services today to greet parishioners and assist with the service. This is a great opportunity for our congregation and our Scouts to come together.

### **PANCAKES FOR A PURPOSE**

**Sun 2/8 | 7:30 AM**

Join us in supporting Scouts BSA Troop 508 at their Pancake Breakfast today in the cafe

Enjoy pancakes, sausage, coffee, milk, juice, and fruit while helping fund Scout programs, service projects, and leadership development. \$20 per family | \$5 per individual

### **MEMBERSHIP @ FAITH**

**Mon Feb 16 & 23 | 6:30 PM**

This two-part course invites participants to explore the vision, mission and values of Faith, as well as a broad overview of the Christian faith from a Lutheran perspective. Participants will also discover their unique gifts and how they can use them in serving others. This course is open to everyone, and is required of those who wish to become members at Faith! Register on line or at the welcome center.

### **ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP**

**Wed 2/18 | Noon & 7:00 PM**

On Ash Wednesday we begin our forty-day journey toward Easter with a day of fasting and repentance. Marking our foreheads with dust, we acknowledge that we die and return to the earth. At the same time, the dust traces the life-giving cross indelibly marked on our foreheads at baptism. While we journey through Lent to return to God, we have already been reconciled to God through Christ. We humbly pray for God to make our hearts clean while we rejoice that “now is the day of salvation.” Returning to our baptismal call, we more intentionally bear the fruits of mercy and justice in the world.

## **LENTEN MIDWEEK MEAL**

**Wednesdays | 6:30 PM**

Each Lenten season we provide a fellowship opportunity for people of faith to gather around a table and share a meal at 6:30PM. This meal is intended to be simple and provide some time for us to slow down and care for one another. Everyone who attends shares in the responsibility of providing different components for the meal. Volunteers sign up each week to provide a gallon of soup for the evening. The remainder of the attendees provide either bread or cookies. Beverages and table service will be provided.

The Lenten Meal will be offered at 6:30 PM on Wednesdays: 2/25, 3/4, 3/11, 3/18, 3/25

Our worship series begins after this fellowship time at 7:15PM. Sign up at the welcome center or online at [www.discoveringfaith.com](http://www.discoveringfaith.com)

## **HESED HOUSE SERVING EVENT**

**Weds 2/18 | 6:30 PM**

Faith's next serving opportunity at Hessed House is February 18. We will need roughly 5 to 10 volunteers to help with meal setup, serving, and cleanup. Volunteers can conveniently sign up online or at the welcome center. All that's needed is a serving heart. Sign up today! If you have questions about Faith's Hessed House ministry, please reach out to the ministry team at [hessedhouse@discoveringfaith.com](mailto:hessedhouse@discoveringfaith.com).

## **A MOMENT FOR MOM**

**Sat 2/21 | 10:00 AM**

*THIS MONTH WE ARE MEETING THE THIRD SATURDAY 2/21*

This month's speaker is Denika McMillen with the topic 'Bonds - How Our Earliest Relationships Affect Our Current Ones'

A Moment for Mom is a group for moms of kiddos ages 0-10 that meets the 2nd Saturday each month through May 2026. Sessions provide a delicious breakfast and amazing speakers on topics relating to motherhood. We offer affordable childcare while you attend. Our website is ready for you to explore our speakers and costs for the 2025-2026 year. Come join us and other moms to laugh, learn, and connect. Register today and/or reach out to us for more information at [www.discoveringfaith.com/amomentformom](http://www.discoveringfaith.com/amomentformom).

## **ADULT ONLINE STUDY GROUP**

**Tuesdays | 7:00 PM**

*Don't Give the Enemy a Seat at Your Table*

In this six-session video Bible study, bestselling author and pastor Louie Giglio unpacks Psalm 23 to offer insight into how to overcome the enemy's lies and find peace and spiritual security in any circumstance or situation. You can find freedom from the battles in your mind if you allow Jesus, the Good Shepherd, to lead the battle. Learn how to find encouragement, hope, and strength no matter what valleys you face.

This 6-week online study is facilitated by Becky Marchiando. Please register online or at the welcome center so that we may send you Zoom credentials required to participate and come join us!

## WOMENS BIBLE STUDY

Mon 2/9 | 7:15 PM

Unfolding over 6 sessions, Nicki Koziarz walks women through the Book of Ruth, focusing on the Moabite woman's 5 practical habits that kept her eyes on God: Ruth accepted the assignment of refinement, followed through on her commitments despite her feelings, remained open to the movement of God, gave others what she needed, and moved forward in faith. Meeting Mondays at Faith Feb 9 & 23, Mar 9 & 23

## TUESDAY AM WOMENS BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays | 9:00 AM

*Esther - Character Under Pressure* by Patty Pell.

This nine-session Bible Study looks at the Old Testament book of Esther and how she faced life-threatening pressure to save her people. Through Biblical reflection the study explores how to develop godly character through the contemporary pressures that challenge us today. The workbook will be made available at the meetings (\$8). It is also available in Kindle format. For additional information contact Sue Boozell at [sue.boozell@discoveringfaith.com](mailto:sue.boozell@discoveringfaith.com).

## REVOLUTION

Sun 2/15 | 5:00 PM

On Sunday Nights at Faith, we've created an event that attracts **middle & high school students just like you**. After all, we figure you want to be wherever your friends are. We make this time as fun and relevant as we possibly can. The goal is for you to leave feeling energized to go out there and tackle another week! Meets 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays in the auditorium. Register online- [discoveringfaith.com](http://discoveringfaith.com)

## KIDWERKS

Sundays | 9:30 AM

Join us in the auditorium as we dive into learning about new virtues each month through stories from the bible so that we can grow in our understanding and relationship with God. To register go to [discoveringfaith.com](http://discoveringfaith.com) or for more information please contact [jenn@discoveringfaith.com](mailto:jenn@discoveringfaith.com) PreK – 5<sup>th</sup> grade

## **NIGHT OF FAITH (21+ Event)**

**Sat 2/21 | 6:00 PM**

Join us for a night of fellowship, fortune, and fun! You're invited to a night of food and drinks, silent and live auctions, and our Golden Ticket raffle drawing. Event tickets are \$25/person or \$40/couple. Adults only (21+ event).

Introducing the Night of Faith - Golden Raffle Extravaganza! The Night of Faith Golden Ticket Raffle winner will receive cold, hard, cash! \$2000 of it, in fact! Each raffle ticket is \$100. While there are no limits to the number of \$100 tickets any individual can purchase, WE WILL LIMIT total ticket sales to 60 tickets, maximizing your odds at scoring the \$2000 golden prize. Buy 1, buy 2, heck, buy 10, and get in the game before they are gone!

Event and Golden tickets on sale now. Purchase tickets online or at the church between Sunday services. Winner need not be present to win.

If you are unable to attend the Night of Faith onsite, but would still want to participate in the silent and/or live auctions, that's not a problem! We're working on a means to participate in the live auction via Zoom, and the silent auction via text messaging, all in real-time! Details for how to participate in the silent and live auctions will be communicated soon.

## **NEXT**

**Sun 3/1 | 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 called NEXT. This informal gathering lasts approximately 20 minutes and will provide you with an overview of our mission, strategy, and environment to help you determine your best next step in continuing your faith journey. Pastor Rob and Jenn Richardson, Faith's volunteer coordinator, will be on hand for conversation and to welcome you to Faith. Meets fireside.

## **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.



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