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Time after Pentecost  
8:00 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 WORSHIP 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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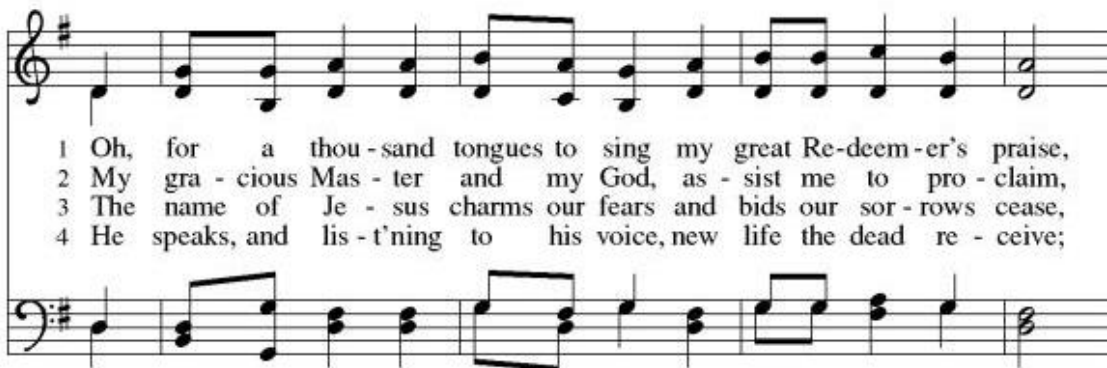
# The Gathering

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OPENING HYMN

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing | ELW #886

*please stand*



1 Oh, for a thou - sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem - er's praise,  
2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim,  
3 The name of Je - sus charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease,  
4 He speaks, and lis - t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive;



the glo - ries of my God and king, the tri - umphs of his grace!  
to spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of your name.  
sings mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.  
the mourn - ful, bro - ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.

### GREETING

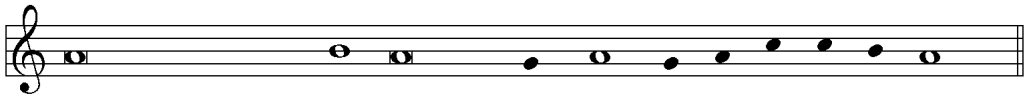
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

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.



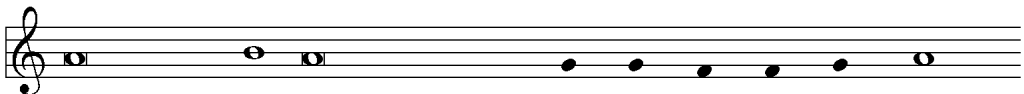
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



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



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



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



**A** Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord. **G** 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.

*Refrain*



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



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

*Refrain*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: 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.

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## *The Word*

### FIRST READING

**Ezekiel 2:1-5**

He said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, “Thus says the Lord God.” Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

### SECOND READING

**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 *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 Mark, the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter.



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

## 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.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

Musical notation for the hymn 'Praise to you, O Christ.' The melody is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and common time. The lyrics are: Praise to you, O Christ.

## MESSAGE

Patience | Pastor Rob

## HYMN OF THE DAY

Children of the Heavenly Father | ELW #781

*please stand*

Musical notation for the hymn 'Children of the Heavenly Father'. The score includes a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line, both in G major (one sharp) and common time. The lyrics are:

*Tryg - ga - re kan ing - en va - ra än Guds lil - la bar - na - ska - ra,*  
1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa-ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;  
2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour-ish.  
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil - dren sev - er;  
4 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth;

*stjär - nan ej på him - la - fäs - tet, få - geln ej i kän - da näs - tet.*  
nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.  
From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.  
un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.  
his the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.



## APOSTLES CREED

**C:** I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## 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.**

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## *The Meal*


### **PEACE**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

### **OFFERING**

## OFFERING RESPONSE *please stand*



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our  
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the  
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the  
prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

## 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.


## GREAT THANKSGIVING



**P** The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.



**P** Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**C** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right and salutary . . .we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

P: 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.

## **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**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

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

**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. Grape juice is in the center of the communion tray. Gluten free wafers available at the usher stand, please ask an usher to assist you.*

**C** Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

**P:** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

**C:** Amen.

**C** Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.  
Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear his name.  
He re-calls his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with  
shouts of thanks-giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*please stand*

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**

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## *The Sending*

### 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 HYMN

## O Beautiful for Spacious Skies | ELW #888

1 O beau-ti-ful for spa-cious skies, for am-ber waves of grain,  
2 O beau-ti-ful for he-roes proved in lib-er-at-ing strife,  
3 O beau-ti-ful for pa-triot dream that sees be-yond the years

for pur-ple moun-tain maj-es-ties a-bove the fruit-ed plain:  
who more than self their coun-try loved, and mer-cy more than life:  
thine al-a-bas-ter cit-ies gleam, un-dimmed by hu-man tears:

A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God shed his grace on thee,  
A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! May God thy gold re-fine,  
A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God mend thine ev-'ry flaw,

and crown thy good with broth-er-hood from sea to shin-ing sea.  
till all suc-cess be no-ble-ness, and ev-'ry gain di-vine.  
con-firm thy soul in self-con-trol, thy lib-er-ty in law.

## DISMISSAL

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

**C:** Thanks be to 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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