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Third Sunday in Lent  
9:15 am worship service

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

Becoming fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

March 7, 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: KINGDOM COME**

We often read the Bible for application, inspiration, or direction. However, there are times when the author wants to simply point the reader to a big idea—an idea that fits with God's grand story. In the Gospel of Mark, we read about Peter's experience with Jesus that led Peter to believe in one big idea: the kingdom of God has come, and everyone is invited to participate.

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# The Gathering

**OPENING SONG** *please stand*

## **Hosanna**

Praise is rising

Eyes are turning to You

We turn to You

Hope is stirring

Hearts are yearning for You

We long for You

'Cause when we see You

We find strength to face the day

In Your presence

All our fears are washed away

(Washed away)

Hosanna hosanna

You are the God who saves us

Worthy of all our praises

Hosanna hosanna

Come have Your way among us

We welcome You here Lord Jesus

Hear the sound of

Hearts returning to You

We turn to You

In Your Kingdom

Broken lives are made new

You make us new

Hosanna hosanna

## **Yes I Will**

I count on one thing  
The same God that never fails  
Will not fail me now  
You won't fail me now  
In the waiting  
The same God who's never late  
Is working all things out  
You're working all things out  
Yes I will, lift You high in the lowest valley  
Yes I will, bless Your name  
Yes I will, sing for joy when my heart is heavy  
All my days, oh yes I will  
I choose to praise  
To glorify, glorify  
The Name of all names  
That nothing can stand against  
For all my days, yes, I will

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **OPENING PRAYER**

L: Holy God, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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## The Word

### FIRST LESSON

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

We Are Called

Come! Live in the light!  
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!  
We are called to be the light for the kingdom,  
to live in the freedom of the city of God.  
  
We are called to act with justice,  
We are called to love tenderly;  
We are called to serve one another,  
To walk humbly with God.

## GOSPEL

Mark 10: 35-45

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” And he said to them, “What is it you want me to do for you?” And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.”

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

## MESSAGE

The Greatest | Pastor Rob

## SPECIAL MUSIC

So Will I

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- P: Relying on the promises of God, we pray boldly for the church, the world, and all in need
- P: There is no God before you. Purify the faith of your church, that your people place their trust in nothing beside you. Your name is holy. Guide your church, that in every situation your people’s words and actions honor your name. Hear us, O God.
- C: Your mercy is great.**

P: The heavens declare your glory. Renew your creation. Provide leaders in the struggle for clean air and water; protect creatures and crops that rely on healthy ecosystems; give all people the willingness to repent when our way of life pollutes the earth and skies. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Your foolishness is wiser than human wisdom. Fill leaders with the foolishness of your peace and mercy. Your law defends the vulnerable. Work through legislators, judicial systems, and systems of law enforcement to protect the wellbeing and freedom of all. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Your weakness is stronger than human strength. Protect those who are vulnerable and give courage to all who are suffering. Defend victims of crime and bring redemption to those who have harmed others. Give sabbath rest to all who labor. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: You call us to proclaim Christ crucified. Give clarity to this congregation and our leaders, so that we might follow Christ beyond our own habits and comfort. Clear out anything in our common life that would obscure the gospel or that serves our own interests. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: (Prayers of the community), Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**C:** 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

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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 SONG

## Build Your Kingdom Here

Come set Your rule and reign In our hearts again  
Increase in us we pray Unveil why we're made  
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope Like wildfire in our very souls  
Holy Spirit, come invade us now We are Your Church

We need Your power in us We seek Your kingdom first  
We hunger and we thirst Refuse to waste our lives  
For You're our joy and prize To see the captive hearts released  
The hurt, the sick, the poor at peace We lay down our lives for heaven's cause  
We are Your church We pray revive this earth

Build Your kingdom here Let the darkness fear  
Show Your mighty hand Heal our streets and land  
Set Your church on fire Win this nation back  
Change the atmosphere Build Your kingdom here we pray

Unleash Your kingdom's power Reaching the near and far  
No force of hell can stop Your beauty changing hearts  
You made us for much more than this Awake the kingdom seed in us  
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ  
We are Your church  
We are the hope on earth

## DISMISSAL

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

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

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## NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### LENTEN SEASON

These forty days called Lent are like no other. It is our opportune time to return to the God who rescues; to receive the gifts of God's grace; to believe with the heart and confess with the mouth the wonder of God's love in Jesus; and to resist temptation at every turn. This is no small pilgrimage on which we will embark. It is a struggle Jesus knew. It is a struggle Jesus shares. The nearness of the Lord, in bread and wine, water and word, will uphold and sustain us.

### MIDWEEK LENT WORSHIP

**Wednesdays | 7:00 PM**

We want to invite you to our midweek lenten worship event that will be held on Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm. This 30 minute, interactive, online Zoom gathering will be filled with music, a message, worship and prayer. Following the service we'll host a virtual coffee hour where you'll have the chance to connect with other.

### MIDWEEK LENT WORSHIP SERIES - I QUIT

**Weds 2/24 – 3/24 | 7:00 PM**

Fed up with the status quo? The way things are isn't the way things have to be. Come see what happens when we're ready to say, "I quit." Join us Wednesdays at 7:00PM during the season of lent as we look at letting go of four habits that keep us from experiencing the life God has for us. This series is about learning to do less so that we can experience more!

### EASTER FLOWERS

**Orders Due Mar 21**

Once again a variety of spring flowers will be offered to adorn our altar for the Easter services. If you would like to honor the memory of a loved one or just celebrate the Glory of God please fill out an order form and place it in the offering plate or in the church office.

Order forms available at the welcome center or online at

<https://faith.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/39/responses/new>

### HOLY WEEK 2021

**Maundy Thursday**

April 1 | 7:00 PM

**Good Friday**

April 2 | 7:00 PM

**Easter Celebration Worship**

Sunday April 4 | 6:30, 8:00, 9:30 AM

## **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.



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