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Seventh Sunday of Easter  
9:30 Worship Celebration

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

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

June 1, 2025

### **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 JOY PROJECT**

Jesus promised that a consistent, constant, and steady joy can be ours. And fortunately, he also tells us how. Join us as embrace the way of life we were meant to live. This series will help us learn to be thankful and excited despite all the negativity we experience in this world. Weekly topics include optimism, gratefulness, encouragement, generosity, enthusiasm, and confidence. There's no limit to joy!

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# *The Gathering*

## **OPENING SONG**

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

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  
                 Shining 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)

Holy, holy, holy    Holy, holy, holy  
Holy, holy, holy    I want to see you (Repeat)

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

## **Amazing Grace, My Chains are Gone**

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost, but now I'm found  
Was blind, but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear  
And grace my fears relieved  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed

**Chorus** My chains are gone  
I've been set free  
My God, my Savior has ransomed me  
And like a flood His mercy rains  
Unending love, Amazing grace

The Lord has promised good to me  
His word my hope secures  
He will my share and portion be  
As long as life endures (Chorus)(Chorus)

The Earth shall soon dissolve like snow  
The sun forbear to shine  
But God, who called me here below  
Will be forever mine  
Will be forever mine  
You are forever mine

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

L: O God, form the minds of your faithful people into your one will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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## The Word

### READING

### 1 Corinthians 15: 51-58

Look, I will tell you a mystery! We will not all die, but we will all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When this perishable body puts on imperishability and this mortal body puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will be fulfilled:

“Death has been swallowed up in victory.”

“Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?”

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore, my beloved brothers and sisters, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord because you know that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

### RESPONSE

*please stand*

### In Christ Alone

In Christ alone, my hope is found  
He is my light, my strength, my song  
This cornerstone, this solid ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm

What heights of love    What depths of peace  
When fears are stilled    When strivings cease  
My Comforter my all in all    Here in the love of Christ I stand

## GOSPEL

**John 17: 20-26**

“I ask not only on behalf of these but also on behalf of those who believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

“Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you, and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them and I in them.”

## MESSAGE

Get Your Passion Back | Pastor Rob

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- A: God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.
- A: Welcoming God, you invite all people to come and encounter your love. Give your church open hearts and minds to embrace all who seek your presence. Increase the capacity for cooperation between denominations and congregations. Hear us, O God.
- C: Your mercy is great.**
- A: Creating God, your might is seen in storms and in silence. Where drought threatens, bring rain. Where waters flood, ease them back. Where fire, earthquake, hurricane, or tornado destroy, shelter your people and restore your land. Hear us, O God.
- C: Your mercy is great.**

A: Discerning God, fill the hearts of leaders with your passion for justice and mercy. Call the nations of this world to tables of peace and collaboration. Encourage governments to seek avenues of collective benefit and joy. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: Rejoicing God, be with this congregation as summer begins in the northern hemisphere. Keep travelers safe. Keep the vulnerable cool. Invigorate summer ministry efforts in our community, and support the well-being of children and young people. 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 commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

**C: Amen.**

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## *The Meal*

### **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

### **OFFERING**

#### **OFFERING RESPONSE**

*please stand*

Praise and Thanksgiving

Praise and thanksgiving    God we would offer  
For all things living    You have made good  
Harvest of sown fields    Fruits of the orchard  
Hay from the mown fields    Blossom and wood

## OFFERATORY PRAYER

A: Risen One,  
you have gathered us around your table of grace  
along with these gifts we bring.  
Come among us again,  
breathe your life into us,  
and enliven us with this meal,  
that we may live as your risen body in the world.

C: **Amen.**

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## The Meal

P: God, you are with us.

C: **You are always with us.**

P: May we open our hearts.

C: **May we know your presence.**

P: In thanksgiving,

C: **And in deepest honor.**

P: Holy God, we honor you in whom our lives are founded, and in whom our futures lie. We remember and honor also the human searching over the centuries that has perceived your presence in life, and your meaning for all of life.

Above all we honor Jesus, our Christ, whose life and death reveal to us, as his resurrection, the full nature of your being and the potential nature of ours.

We remember that, on the night before his death, Jesus, as he'd always done, gathered his friends for a common meal. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread and gave some to each one, saying:

“Take, eat: This is my body given for you and for everyone.  
Do this in remembrance of me.”

After supper he took a cup of wine, and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them and said:

“Drink this, all of you: This is my blood which is shed for you and for everyone. Drink this in remembrance of me.”

In light of this, we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**C : Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ's spirit renews our lives.**

**P:** Holy God, may our hearts and minds be alive to what is sacred in this bread and wine. May they open us to your guidance and to your love for us, for all humankind, and for all life on this earth. This is our hope, our common will, and the expression of our love and trust in Jesus, our Christ.

And now, in the spirit of Christ's teaching, we pray:

### **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:** Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life

**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: Living One,  
in this feast you have made yourself known to us.  
Send us now to tell of your wonders,  
sing of your glory,  
and proclaim your risen life  
to a wounded and weary world.

C: **Amen.**

## CLOSING SONG

## Home/ How Great Thou Art

Verse 1 Hold on to me as we go

As we roll down this unfamiliar road  
Though this wave is stringing us along  
Just know.. you're.. not.. alone...  
I'm gonna make this place your home

Verse 2 Settle down, it'll all be clear

Don't pay no mind to the demons, they fill you with fear  
The trouble... it might drag you down  
If you get lost, you can always be found  
Just know you're not alone...  
I'm gonna make this place your home

Chorus      Oh- Oh- Oh- Oh  
                  Oh- Oh- Oh- Oh (Repeat) (Repeat)

Verse 2 (Chorus) (Chorus) (Chorus)

Then sings my soul  
My Savior, God, to Thee  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art  
Then sings my soul  
My Savior, God, to Thee  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art (Chorus)

## DISMISSAL

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

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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!

### **CONFIRMATION SUNDAY**

**Sun 6/8 | 9:30 AM**

We will be celebrating the affirmation of faith of Lorelai McMahill who has completed her confirmation journey. Join us as this Christ follower boldly proclaims that Jesus is her Lord and Savior.

### **Outdoor Sunday Worship**

**Sun 6/22 | 9:30 AM**

Sunday, June 22, we'll be meeting outdoors at 9:30 AM for only one worship service. No 8:00 AM service. Bring your lawn chair or blanket and join us on the lawn. We'll have some outdoor seating as well. You can also attend from your car by tuning into FM 88.3. We'll be live streaming this service as well, if you're unable to make it in person. Come join us!

### **KIDWERKS Summer Schedule**

**Sundays at 9:30AM**

June: 1, 15 & 29

July: 13 & 27

August: 10 & 24

We will continue to meet this summer every other week in the auditorium. Join us for a summer of fun and learning! Any questions please contact [jenn@discoveringfaith.com](mailto:jenn@discoveringfaith.com)

## ADULT ONLINE STUDY GROUP

**Tuesdays | 7:00 PM**

### **God Never Gives Up On You**

God's Grace Is Greater Than Your Biggest Setback. God enacts his perfect plan through imperfect people—including you and me!

Join us online and see how God used Jacob—the misbehaving patriarch who was strong on savvy but weak on conscience—simply because God chose to use Jacob. God turns brokenness into blessings through his grace, mercy, and relentless love. Not just for Bible characters, but for you. God Never Gives Up on YOU.

This 5-week video Bible study is facilitated by Becky Marchiando. The study group meets online via Zoom on Tuesday evenings April 29 through May 27 at 7:00 PM. Sign up online or at the welcome center so that we can send you Zoom credentials you'll need to participate. We'd love to have you join us!

## WOMENS BIBLE STUDY

**Tuesdays | 9:00 AM**

### **What is it About Water? Miracles From the Bible.**

All women of Faith are invited to attend a four week study of What is it About Water? by Jean Campbell.

Beginning May 20, the group will begin their final study before breaking for the summer. There are many miracles that occur in the old and new testaments. This book uses three healings from Jesus in the New Testament and opens conversation around today's world and how we can apply them to our own lives. There are also references from Psalms that give meaning to how God has provided over the ages.

The weekly meetings will be held in the auditorium and facilitated by Sue Bozell. The workbook is \$10 and will be available at the meetings. For additional information contact Sue at: [sue.bozell@discoveringfaith.com](mailto:sue.bozell@discoveringfaith.com)

## NEXT

**Sun 6/15 | 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 only about 20 minutes after services and will provide you an overview of our mission, strategy, and environments to help you determine your best next step for continuing your faith journey. Meets fireside

## HESED HOUSE SERVING EVENT

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

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

## **A MOMENT FOR MOM**

**Sat 6/14 | 10:00 AM**

Our last session before our summer break will be Saturday, June 14, at 10:00 AM. We will be holding a play day. Details to follow.

Our moms group here at Faith, A Moment for Mom, has a delicious breakfast and amazing speakers on topics relating to motherhood. We meet the 2nd Saturday of each month through June 2025. We offer affordable childcare while you attend. Come join other moms of kiddos ages 0-10, 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).

## **VBS -True North**

**7/21 - 7/25/25 | 9:00 AM**

Join us this summer at True North VBS, kids will embark on the ultimate Alaskan adventure where northern lights glow over majestic mountains, racing rivers, and glistening glaciers. As kids trek the tundra, they'll explore how easy it is to lose sight of what's true in our wild world today. Pointing them toward Jesus, True North VBS shows them that he is a faithful friend we can always trust. He's our True North! Kids participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, make and devour yummy treats, experience one-of-a-kind 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. For more information contact [jenn@discoveringfaith.com](mailto:jenn@discoveringfaith.com) or register online at [discoveringfaith.com](http://discoveringfaith.com)

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

The children's ministry team is looking for volunteers to join us for VBS this summer, July 21-25. We are looking for both teen and adult volunteers for the week. Please contact [jenn@discoveringfaith.com](mailto:jenn@discoveringfaith.com) if you're interested in serving this summer!

## **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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