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Reformation Sunday  
9:15 am worship service

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

Becoming fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

October 25, 2020

## **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 : THE WAY OF JESUS**

Looking for a concrete, life-transforming way of life? One that makes being a disciple of Jesus accessible? People comment that church offers a list of devotional activities to choose from, with no rhyme or reason for what to choose or why. But what we really need is a pathway.

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# The Gathering

## OPENING SONGS *please stand*

### Keeper of My Heart

From the first to the last breath I breathe  
The Lord watches over me  
You hear my cry and You know every need  
The Lord watches over me

*Chorus* You never fail me, God  
I lift my eyes, I lift my eyes  
To the Maker of the Heavens  
Keeper of my heart  
I lift my hands, I lift my hands  
Standing in Your presence  
You are never far

I look to You where my help comes from  
The Lord watches over me

*Tag* Keeper of my heart  
Keeper of my heart, Jesus, You are

My strength in never-ending love  
I know You have overcome  
I'll sing when all is said and done  
You're my hope, my only hope (*Chorus*) (*Chorus*) (*Tag*)

## **You Never Let Go**

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death  
Your perfect love is casting out fear  
And even when I'm caught in the middle of the storms of this life  
I won't turn back I know You are near

And I will fear no evil  
For my God is with me  
And if my God is with me  
Whom then shall I fear?  
Whom then shall I fear?

*Chorus* Oh no, You never let go  
Through the calm and through the storm  
Oh no, You never let go  
In every high and every low  
Oh no, You never let go  
Lord, You never let go of me

And I can see a light that is coming for the heart that holds on  
A glorious light beyond all compare  
And there will be an end to these troubles  
But until that day comes  
We'll live to know You here on the earth (*Chorus*)

You keep on runnin' and You never let go  
Singin'

Yes, I can see a light that is coming for the heart that holds on  
And there will be an end to these troubles  
But until that day comes  
Still I will praise You, still I will praise You

## OPENING PRAYER

L: Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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*

#### FIRST LESSON

**Romans 3:19-28**

Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus. Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*please stand*

I Love You Lord

I love You, Lord  
and I lift my voice  
to worship You!  
O my soul, rejoice!  
Take joy, My King, in what You hear,  
May it be a sweet, sweet sound  
In Your ear

## GOSPEL

**Luke 18: 9-14**

He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.’ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.”

## MESSAGE

Confession | Pastor Rob

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- P: With confidence in God’s grace and mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.
- P: Renew and inspire the church in the freedom of the gospel, O God. Where the church is in error, reform it. Where the church speaks your truth, strengthen it. Where the church is divided, unify it. Ignite in us the working of the Holy Spirit. Lord, in your mercy,
- C: hear our prayer.**

P: As the earth changes, as mountains shake and the waters roar, may we care for this planet as a holy habitation for all living things. Sustain all peoples and lands recovering from natural disasters of any kind (especially). Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Guide areas of the world divided or traumatized by conflict, especially in our own land. Free all from slavery and human trafficking, and protect all in harm's way. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Release those living in bondage to debts, chronic pain, or addiction. Grant healing touch to those who are ill. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: In this family of faith we give thanks for courageous voices that have remained firm in their commitment to the one who frees us from sin and death.

Centered in your grace, unify us in the hope of the gospel. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: (Prayers of the community). Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Listen as we call on you, O God, and enfold in your loving arms all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

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## *The Meal*

P: Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:

P: Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.

P: Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.

P: Blessed are you for your son Jesus, the Word made flesh. 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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

### **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: Mothering God,  
Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life.

**C: Amen.**



## **CLOSING SONG**

## **DISMISSAL**

**L:** Go in peace. Remember the poor.

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

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## NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **ONLINE STUDY GROUP – EVERYBODY ALWAYS**

**Tuesdays | 7:00 PM**

What happens when we give away love like we're made of it? When we learn to love without inhibition, insecurity, or restriction, we have actually discovered the secret of living life without fear, constraint, or worry! Whether that means throwing a parade for a sick neighbor or befriending a Ugandan witch doctor, Bob Goff shows us how to give away love with a no-limits attitude that is as infectious as it is extraordinarily ordinary. Join us for this five-part series led by Pastor Rob that meets online on Tuesday nights.

### **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. For Zoom information, register online at [www.discoveringfaith.com/students](http://www.discoveringfaith.com/students).

### **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.

## **BOY SCOUT WREATH SALE**

Your local BSA troop 508 is thankful that we can offer Wreath decorations again this year! Covid 19 has certainly changed up everything we do but not how we celebrate and decorate! Our website allows for social distancing and electronic payments. Please feel free to head to our site to place your order. The last day to order by website is 10/31.

We will be having our pick up on 11/22 from 8am to 12pm at Lutheran Church.  
<https://go.wreathsaleapp.com/troop508>

If you aren't available during that time we will be available on Thursdays in December (except the week of Christmas) at the church at 7pm.

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## JOYS & CONCERNS

Robin Halupnick and co-worker

Erin Hogan

Dale Bridge

The family & friends of Pauline Loveless, sister-in-law of Danita Curry

Strength for Sonjia Ramsey

Sarah Barr

Scott Perkins, friend of Randy & Bonnie Schumacher

Bob Clark, hospitalized

Jay Bridge, brother of Dale Bridge

Ron Cizek, prayers of healing

Scott Lee

John, Jill O'Neal's godfather

Kathy, health care worker

Carol Mueller, sister of Nancy Miller

Jerry, son of Judy Bridge

Dana & Daniel, friends of Judy Bridge

Claudia Marrow, friend of Danita Curry

Nick Falkos

John Larkin, cousin of Pastor Rob

Bella, Karen Solan's granddaughter

VerHagen family, friends of the Jensen family

Dave Belinski

Dave Hibler, brother of Kathryn Pawluczyk

Muriel Weigel, mother of Gary Weigel

Christy Dunn, Diane Rinehard, Jess Schell- working with Covid patients



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