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Second Sunday after Epiphany  
9:15 am worship service

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

Becoming fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

January 17, 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: THE PURSUIT OF JOY**

In life, we chase many things to attain happiness, but often when we catch them, we soon realize we haven't found what we're looking for. So if there's a pathway to happiness, how do we find it? Start this new year off by joining us as we walk through the letter to the Philippians and discover what it means to live with increasing joy and happiness. Each week you will come away with simple, practical steps that will lead you into a deeper sense of joy and contentment.

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# The Gathering

**OPENING SONG** *please stand*

## **You'll Come**

I have decided I have resolved  
To wait upon You, Lord  
My rock and redeemer Shield and reward  
I'll wait upon You, Lord

*Chorus* As surely as the sun will rise  
You'll come to us  
Certain as the dawn appears  
You'll come  
Let Your glory fall as You respond to us  
Spirit reign Flood into our thirsty hearts again  
You'll come, You'll come

We are not shaken  
We are not moved  
We wait upon You, Lord  
Our mighty deliverer  
Triumph and truth  
We wait upon You, Lord (*Chorus*)

Chains be broken  
Lives be healed  
Eyes be opened  
Christ is revealed

## **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.

In Christ alone who took on flesh,  
Fullness of God in helpless babe.  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
Scorned by the ones He came to save  
Till on that cross as Jesus died,  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on Him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain:  
Then bursting forth in glorious day  
Up from the grave He rose again  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life no fear in death,  
This is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny  
No power of hell, no scheme of man,  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
Till He returns or calls me home  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OPENING PRAYER

L: Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer, for the countless blessings and benefits you give. May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day praising you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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## *The Word*

### FIRST LESSON

**Philippians 3: 7-14**

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. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Seek Ye First

Seek ye first the kingdom of God  
And its righteousness  
And all these things will be added unto you  
Allelu, alleluia

Ask and it shall be given unto you  
Seek and you shall find  
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you  
Allelu, alleluia

## **GOSPEL**

**John 1:43-51**

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

## **MESSAGE**

Choosing the Right Goal | Pastor Rob

## **SPECIAL MUSIC**

Whole Heart

## **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

P: Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

P: For the body of Christ gathered throughout the world and for all servants of the gospel, that following Jesus, the church lives out its calling every day, let us pray.

**C: Have mercy, O God.**

P: For the well-being of creation, for plants and animals, and for all that God has marvelously made, that we serve as wise stewards of Earth, our home, let us pray.

**C: Have mercy, O God.**

P: For police officers and firefighters, for attorneys and paralegals, for peacekeepers and military personnel, and for the leaders of governments, that they provide protection to all people, especially the most vulnerable, let us pray.

**C: Have mercy, O God.**

P: For those lacking food or shelter, for those who are sick or grieving, and for those who are imprisoned or homebound, that God console all who suffer, let us pray.

**C: Have mercy, O God.**

P: For our neighborhood, for visitors joining us for the first time or returning, and for those absent from our assembly, that all who seek to know God are nourished by word and sacrament, let us pray.

**C: Have mercy, O God.**

P: (Prayers of the community), let us pray.

**C: Have mercy, O God.**

P: Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior.

**C: Amen.**

## 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

Forever

Give thanks to the Lord, our God and King  
His love endures forever  
For He is good, He is above all things  
His love endures forever  
Sing praise, sing praise

With a mighty hand and outstretched arm  
His love endures forever  
For the life that's been reborn  
His love endures forever

*Pre-Chorus* Sing praise, sing praise  
Sing praise, sing praise

*Chorus* Forever, God is faithful  
Forever, God is strong  
Forever, God is with us  
Forever

From the rising to the setting sun  
His love endures forever  
And by the grace of God, we will carry on  
His love endures forever (*Pre-Chorus*) (*Chorus*) (*Chorus*)

## DISMISSAL

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

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

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## NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ADULT ONLINE STUDY GROUP

Begins Tues 1/19 | 7:00 PM

#### 30 Days to Understanding the Bible

The problem most of us have with the Bible is we never got the big picture. Master the Bible by looking at only a manageable amount of information. In 30 days, you'll have a complete understanding of the story of the Bible and the core teachings or doctrines that Christians have held onto throughout the centuries, presented in bite-sized pieces. This six-session online series is led by Pastor Rob and meets on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 - 8:00pm.

Register online: <https://faith.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/115/responses/new>

### ADULT ONLINE STUDY GROUP

Begins Weds 1/20 | 7:00 PM

#### Rhythms of Renewal

Daily struggles with anxiety and stress make it difficult to receive God's peace. Rhythms of Renewal will help you trade your anxiety for the vibrant life you were meant to live through four profound rhythms: rest, restore, connect, and create. With encouraging stories and practical steps, Rebekah Lyons will help you begin an intentional, lifelong journey toward sustained emotional, relational, and spiritual health. Rebekah shares a pathway to establish four life-giving rhythms that quiet inner chaos and make room for a flourishing life.

This five-session online series is led by Pastor Rob and meets on Wednesday nights from 7:00-8:00pm. Register online: <https://faith.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/116/responses/new>

### VIRTUAL TRIVIA NIGHT

Sat 1/23 | 7:00 PM

Enjoy a fun night of Trivia from the comfort of your home! Faith Community Life's Trivia Night. Register with the link below.

No Team? No Problem! We will match you when you sign up.

Zoom link will be provided the day before the event.

BYOS—Bring your own snacks! Hosted by Faith Community Life.

For more information contact Leslie Lepore at (630) 915-9591 or [Lepore9902@gmail.com](mailto:Lepore9902@gmail.com)

Registration link: <https://faith.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/114/responses/new>

### LET'S BUILD A SNOWMAN!

At the next big snowfall of 3 inches or more.... Come out and build your snow- man at Faith! Snowmen can be made any where on the property. First come First Built! Snowmen must be tasteful and family friendly. Decorations are encouraged. Decorations must be retrieved as your snowman melts. Label your snowman so we know who built it.

## **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.

## **BRIGHT BEGINNINGS REGISTRATION**

Happy New Year from Bright Beginnings Preschool! It is hard to believe but it is already time to register for preschool classes which will begin Fall 2021.

Registration for this year's clients & church members begins January 18th. There is a 5% tuition discount for church members. Registration opens to the public & alumni on Monday January 25<sup>th</sup>.

Information and forms for registration are available on the website [discoveringfaith.com](https://www.discoveringfaith.com) under the "preschool" tab. Feel free to call the church and leave a message at ext. 103 or email [jenn@discoveringfaith.com](mailto:jenn@discoveringfaith.com) and Jenn will get back to you as soon as possible.

## **THE HUB 2021**

As we have entered in the new year it's a great time to sign up on the Hub or login to your existing profile page. The Hub is our centralized church system that give you all the information that is pertinent to you and our church!

Your giving is tracked on the Hub, your volunteer scheduling is done on the Hub, if you need to find someone's address or phone number you can get it on the Hub as well as countless other functions. You can make any changes, updates to your profile or load a new picture of yourself! Check it out <https://faith.ccbchurch.com>

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## JOYS & CONCERNS

Lisa McQueen

Parents of Lisa McQueen

Ray & JoAnn Reininger, parents of Ben Reininger

Doris Johnson, mother of Karen Banschbach

Jennifer, Mark & Booker, daughter of Dale Bridge

Chris, friend of Danita Curry

Sarah Hennings prayers of healing

Nancy Staton

Mitch- son of co-worker of Christy Douglas

Mike Autry

Kathy, daughter-in-law of Karen Solan

Strength for Sonjia Ramsey

Sarah Barr

Bob Clark

Jay Bridge, brother of Dale Bridge

Ron Cizek, prayers of healing

Scott Lee

Jerry, son of Judy Bridge

Dana & Daniel, friends of Judy Bridge

Nick Falkos

John Larkin, cousin of Pastor Rob

Bella, Karen Solan's granddaughter

Dave & Jan Belinski

Dave Hibler, brother of Kathryn Pawluczyk

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



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