



Time After Pentecost
9:30 Worship Celebration

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

Becoming fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

November 16, 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: A GENEROUS LIFE

The Gathering

OPENING SONG

Hosanna, Praise is Rising

Praise is rising, eyes are turning to You We turn to You
Hope is stirring, hearts are yearning for You We long for You

Pre-Chorus Cause when we see You, we find strength to face the day
In Your presence all our fears are washed away Washed away

Chorus 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

(Pre-Chorus) (Chorus)
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(Chorus) (Chorus)

House of the Lord

We worship the God who was
We worship the God who is
We worship the God who evermore will be

He opened the prison doors
He parted the raging sea
My God, He holds the victory

Chorus There's joy in the house of the Lord There's joy in the house of the Lord today
And we won't be quiet We shout out Your praise
There's joy in the house of the Lord Our God is surely in this place
And we won't be quiet We shout out Your praise

We shout out Your praise
We sing to the God who heals
We sing to the God who saves
We sing to the God who always makes a way

'Cause He hung up on that cross
Then He rose up from that grave
My God's still rolling stones away (*Chorus*)

We were the beggars
Now we're royalty
We were the prisoners
Now we're running free
We are forgiven, accepted
Redeemed by His grace
Let the house of the Lord sing praise (*Repeat*) (*Chorus*)

We shout out Your praise
We shout out Your praise
We shout out Your praise

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Word

READING

1 Chronicles 29: 10 -13

Then David blessed the Lord in the presence of all the assembly; David said, “Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our ancestor Israel, forever and ever. Yours, O Lord, are the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and on the earth is yours; yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all. Riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might, and it is in your hand to make great and to give strength to all. And now, our God, we give thanks to you and praise your glorious name.

RESPONSE

Be Thou My Vision

please stand

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art
Thou my best thought by day or by night
Waking or sleeping Thy presence my light

GOSPEL

Luke 20: 27-38

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to him and asked him a question: “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married a woman and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.”

Jesus said to them, “Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage, but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed, they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself

showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead but of the living, for to him all of them are alive.”

MESSAGE

Everything | Pastor Rob

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A: Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A: God of roots and branches, defend the leaders of your church as they proclaim the gospel using discernment, wisdom, and brave testimony. Keep all the baptized on righteous paths in response to Christ’s call. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: God of roaring seas, in a world of earthquake, famine, and plague, use your mighty power to nurture the land and all that lives upon it. Restore peoples and places experiencing natural disasters. Strengthen organizations who provide aid to any in crisis. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: God of victory, among quests for power, guide those in government, courts, law enforcement agencies, and the military. Turn them from war and violence to actions of care that build up the common good. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: God of healing, where injustice and exploitation result in populations that are marginalized or underserved, accompany those abandoned by friends, hurt by family, and harmed by violence or oppression. Care for all who are ill, anxious, or in pain of any kind. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Gracious and loving God, we pray for the family and friends of Faith... Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

OFFERING RESPONSE

Praise and Thanksgiving

please stand

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: God of healing and hope,
you bless those who are hungry,
promising to fill them with good things.
Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts.
Nourish us with the abundance of your feast
and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior,
now and forever.

C: Amen.

The Meal

- P: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,
in the beginning you formed the heavens and earth
and created us in your likeness.
You made us guardians of your good creation and left the earth in our care.
All through our weary years and our silent tears,
you did not abandon us to ourselves,
but sought us out in love.
- In the crowning act of love you gave your only Son,
that whoever believes in him will have eternal life.
- For you sent Jesus not to condemn the world,
but to save the world from sin.
- Through his death on the cross, we who were once far off
have been brought near by the blood of Christ.
- 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.
- For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.
- C: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P: With this bread and cup, we remember Christ's life among us;
his association with outcasts, his eating with sinners,
his healing of the sick, his care for the poor.
Send, we pray, your Holy Spirit
upon us and upon this bread and wine,
that we who share this meal may become a holy communion,
the body of Christ in the world.

C: Amen.

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: There is a place for you at the table of God.
Come, receive the food that does not perish, a taste of life eternal.

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.**

The Sending

SENDING PRAYER

A: God of field and flower, wheat and grape,
you have nourished us with the bread of heaven
that gives life to the world.
Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son,
send us out to gather your good gifts for all who
hunger and thirst,
and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name.

C: **Amen.**

CLOSING SONG

Trading My Sorrows

I'm trading my sorrows
I'm trading my shame
I'm laying them down for the joy of the Lord

I'm trading my sickness
I'm trading my pain
I'm laying them down for the joy of the Lord

Yes Lord, yes Lord, yes yes Lord
Yes Lord, yes Lord, yes yes Lord
Yes Lord, yes Lord, yes yes Lord, Amen

I am pressed but not crushed persecuted
not abandoned
Struck down but not destroyed
I am blessed beyond the curse for His
promise will endure
That his joy's gonna be my strength
Though the sorrow may last for the night
His joy comes with the morning

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Share the harvest.

C: Thanks be to God.

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!

REVOLUTION

Sun 11/16, 12/7 | 5:00 PM

On Sunday Nights at Faith, we've created an event that attracts **middle & high school students just like you**. After all, we figure you want to be wherever your friends are. We make this time as fun and relevant as we possibly can. The goal is for you to leave feeling energized to go out there and tackle another week! Meets 1st and 3rd Sundays in the auditorium. Register online- discoveringfaith.com

WOMENS GROUP

Mon 11/17 & 12/1 | 7:15 PM

This Fall we will be studying "Encouraging One Another, Women of Faith Bible Study" by Nicole Johnson. We will study 2 chapters per session. You may order the book online at Christianbook.com

We meet bi-weekly at Faith's café & no need to sign up- We'd love to have you join us!

WOMENS BIBLE STUDY

Tues 11/18 | 9:00 AM

The Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study will start a new 4-week study beginning November 18. The group will explore the angelic visits surrounding the birth of Jesus with Zechariah, Mary, Joseph and the shepherd in the book *The Angels of Christmas ~ Hearing God's Voice in Advent* by Susan Robb.

The study will dive deep into the history of the angel Gabriel as well as other angels in the Bible. It will also help us rediscover how God communicates hope and meaning to all people. All women of Faith and their friends are welcome and encouraged to attend.

The workbook is \$12 and will be available at the meetings.

The group will meet in the auditorium on the following Tuesday mornings:

11/18, 12/2, 12/9, and 12/16.

For additional information please contact Sue Boozell at sue.boozell@discoveringfaith.com.

ADULT ONLINE STUDY GROUP

Begins Tues 11/18 | 7:00 PM

The Case for Christmas by Lee Strobel

In The Case for Christmas, video-based bible study led by New York Times bestselling author Lee Strobel, we'll be digging into the true Christmas story to sort out the fact from the fiction and the hype from the holiness. This Bible study will help us reflect on the gospel story of the birth of Jesus in a focused and group-oriented way that might just change the way that we view the season. This 4-week online study will be facilitated by Becky Marchiando. Please register below so that we may send you Zoom credentials required to participate. Come join us!

NEW MISSION CHRISTMAS SHOE BOX DRIVE

Share God's love this Christmas

During November, we are collecting shoeboxes filled with gifts for children in Haiti who are a part of our mission partner New Missions. School supplies, hygiene items, toys and other small gifts make a big difference in the lives of Haitian children and their families. You can share God's love this Christmas by packing a shoebox. Stop by the shoebox drive display and pick up your box and gift list today.

ONE SCOUT, ONE PROJECT, UNLIMITED SPAGHETTI

Weds 11/19 | 5:00 PM

Join Ben Ginsberg's Eagle Project Fundraiser!

\$10 Per Person , \$30 Per Family 5PM-8:30PM here at church.

Eat pasta, support a great cause, and help build Faith a brand new playground! All proceeds go directly to the project! Tickets can be purchased at the door or discoveringfaith.com

FAIR TRADE MARKETPLACE – Heavenly Treasures

Sundays: Nov 30 – Dec 21

Faith will once again be hosting a Fair Trade Marketplace on Sunday mornings in the café. Handcrafted products from artisans around the world will be on sale. When you purchase a product, you are helping to enable impoverished artisans to have an ongoing business, allowing them to provide for their families. Visit www.heavenlytreasures.org to learn more about the impact you can make. Every product represents a changed life!

THE GREAT GIFT EXCHANGE

Sat 12/6 | 4:00 PM

Faith Community Life will be hosting our Annual Holiday Gift Exchange on Saturday, Dec. 6, 2025 from 4:00pm-6:00pm at Eola Tap House (formerly Paulie's Pub) at 444 N. Eola Rd, Aurora, IL (just down the street from Faith next to the new Fire Station).

Please bring a wrapped gift (under \$20). This event is open to everyone. Food and Beverages will be on your own and cake will be served.

Sign up at the Welcome Center or online www.discoveringfaith.com

Come celebrate the Holidays with our Faith Family and Friends!

NEXT

Sun 12/7 | 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 approximately 20 minutes and will provide you with an overview of our mission, strategy, and environment to help you determine your best next step in continuing your faith journey. Pastor Rob and Jenn Richardson, Faith's volunteer coordinator, will be on hand for conversation and to welcome you to Faith. Meets fireside.

A MOMENT FOR MOM

Sat 12/13 | 10:00 AM

The speaker for December is Yolanda Chenoweth, Women's Health NP. Let's talk about the things nobody talks about! Please use the QR code on our website to ask anonymous questions, that will be answered by our December speaker.

A Moment for Mom is a group for moms of kiddos ages 0-10 that meets the 2nd Saturday each month through May 2026. Sessions provide a delicious breakfast and amazing speakers on topics relating to motherhood. We offer affordable childcare while you attend. Our website is ready for you to explore our speakers and costs for the 2025-2026 year. Come join us and other moms to laugh, learn, and connect. Register today and/or reach out to us for more information at www.discoveringfaith.com/amomentformom.

KIDWERKS

Sundays | 9:30 AM

Join us in the auditorium as we dive into learning about new virtues each month through stories from the bible so that we can grow in our understanding and relationship with God. To register go to discoveringfaith.com or for more information please contact jenn@discoveringfaith.com PreK – 5th grade

LIVE NATIVITY AT FAITH!

Sat 12/13 | 6:00 PM

This year, the spirit of Christmas will be alive at Faith, as we host our annual outdoor Live Nativity on Saturday, December 14th at 6pm. the Live Nativity. The journey will take you back in time to the birth of our Savior. Shepherds peacefully tend to their flocks, while Mary and Joseph look after the child in the manger. Wise men will come from the East bearing gifts as angels watch over the scene. Faith's Live Nativity features a large cast, choir, live animals and scenery to provide a memorable Christmas event for the entire family.

LIVE NATIVITY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Sat 12/13 | 6:00 PM

Save the date for this year's Live Nativity here at Faith! However, many types of volunteers are needed to help make this event a huge success (actors, hospitality, set up, animal control, "Welcomers", photographers.) Sign up today at the welcome center or contact Pastor Rob if you are interested.

LADIES CHRISTMAS TEA

Mon 12/15 | 7:00 PM

Ladies of Faith are invited to attend or host a table for this elegant and festive holiday evening of tea and desserts. The evening includes music, readings, and a seasonal devotion. Invite your friends and sign up for this free event online or at the welcome center! If you have any questions please contact the church office at office@discoveringfaith.com.

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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