



Time after Pentecost
9:30 am worship service

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

Becoming fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

August 22, 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 MESSAGE SERIES : CIRCLES ARE BETTER THAN ROWS

Standing on our own two feet is something we've been taught to do our entire lives. There's something admirable about being self-sufficient. But when it comes to spiritual growth, there are some things that require community. For real life, authentic spiritual growth... circles are better than rows.

The Gathering

OPENING SONGS *please stand*

Here For You

Let our praise be Your welcome Let our songs be a sign
We are here for You, we are here for You
Let Your breath come from heaven
Fill our hearts with Your life
We are here for You, we are here for You

To You our hearts are open Nothing here is hidden
You are our one desire You alone are holy
Only You are worthy God, let Your fire fall down

Let our shout be Your anthem Your renown fill the skies
We are here for You, we are here for You
Let Your Word move in power
Let what's dead come to life
We are here for You, we are here for You

Let it fall Let it fall Let it fall

We welcome You with praise
We welcome You with praise
Almighty God of love
Be welcomed in this place (Repeat)

Let every heart adore Let every soul awake
Almighty God of love Be welcomed in this place
We welcome You with praise We welcome You with praise
Almighty God of love Be welcome in this place

Be welcome in Your house Lord Be welcome in Your house

From the Inside Out

A thousand times I've failed, still your mercy remains.
And should I stumble again, still I'm caught in your grace.

Everlasting

Your light will shine when all else fades

Never ending

Your glory goes beyond all fame.

Your will above all else

My purpose remains.

The art of losing myself

In bringing You praise.

Everlasting

Your light will shine when all else fades

Never ending

Your glory goes beyond all fame.

Chorus 1 In my heart in my soul
Lord I give you control
Consume me from the inside out, Lord
Let justice and praise
Become my embrace
To love you from the inside out

Chorus 2 Everlasting
Your light will shine when all else fades
Never ending
Your glory goes beyond all fame.
And the cry of my heart
Is to bring you praise
From the inside out
Lord my soul cries out

(Chorus 1) (Chorus 2) (Chorus 2)

OPENING PRAYER

L: Holy God, your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Word

FIRST LESSON

Colossians 3: 12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Bind Us Together

please stand

Bind us together Lord Bind us together with cords
That cannot be broken Bind us together Lord
Bind us together Lord Bind us together with love

You are the fam'ly of God You are the promise of divine
You are God's chosen desire You are the glorious new wine

Bind us together Lord Bind us together with cords
That cannot be broken Bind us together Lord
Bind us together Lord Bind us together with love

GOSPEL

John 6:56-69

Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.” He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?” But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, “Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.” Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

MESSAGE

Circles are Better than Rows | Pastor Rob

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- A: Made children and heirs of God’s promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.
- A: God of courage, bless all leaders of your church. Make them ready to proclaim the gospel of peace and strengthen them to preach your loving word. Lord, in your mercy,
- C: hear our prayer.**

A: God of creation, bless fields and orchards. Protect the land from drought and bring life-giving rain to support growth. Instruct your people in wise treatment of the world you have provided for all your creatures. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: God of community, bless all who seek justice between nations and peoples. Give guidance to bridge-builders, heal divisions, and inspire cooperation in times of crisis, disaster, and war. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: God of compassion, bless all who are in any need. Accompany all who are lonely and feeling abandoned and remind them of your abiding presence. Accompany all who are persecuted and exploited and open us to their cries. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: God of change, bless our transitions. Guide all who are embarking on new stages in life such as a new job, new school, or new community. Sustain enduring friendships and kindle new relationships and interests. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Gracious and loving God, we pray for the family and friends of Faith... Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

OFFERING RESPONSE

please stand

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

I want to walk as a child of the light I want to follow Jesus
God sent the stars to give light to the world The star of my life is Jesus
In Him there is no darkness at all The night and the day are both alike
The Lamb is the light of the city of God Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus
I want to see the brightness of God I want to look at Jesus
Clear sun of righteousness, shine on my path And show me the way to the Father
I'm looking for the coming of Christ I want to follow Jesus
When we have run with patience the race We shall know the joy of Jesus

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Jesus, Bread of life,
you have set this table with your very self,
and called us to the feast of plenty.
Gather what has been sown among us,
and strengthen us in this meal.
Make us to be what we receive here,
your body for the life of the world.

C: **Amen.**

The Meal

P: The earth is the Lord's and everything in it,
The trees of the field clap their hands,
the birds of the air sing songs of praise.
And so, we lift up our hearts, and we lift up our voices
And we offer thanksgiving and adoration to the Lord the Creator of all.
Blessed are you, Sovereign of the Universe, for from seeds sown into the
earth you have given us the gift of bread to feed and nourish us. And at
Jesus' last meal with his friends, before facing the cross, Our Lord took
bread, blessed it and broke it. Then he passed it among them saying:

This is my body, broken for you.
Take and eat, and do this to remember me.

Blessed are you, Sovereign of the Universe,
for from grapes which grow ripe and sweet on the vine,
you have given us the gift of wine to refresh and heal us.
And at Jesus' last meal with his friends before facing the cross,
Our Lord took the cup of wine and blessed it.
Then he passed it among them saying:

This is my blood shed for you.
Take and drink, and do this to remember me.

And now we come to your table again, Jesus,
Mindful of how you laid your life down,
so that we and creation could be born anew;
Mindful of how you took your life up again,
so that we and creation could be filled with your abundant life.
May your Spirit work in these fruits of earth,
so that they may become for us a sharing in Christ's body and blood.
May your Spirit work in us, so that we may be transformed into Christ's
body, carrying his life, his care, and his salvation to all creation.

C: **Amen.**

THE 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: Christ has set the table with more than enough for all.
Come!

C: Thanks be to God.

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. 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: Jesus, Bread of life,
we have received from your table
more than we could ever ask.
As you have nourished us in this meal,
now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.
In your name we pray.

C: Amen

BLESSING

P: The blessing of God,
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,
† be upon you now and forever.

C: Amen.

CLOSING SONG

Our God is Greater

Water You turned into wine
Opened they eyes of the blind
There's no one like You
None like You

Into the darkness You shine
Out of the ashes we rise
There's no one like You
None like You

Chorus Our God is greater
Our God is stronger
God You are higher than any other
Our God is healer
Awesome in power Our God, Our God

Into the darkness You shine
Out of the ashes we rise
There's no one like You
None like You (*Chorus*) (*Chorus*)

And if our God is for us
Then who could ever stop us
And if our God is with us
Then what could stand against? (*Chorus*) (*Chorus*)

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

13 YEARS OF SHARING THE LIGHT

On August 21, 2008, the first worship service was held at our current location on Liberty St. in Aurora. Ever since, Faith's congregation has been changing lives and helping others grow in their love and faith of Jesus Christ. Each Sunday during the month of August, we will be highlighting various ministry programs. You'll have an opportunity to learn firsthand how lives are being changed. In our cafe, we have special Birthday gifts that you can give to Faith Lutheran Church. Each gift represents a need from various programs and can help truly make a difference in the services we provide. During the month of August, we ask you to prayerfully consider how you can make a difference.

FIRST LOOK & KIDWERKS ARE BACK!

Our Sunday morning children's ministry program is back with both in-person and virtual options this year. Beginning Sunday, August 22nd 9:30am we will meet weekly and you can choose to attend in person (with masks) or online. Whichever suits your family's needs. Registration is now open <https://faith.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/8/responses/new>

REVOLUTION KICK OFF

Sep 19 | 5:00 PM

Put it on the calendar and get ready for a great new year of outrageous games, extraordinary worships, and engaging groups as we gather on Sunday Nights for our Student Ministries. Students, 6th-12th grade, are invited to attend this dynamic night of growing as disciples. Student ministries meets the first and third Sundays of the month.

ONLINE STUDY GROUP

Tuesdays | 7:00 PM

Discover new ways of connecting with God by understanding how he uniquely created you to worship him. As believers in Christ, many of us today fall into the trap of thinking we have to approach God in a certain way. But our Creator made us all unique, and he designed us to connect with him in our own ways. For some, this might look like quiet contemplation. Others express praise through caregiving or theological discussions. It's important to discover the particular pathway that will best help you to experience God's presence. Bestselling author and speaker Gary Thomas reveals nine distinct spiritual temperaments to give you insight into how you naturally worship and how your personal walk with God might look different from those around you. For more information, please contact Pastor Rob-pastor@discoveringfaith.com

COMPASSION WEEKEND

Sept 10-12, 2021

Compassion Weekend is all about caring for each other. All around us, people are hurting. They are tired, worn down and lonely. God cares deeply about the real-life challenges of real people in our neighborhoods. We serve each other as an extension of that compassion. There is no hidden agenda or secret motive. For this one weekend, we set aside our regular weekend services and activities simply to serve those around us. We want to invite you to join us! You can make a difference in the lives of others around us.

COMPASSION WEEKEND SERVICE

Sep 12 | 9:30 AM

Due to the Compassion Weekend event we will be having an outdoor service on Sunday Sept. 12th. Please join us as we combine our services into one amazing worship experience!

UPDATED COVID GUIDELINES FOR IN-PERSON WORSHIP

Below are guidelines we ask all onsite participants to follow. These will be revised periodically as CDC guidelines continue to evolve.

1. Masks are not required if you have been fully vaccinated. Unvaccinated Worshipers are asked to wear masks at all times while in the building. If you are ill, been exposed, or at risk, please continue to worship with us online.
2. Seating will be identified with space for social distancing blocked off. If you are the first to sit in your pew, please choose the center seating option to avoid “climbing” over one another.
3. Musicians, singers, and worship leaders will be following CDC guidelines. If you are fully vaccinated, feel free to fully participate in singing and prayer. Otherwise, the congregation may pray the words of our songs or hum along, but please do not sing. According to the CDC, if not vaccinated, singing has a greater risk of dispersing droplets.
4. No nursery will be available.
5. Fellowship in the Café has resumed.



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