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Fourth Sunday of Easter  
9:30 Worship Celebration

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

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

April 21, 2024

### **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: CLIMATE CHANGE**

Every relationship has a climate, sunny, stormy, or even icy. And the current climate dictates the forecast. The problem is that many of us are unaware of the emotional climates we carry around with us. Join us we will discover how we affect the emotional climate when we arrive home or step into a meeting at work, and we will look at three of the most significant climate shapers in any relationship.

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# *The Gathering*

## **OPENING SONG**

### **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

## What a Beautiful Name

You were the Word at the beginning    One with God the Lord Most High  
Your hidden glory in creation    Now revealed in You our Christ

*Chorus 1*    What a beautiful Name it is    What a beautiful Name it is  
                  The Name of Jesus Christ my King    What a beautiful Name it is  
                  Nothing compares to this    What a beautiful Name it is  
                  The Name of Jesus

You didn't want heaven without us    So Jesus You brought heaven down  
My sin was great Your love was greater    What could separate us now

*Chorus 2*    What a wonderful Name it is    What a wonderful Name it is  
                  The Name of Jesus Christ my King    What a wonderful Name it is  
                  Nothing compares to this    What a wonderful Name it is  
                  The Name of Jesus    What a wonderful Name it is  
                  The Name of Jesus

Death could not hold You    The veil tore before You  
You silence the boast of sin and grave    The heavens are roaring  
The praise of Your glory    For You are raised to life again

You have no rival    You have no equal  
Now and forever God You reign    Yours is the kingdom  
Yours is the glory    Yours is the Name above all names

*Chorus 3*    What a powerful Name it is    What a powerful Name it is  
                  The Name of Jesus Christ my King    What a powerful Name it is  
                  Nothing can stand against    What a powerful Name it is  
                  The Name of Jesus

What a powerful Name it is    The Name of Jesus  
What a powerful Name it is    The Name of Jesus  
What A Beautiful Name

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### *The Word*

#### READING

**Proverbs 3: 1-6**

My child, do not forget my teaching,  
but let your heart keep my commandments;  
for length of days and years of life  
and abundant welfare they will give you. Do not let loyalty and faithfulness  
forsake you;  
bind them around your neck,  
write them on the tablet of your heart.  
So you will find favor and good repute  
in the sight of God and of people. Trust in the Lord with all your heart,  
and do not rely on your own insight.  
In all your ways acknowledge him,  
and he will make straight your paths.

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Thy Word

*please stand*

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path  
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path

When I feel afraid Think I've lost my way  
Still you're there right beside me And nothing will I fear  
As long as you are near Please be near me to the end

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path *(Repeat)*

## GOSPEL

John 10:11-18

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

## MESSAGE

Stormy Weather | Pastor Rob

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- A: Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.
- A: Shepherding God, gather your church whenever we wander from you and one another. Empower our church in ministries around the world to worship and serve alongside global companions as equal partners and coworkers in the gospel. God of grace,
- C: hear our prayer.**
- A: Nurturing God, preserve the health of biomes and ecosystems. Inspire scientists, researchers, conservation organizations, and all people entrusted with the task of caring for creation, that we may be better stewards of the world around us. God of grace,
- C: hear our prayer.**

A: Almighty God, lead nations and communities to share resources, cooperate in solving conflicts, and listen to the wisdom of Indigenous peoples. Help all those with power to share it and to use such power for good. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: Loving God, protect the very young and the very old, those living without housing, victims of domestic abuse, and all who live with chronic illness or compromised immune systems. Guide communities to actively care for people who are vulnerable. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: Gracious God, help this and all communities of faith to listen for your voice. Call us away from things that distract us from following you. Invite us to more deeply love and serve people who are lonely, isolated, and on the margins. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

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

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

**C: Amen.**

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## *The Meal*

### **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

### **OFFERING**

## OFFERING RESPONSE

Beautiful Savior

*please stand*

Beautiful Savior King of creation  
Son of God and Son of Man  
Truly I'd love Thee truly I'd serve Thee  
Light of my soul my Joy my Crown

## OFFERATORY PRAYER

P: Risen One,  
you call us to believe and bear fruit.  
May the gifts that we offer here  
be signs of your abiding love.  
Form us to be your witnesses in the world,  
through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

**C: Amen.**

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## *The Meal*

P: God's love for the world was so great that He gave us His Son, so that anyone who believes in Him should not die but receive eternal life.

We come to this table in need;  
We are weak and need strength;  
We are broken and need healing;  
We are hardened and need softening;  
We are poor in spirit and need care.

**C: We give thanks for Your compassion, O God;  
We rejoice at Your invitation to share in this meal,  
and we receive again Your abundant grace.**



P: So, let's remember how Jesus gave Himself for us;  
At supper, on the night of His betrayal, Jesus took bread,  
gave thanks, broke it and shared it with His friends, saying:  
This is my body, given for you. Take it, eat it, and remember Me.

**C: Amen.**

P: After supper, Jesus took the cup,  
gave thanks and shared it with His friends, saying:  
This is my blood shed for you. Take it, drink it and remember Me.

**C: Amen.**

P: In this bread and in this wine we receive again  
the generous, and costly gift of life,  
offered to us through the sacrifice of Jesus.  
This meal is a proclamation of God's goodness, a thanksgiving for God's grace  
and a sharing in God's life.

**C: And we will keep celebrating in this way until Jesus returns. 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:** The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread.

Come and eat at God's table.

**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:** Shepherding God,  
you have prepared a table before us  
and nourished us with your love.  
Send us forth from this banquet  
to proclaim your goodness  
and share the abundant mercy of Jesus,  
our redeemer and friend.

**C: Amen.**

## CLOSING SONG

## Trading My Sorrows

*Chorus* 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 (*Chorus*)

## DISMISSAL

**A:** Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.  
**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

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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!

### **NEXT**

**Sun 4/21 | 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

### **CUBS WRIGLEY TOUR**

**Sat 4/27 | 9:00 AM**

Faith's Community Life team is pleased to be hosting a Chicago Cubs / Wrigley Field Tour, Saturday, April 27, 2024 and you are invited! We are taking a tour bus from Faith Lutheran Church down to Wrigley Field where our very own Roger Schnorr will provide a 90 minute walking tour of the friendly confines.

Everyone must purchase a ticket online and ride the bus to and from Wrigley Field. There are no refunds. Price is \$65.00 per person. Price includes the bus, tour, and light appetizers at Murphy's Bleachers. Any other purchases (including alcohol) are on your own.

Please see website for all details and link to purchase a ticket. [www.discoveringfaith.com](http://www.discoveringfaith.com)

### **LAUGH ALL NIGHT COMEDY CONCERT**

**Sat May 4 | 7:00 PM**

#### **A Free Comedy Event for the Entire Family**

Join us for a night laughter and outrageous fun as Faith hosts "Laugh All Night Comedy Concert" featuring comedian, Rik Roberts, from Nashville, TN. This free comedy event is for the entire family and will be held in the auditorium. An offering will be received benefiting New Missions.

## **MOM'S GROUP: A Moment for Mom**

**Sat 5/11 | 10:00 AM**

We are hosting moms of children infants-elementary school to come together for a time of learning, laughter, and treats. Take a moment to connect with other moms, while enjoying a yummy breakfast, hearing from a knowledgeable speaker on topics related to parenting, and building your mom village along the way. Our group meets the 2nd Saturday of each month, through May, 10:00 AM - 12:15 PM. For more information about our guest speaker and topic lineup, and to register for events, please visit [www.discoveringfaith.com/amomentformom](http://www.discoveringfaith.com/amomentformom).

## **VBS -Scuba**

**7/8 - 7/12/24 | 9:00 AM**

Join us at Scuba VBS, where kids will dive deep into an amazing undersea adventure where they'll experience the ever-flowing, never-ending love of God. At Scuba VBS, kids will be immersed in the Word and discover what living water is really all about! 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)

## **ADULT ONLINE STUDY GROUP**

**Tuesdays | 7:00 PM**

### *Desperate for Hope*

Have you ever asked, Why am I going through this? What if this never gets better? Does God really care about me? When life falls apart, it's easy to feel alone and slip into despair—disillusioned with God, hopeless about the future, and doubting your faith.

This 7-week online study will be facilitated by Becky Marchiando. Please register online or at the welcome center so that we may send you Zoom credentials required to participate. Come join us!

## **KIDWERKS**

**Sundays at 9:30 AM**

Join us 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. For more information please contact [jenn@discoveringfaith.com](mailto:jenn@discoveringfaith.com)

## **REVOLUTION**

**Sundays | 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!

## **Giving at Faith! 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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