



Time after Pentecost
9:30 am worship service

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

Becoming fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

July 11, 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 : FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. We'll be looking at ways to allow the spirit to cultivate these virtues in our lives.

The Gathering

OPENING SONGS *please stand*

Hosanna

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)

(Pre-Chorus) (Pre-Chorus)

(Chorus) (Chorus)

10,000 Reasons

Chorus Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning
It's time to sin Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes (Chorus)

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find (Chorus)

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore (Chorus)

Worship Your holy name
Lord I'll worship Your holy name

OPENING PRAYER

L: O God, from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Word

FIRST LESSON

2 Samuel 9: 1-8

David asked, "Is there still anyone left of the house of Saul to whom I may show kindness for Jonathan's sake?" Now there was a servant of the house of Saul whose name was Ziba, and he was summoned to David. The king said to him, "Are you Ziba?" And he said, "At your service!" The king said, "Is there anyone remaining of the house of Saul to whom I may show the kindness of God?" Ziba said to the king, "There remains a son of Jonathan; he is crippled in his feet." The king said to him, "Where is he?" Ziba said to the king, "He is in the house of Machir son of Ammiel, at Lo-debar." Then King David sent and brought him from the house of Machir son of Ammiel, at Lo-debar. Mephibosheth son of Jonathan son of Saul came to David, and fell on his face and did obeisance. David said, "Mephibosheth!" He answered, "I am your servant." David said to him, "Do not be afraid, for I will show you kindness for the sake of your father Jonathan; I will restore to you all the land of your grandfather Saul, and you yourself shall eat at my table always." He did obeisance and said, "What is your servant, that you should look upon a dead dog such as I?"

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Great is Thy Faithfulness

please stand

Great is Thy faithfulness O God my Father
There is no shadow Of turning with Thee
Thou changest not Thy compassions they fail not
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be

Chorus Great is Thy faithfulness Great is Thy faithfulness
 Morning by morning New mercies I see
 All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
 Great is Thy faithfulness Lord unto me

GOSPEL

Matthew 25: 31-46

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’ Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

MESSAGE

Kindness | Pastor Rob

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A: Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

A: Holy parent, you welcome your people into one family and gather all things to yourself. Bestow your grace upon your beloved church, lavish your wisdom upon us, and redeem us from our faults, that by our witness all might praise your glory. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Awesome Creator, you steadfastly tend to the smallest of seeds and the mightiest of sycamore trees. Spring up green growth from the earth, nourish the growth of fruit, grain, and other crops, and bless the work of farmers and laborers. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: God of the oppressed, turn the ears of those who are in power to the voices of prophets in our own day. Protect those who speak difficult truths when it is risky to do so. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: God of strength, you are near to those who endure difficulty. Comfort all who are survivors of violence, guard the refugee and the immigrant, and protect all those who are victims of prejudice and discrimination. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: God of love, we pray for this holy house and all those who worship here. We pray especially for those whose efforts behind the scenes often go unnoticed; for the maintenance workers, for our office staff, and for all of our volunteers. 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: We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace.

C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

OFFERING RESPONSE

Victory Feast

please stand

Let the vineyards be fruitful Lord
Fill this cup of blessing to the brim
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown
That we may be fed with the bread of life
Gather the hopes and the dreams of all
Unite them with the prayers we offer now
Grace our table with your presence
and give us a foretaste of the feast

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

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
Your mercies are new with the morning sun
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)

DISMISSAL

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

C: **Thanks be to God.**

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

KIDWERKS JULY EVENT

Sat 7/17 | 10:00 AM

You're invited to join the Children's ministry team on site to clean up trash in the field behind the building and along the roads and then beautify our parking lots with your best chalk drawings! Donuts & juice will be provided!

50's DRIVE IN DINER

Sat 7/17 | 6:00 PM

Come on out to the Faith parking lot for a great night of food, fun, and entertainment at our 1950's Drive-in dinner show. Throw the ankle-biters in the back seat, drive on over to the Faith diner, roll down the windows, and enjoy some delicious food while some cool cats sing your favorite songs from the 50's. You'll also have a chance to win some fabulous prizes in our games and raffle. Soda Jerks will be on hand to make your favorite float. All proceeds go to support our middle & high school mission trip. Ticket price \$10.00 (includes food, entertainment, and outstanding service.) Purchase tickets here - <https://faith.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/134/responses/new>

RESET OUTDOOR WORSHIP & MINISTRY EXPO

Sun 7/18 | 9:30 AM

These past 16 months have been challenging to say the least. But things are changing and thankfully returning to normal. At Faith we want to take this opportunity to hit the refresh button and reset the rhythms of worshipping, connecting, growing, and serving. Join us for our reset weekend where we'll join in an inspiring outdoor worship service at 9:30am, followed by an invitation to Faith's ministry expo. You'll also have the chance to learn about new adult community groups, upcoming children & student events, and a join the leaders at Faith for a "Reset" conversation hosted by the church council.

MINISTRY EXPO 10:30 – 11:30 AM

The Ministry Expo is the perfect opportunity for kids and adults to learn about the variety of ways to use your gifts in serving. The expo gives you a chance to speak with leaders, pick up information, and sign up to serve. You'll also have the chance to enter your name to win one of three "serving expo gift packages," which includes our favorite Faith serving t-shirt, gift card, and a 5-hour energy bottle. The expo will run from 10:30 – 11:30am in the auditorium & Café. Spending 15 minutes at the expo will change lives, and most importantly, change you. It's time to reset and jump in!

COUGARS NIGHT FOR FLC

Sat 7/24 | 6:30 PM

Baseball anyone? Attend a minor league baseball team game with Faith friends. After the game, stay for the fireworks. Faith will have its own section and families will be seated in Pods. All ages welcome. Contact the church office for tickets.

For more information see: <https://www.kccougars.com>

KIDWERKS LIVE 2.0 - Now Meeting Onsite AND Online!

Kidwerks Live 2.0 is happening twice a month in the summer @ 9:30am in the auditorium and online for those who wish to participate from home!

Summer dates are: 6/27, 7/11, 7/25, 8/8, 8/22

For more information, please contact jenn@discoveringfaith.com

MISSION RESOURCE UPDATE

These past 15 months have presented unique challenges and the people of Faith have shown resilience, strength and generosity. We have remained strong in our mission and ministry.

Thank you for your faithful generosity of your time, talents, and financial resources. As we move into the second half of 2021 we are currently experiencing a funding gap between our income and expenses.

YTD Income	\$171,172.01
Expense	\$174,635.44
Net Income	-3,463.43

As we transition back to “normal life and reset the rhythms of our daily lives, the mission resource team would like to invite you to take this opportunity to reset the rhythm of your give by setting up your reoccurring giving online. It’s a safe, secure, and simple way to live out your generosity. To set up your giving, visit www.discoveringfaith.com/give.

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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