



Time after Pentecost
9:30 am worship service

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

Becoming fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

August 1, 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*

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

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Come Thou fount of every blessing
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it
Mount of Thy redeeming love

Here I raise my Ebenezer
Here by Thy great help I've come
And I hope by Thy good pleasure
Safely to arrive at home
Jesus sought me when a stranger
Wandering from the fold of God
He to rescue me from danger
Interposed His precious blood

Oh, to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be
Let Thy goodness like a fetter
Bind my wandering heart to Thee
Prone to wander, Lord I feel it
Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart, oh take and seal it
Seal it for Thy courts above

OPENING PRAYER

L: O God, eternal goodness, immeasurable love, you place your gifts before us; we eat and are satisfied. Fill us and this world in all its need with the life that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Word

FIRST LESSON

Colossians 3: 12-14

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.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

I Love You, Lord

please stand

I love You, Lord
and I lift my voice
to worship You!
O my soul, rejoice!
Take joy, My King, in what You hear,
May it be a sweet, sweet sound
In Your ear.

GOSPEL

John 6: 24-35

So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal."

Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to

eat.” Then Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.” Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

MESSAGE

Gentleness | Pastor Rob

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A: Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A: You call your church to be the body of Christ. Awaken all the baptized to the gifts you provide for carrying out the work of ministry. Where the church is divided, knit us together and restore the unity of the faith. Hear us, O God

C: Your mercy is great.

A: You command the clouds above and cause the wind to blow in the heavens. Watch over deserts and wilderness places. Regenerate rainforests, defend species at risk of extinction, and strengthen the work of conservation organizations. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: You summon leaders to respond to the needs of your people. Instill those who govern with patience when confronted with grievances and perseverance in seeking what promotes the well-being of the community. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: You draw near to those who cry out for help. Feed those who are hungry, reassure those who are despairing, and accompany those who are imprisoned. Rain down the true bread from heaven that gives life to the world. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: You receive all who come seeking a sign of grace. Make this congregation a place of hospitality for those accustomed to rejection. To those who have felt excluded here or elsewhere, prepare us to welcome them in the name of Christ. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

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

C: Your mercy is great.

P: We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the promise of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

OFFERING RESPONSE

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

Victory 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

Blessed Be Your Name

Blessed Be Your Name
In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow
Blessed be Your name

Blessed Be Your name
When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed Be Your name

Pre-Chorus Every blessing You pour out, I'll Turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in, Lord Still I will say

Chorus Blessed be the name of the Lord Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord Blessed be Your glorious name

Blessed be Your name
When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's 'all as it should be'
Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name
On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be Your name (*Pre-Chorus*) (*Chorus*)

You give and take away
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say
Lord, blessed be Your name (*Repeat*) (*Chorus*)

DISMISSAL

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

C: Thanks be to God.

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ONLINE STUDY GROUP

Begins 8/3 | 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

S'MORES & MORE!

Sat 8/14 | 5:00 PM

Help our local students prepare for the new school year. Faith is collecting supplies for Nancy Young school kids and packing them in backpacks. Join us on Saturday 8/14 to “stuff the backpacks” and then gather around the fire pits for fun, relaxation and of course s’mores. Supply lists will be available soon.

KIDWERKS KICKOFF PARTY!

Sat 8/21 | 3:00 PM

\$10/family (includes dinner)

Join us for a party to kickoff the start of the new children's ministry year! We will have games, water balloons, music, burgers and hotdogs and we'll cap off the afternoon with a visit from Dave Dinasso and his traveling world of reptiles!!

Contact jenn@discoveringfaith.com or sign up here

<https://faith.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/148/responses/new>

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: 8/8, 8/22

For more information, please contact jenn@discoveringfaith.com

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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