



Time After Pentecost
9:30 Worship Celebration

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

Becoming fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

September 20, 2026

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: ALL YOU NEED IS LOVE

Love. It's a word we use for everything—family, friends, food, even a favorite team. But what if we've been missing its true meaning all along? In a world full of noise, division, and fleeting emotions, there's a kind of love that never fails. It's not shallow. It's not self-serving. It's not temporary. It's the kind of love that transforms relationships, reshapes priorities, and reveals the very heart of God. Join us for a powerful new sermon series through 1 Corinthians 13 as we rediscover what love really is—and what it was always meant to be. Because when everything else fades... love remains.

The Gathering

Praise to the Lord (Joyful Joyful)

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation
O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation

Chorus 1 Come, all you hear, now to His temple draw near
Join me in glad adoration

Praise to the Lord, above all things so wondrously reigning
Sheltering you under his wings, and so gently sustaining

Chorus 2 Have you not seen all that is needful has been
Sent by his gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you
Surely His goodness and mercy shall daily attend you

Chorus 3 Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
If with His love He befriends you

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee
God of glory, Lord of love
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee
Op'ning to the Sun above (*Repeat*)

Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore Him
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him

Chorus 4 Let the Amen sound from His people again
Gladly forever adore Him

Come Thou Fount, Come Thou King

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

I was lost in utter darkness 'Til You came and rescued me
I was bound by all my sin when Your love came and set me free
Now my soul can sing a new song Now my heart has found a home
Now Your grace is always with me And I'll never be alone

Chorus Come Thou Fount come Thou King
 Come Thou precious Prince of Peace
 Hear Your bride to You we sing
 Come Thou Fount of our blessing
 (Repeat)

O 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 Lord take and seal it Seal it for Thy courts above
(Chorus)

I was lost in utter darkness 'Til You came and rescued me
I was bound by all my sin when Your love came and set me free
Now my soul can sing a new song Now my heart has found a home
Now Your grace is always with me And I'll never be alone

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Word

READING

1 Corinthians 13: 1-8

If I speak in the tongues of humans and of angels but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers and understand all mysteries and all knowledge and if I have all faith so as to remove mountains but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions and if I hand over my body so that I may boast but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable; it keeps no record of wrongs; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends.

GO, SERVE, LOVE: MUTUAL GROUND

RESPONSE

In Christ Alone

please stand

In Christ alone, my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This cornerstone, this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm

What heights of love What depths of peace
When fears are stilled When strivings cease
My Comforter, my all in all Here in the love of Christ I stand

GO, SERVE, LOVE: SHARING CONNECTIONS

RESPONSE

please stand

In Christ Alone

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious Blood of Christ

GO, SERVE, LOVE: LOAVES & FISHES

RESPONSE

please stand

In Christ Alone

No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of Hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

GO, SERVE, LOVE: RADICAL LOVE

MESSAGE

Love is Envy-free | Pastor Rob

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

OFFERING RESPONSE

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

please stand

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!
Fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation, enter ev'ry trembling heart.

OFFERATORY PRAYER

A: God of creation,
you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly.
All blessings are from you;
make us generous with what we have.
Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts
in service to you and in love to our neighbors,
today and always.

C: **Amen.**

The Meal

P: Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:

C: Blessed are you for the birth of creation.

P: Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.

C: Blessed are you for your promise to all people.

P: Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.

C: Blessed are you for your gracious love.

P: Blessed are you for your son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

C: Come, Lord Jesus.

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 invites you to this table.

All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

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: Sustaining God,
with this bread and cup,
you nourish us with mercy and abundant life.
By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world.
Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love,
following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.

C: **Amen.**

CLOSING SONG

Glorious Day

I was buried beneath my shame
Who could carry that kind of weight?
It was my tomb 'til I met You

I was breathing but not alive
All my failures I tried to hide
It was my tomb 'til I met You

Chorus You Called my name and I ran out of that grave
 Out of the darkness into Your glorious day
 You called my name and I ran out of that grave
 Out of the darkness into Your glorious day

Now Your mercy has saved my soul
Now Your freedom is all that I know
The old made new, Jesus, when I met You (*Chorus*)

I needed rescue, my sin was heavy
But the chains break at the weight of Your glory
I needed shelter, I was an orphan
Now You call me a citizen of Heaven

When I was broken, You were my healing
Now Your love is the air that I'm breathing
I have a future
My eyes are open, cause when (*Chorus*)

DISMISSAL

P: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

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 KICK OFF

Sun 9/20 | 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 engaging night of growing as followers of Jesus. Student ministries meets the first and third Sundays of the month. Register today at www.discoveringfaith.com/students.

ADULT ONLINE STUDY GROUP

Tues 9/22 | 7:15 PM

Drive Through History: Temple, Cross and the Empty Tomb

In a style all his own, Dave Stotts—host and editor of Drive Thru History—speeds through the ancient world of the Bible, giving you a fast-paced encounter with the people, places, and events that have shaped our world and the Christian faith.

In this 3-week study, the group will be following and discussing Dave's journey from Jerusalem to Calvary.

MENS COMMUNITY GROUP

Sat 9/26 | 8:00 AM

Meets fireside at Faith, the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month.

In addition to coffee, great conversation, and fellowship, we typically are engaged in a spiritual study topic or video discussion. Come join us!

NEXT

Sun 10/4 | 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.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Sun 10/4 | 2:00 PM

From kittens to chickens, guppies to puppies, join us for our blessing of all animals great and small. This free event celebrating the Feast of St. Francis is open to the entire community, so come and enjoy this soon to be annual tradition. A short service will be led by Pastor Rob followed by individual pet blessings. Refreshments for pets and their humans will be served. In the event of inclement weather, the blessing will take place in the café. We will also be collecting donations for the Naperville Area Humane Society. Link below for the shelter's wish list. So, bring your pets to be blessed and help us to bless other animals who are in need. <https://www.naperhumane.org/wish-list>

ADULT ONLINE STUDY GROUP

Begins 10/6 | 7:15 PM

Epic of Eden

The Old Testament can feel like a puzzle. Richter's substantive and profoundly spiritual exploration shows how the pieces fit together and how accessible the narrative truly is! We plan to begin our next study on October 6. This will be a twelve week study.

A MOMENT FOR MOM

Sat 10/10 | 10:00 AM

We welcome you to our moms group for moms just like you! We are hosting moms of children ages 0-10 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 build your mom village along the way. Each Session is \$6, Childcare is \$8

Guest Speaker: Joseph Agostinelli, PT

Where We Hold Our Stress and Why It Matters, Jaw and Neck Techniques to Release Tension
Register online www.discoveringfaith.com

PROJECT 3:23 GAME ON!

Sat 10/10 | 1:00 PM

Come hang out. Meet some guys. Play a few games. Game On is the first gathering of Project 3:23, a new monthly group for men in their 20s, 30s, and 40s. We're keeping the first one simple and casual—just a chance to meet some new guys, relax, have some fun, and start building relationships. We'll play a few games, with Priorities at the center of the afternoon. It's an easy, fun way to learn what matters to one another and spark some genuine conversation along the way. This isn't a Bible study, a formal meeting, or another big commitment. It's simply a place for guys to show up, hang out, and get to know each other. Come as you are. No experience necessary.

BUNCO NIGHT

Sat 10/10 | 5:00 PM

Come join us for our annual Bunco Night at Faith. Fun, friendship and a spirited game night. Cost is \$5/person and bring a dish to share. BYOB

MEMBERSHIP @ FAITH

Mon 10/12 | 6:30 PM

This course invites participants to explore the vision, mission and values of Faith, as well as a broad overview of the Christian faith from a Lutheran perspective. Participants will also discover their unique gifts and how they can use them in serving others. This course is open to everyone and is expected of those who wish to become members at Faith! Register online or at the welcome center.

MONDAY PM WOMENS BIBLE STUDY

Mon 10/12 | 7:15 PM

The Silent Echo

When God really wants to get your attention, he doesn't just say something once. He echoes. He speaks through a Sunday sermon, a chance conversation with a friend the next day, even a random email. The same theme, idea, impression or lesson will repeat itself in surprising and unexpected ways until you realize that maybe, just maybe God is at work. Come join us on Monday nights for a discussion of Margaret Feinberg's book. The bible study will meet October 12 & 26; November 9 & 23; December 7 & 21

HESED HOUSE

Weds 10/21 | 6:30 PM

Faith's next serving opportunity at Hesus House is August 19. We will need roughly 5 to 10 volunteers to help with meal setup, serving and cleanup. Volunteers can conveniently sign up online or at the welcome center. All that's needed is a serving heart. Sign up today! If you have questions about Faith's Hesus House ministry, please reach out to the ministry team at heshedhouse@discoveringfaith.com.

TUESDAY AM WOMENS BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays | 9:00 AM

The Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study have resumed their weekly meetings at the church at 9:00 a.m. This fall the group is reading Jesus In Me ~ Experiencing the Holy Spirit as a Constant Companion by Anne Graham Lotz.

Copies of the book can be purchased at the meeting for \$11.00. The book is also available on Amazon in Kindle and Audiobook formats. All women of Faith and their friends are welcome and encouraged to attend. We would love to have you join us! For additional information contact Sue Boozell at sue.boozell@discoveringfaith.com.

FAITHFUL FOUNDATIONS CAMPAIGN

Our 2026 Faithful Foundations campaign aims to raise \$75,000 for Faith. Our building and grounds are 18 years old and need some tender loving care.

The goal for this fundraising campaign is to:

- Repair and Upgrade our HVAC units.
- Improve our parking lot.
- Upgrades to our building's interior painting, furniture, light fixtures and improvements to our auditorium.
- Landscaping around the church.
- Signage at the parking lot entrance.

Current total raised \$44,648!

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.

JOYS & CONCERNS

The Family of Joan Richied- aunt of Deron Johnson, who passed away
The Family of Larry Ockelmann- cousin of Greg Spears, who passed away
Hunter, grandson of Jim & Vizma Ahng
Brittany Davis, Scott Perkins
Marilyn, friend of Greg Boyles
Anita, friend of Andrew & Linnea Schmidt
Lydia Emmons, friend of Linda Weigel
Maiders and Dolphin families, friends of Shiela Scott
Tom, brother-in-law of Char Autry
Marilyn Meridith, niece of Judy Bridge
Sasha, friend and neighbor of Danita Curry
Marcia, mother of Judy Bridge's daughter in law
Shawn Scott, Lisa McQueen, Mark Nelson, Mike Drake
Asher Rothmeyer, Dixie Drake
Randy & Bonnie Schumacher
Jody, friend of Judy Brown
Bob, Judy Brown's sister's brother-in-law
Emily and Wyatt Fletcher, friends of Amy Runge
Jim Church, father of Jill North
Woody, friend of Judy Bridge
Jim & Rosa Kutak
Dale & Judy Bridge
Stephanie & Sarah Van Tieghem
Don & Lauri Schueman
Jerry Wilson, Dawn Mauch, Sue Hoppe
Gladys & Lamberto, friends of Teddy Pluschke
Dawn Schmidt, stepmother of Andrew Schmidt
Todd Barrs, Charlie Meurer, Buzz Schwandt
Christine Victorian, Gary Weigel, Bob Wiencek
Gia & Letsa, friends of Claudia & Don Cossairt



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