



Sixth Sunday of Easter
9:30 Worship Celebration

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

Becoming fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

May 14, 2023

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: LIVING WITH MARGIN

Have you ever said, "I'm overloaded. I just can't get it all done. I can't catch up"? Many of us feel like we're chronically rushed, chronically late, and chronically exhausted. We're overwhelmed by activities, choices, work, debt, and more, and we feel a constant strain on ourselves and our relationships. Join us for this four-part series where you'll learn how God designed your body to follow a regular cycle of work and rest, and how building margin into your life will lower your stress and tension and increase your peace of mind. Find out how living with margin will give you a healthier life, as well as make you available to be used and blessed by God.

The Gathering

OPENING SONG

Mighty to Save

Everyone needs compassion
Love that's never failing
Let mercy fall on me
Everyone needs forgiveness
The kindness of a savior
The hope of nations

Chorus Saviour, He can move the mountains
 My God is mighty to save
 He is mighty to save
 Forever, author of salvation
 He rose and conquered the grave
 Jesus conquered the grave

So take me as you find me
All my fears and failures
Fill my life again
I give my life to follow
Everything I believe in
Now I surrender (Chorus)

Shine your light and
Let the whole world see
We're singing
For the glory
Of the risen King... Jesus (Chorus) (Chorus)

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: Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Word

READING

Psalm 90: 1-12

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

You turn us back to dust, and say, "Turn back, you mortals."

For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past, or like a watch in the night.

You sweep them away; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning;

in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers.

For we are consumed by your anger; by your wrath we are overwhelmed.

You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

For all our days pass away under your wrath; our years come to an end like a sigh.

The days of our life are seventy years, or perhaps eighty, if we are strong; even then their span is only toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away.

Who considers the power of your anger? Your wrath is as great as the fear that is due you.

So teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

please stand

Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art
Thou my best thought by day or by night
Waking or sleeping Thy presence my light

GOSPEL

John 14:15-21

”If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

”I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

MESSAGE

Time | Pastor Rob

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- A: United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.
- A: God our faithful companion, you promise to never leave us and to send your Spirit to guide us in wisdom and truth. Send your people into the world to serve as mirrors that reflect and magnify your love. Hear us, O God.
- C: Your mercy is great.**
- A: All the earth sings praises to you. Grant your care to the creatures, plants, and places that are suffering, and equip us to respond to their song. Make us agents of restoration and refreshment for all your beloved creation. Hear us, O God.
- C: Your mercy is great.**

A: You call all people of the world your children. Judge the nations justly, show mercy to all who are oppressed, and speak truth to power through your prophets. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Nurturing Lord, you sent your Spirit to grant us peace. Make your presence known to those who feel abandoned or alone, and to all who are sick or grieving. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: You hold us in your loving care. We pray for mothers and mother figures. Console all who long to be mothers, children estranged from their mothers, anyone grieving the death of a mother, and mothers who have lost a child. Support all for whom this day is difficult. 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: Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

C: Amen.

The Meal

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

OFFERING RESPONSE

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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: Generous God,
in this meal you offer your very self.
We give thanks for these gifts of the earth.
In the breaking of this bread
reveal to us the Risen One.
In the pouring of this wine
pour us out in service to the world;
through Christ our Lord.
- C: **Amen**

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: Come and know Christ,
broken and poured out for you.

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: Gracious God,
in you we live and move and have our being.
With your word and this meal of grace,
you have nourished our life together.
Strengthen us to show your love
and serve the world in Jesus' name.

C: **Amen.**

CLOSING SONG

Come Thou Fount, Come Thou King

Come Thou Fount of ev'ry 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
 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

O to grace how great a debtor Daily I'm constrained to be
Let Thy goodness like a fetter Bind my wand'ring 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)

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

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!

FLOCKING FLAMINGO'S FUNDRAISER

May

April Showers bring May Flamingos

Flamingo season is almost here at Faith. Yes, two flocks of those lovely, tacky, plastic, pink flamingo lawn ornaments are about to descend upon the lawns of various families of Faith. Fortunately, we have a trained team of flamingo handlers who are ready to remove them should they land in your yard. Removal fee is \$20.

You can join the fun by requesting these flocks land at a specific address. Special requests will be honored for \$10. Get someone before they get you! So choose wisely, and have fun playing the game all month long!

Want to insure against the removal cost of these pesky birds? Flamingo Insurance is available for only \$10. Buy early; the cost of removing these from your yard is double.

All proceeds go to support the Uganda Mission Trip team. Details, special requests, and insurance certificates are available at the Pink Flamingo Table, or online.

Thanks for playing, and for your support.

KIDWERKS ANIMAL EXTRAVAGANZA

Sat 5/20 | 3:30 PM

Join us Saturday afternoon, May 20th, 3:30-5:00 PM, for a day of learning, serving, and petting some of God's most precious creatures. We will have an onsite petting zoo and educational program with exotic animals and creatures, and will be collecting donations for ADOPT animal shelter in Naperville. There is no cost for this event but reservations are required. Please reserve your spot today! Complete details available on the website, www.discoveringfaith.com/kids.

BUNCO NIGHT

Sat 5/20 | 5:00 PM

It's Bunco Night at Faith! Event open to all adults. Bring your neighbors and friends. Prizes will be awarded. Doors open at 4:30 PM. Cost is \$5/person, collected at the door. Bring an appetizer to share. We're going to have a great time!

NEXT

Sun 5/21 | 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 we call NEXT. This informal gathering lasts only about 20 minutes. It 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 at the church after each service.

INTERESTED IN SERVING IN MUSIC MINISTRY?

Tues 5/23 | 8:00 PM

Open Jam Session with Danny Singh

Do you play an instrument, or enjoy singing, and have been interested in sharing your gifts at Faith. Danny Singh, Faith's new worship leader, will be hosting an open jam/rehearsal session on Tuesday, May 23 where you'll have the chance to learn about opportunities to serve in our music ministry. This gathering will also include an informal jam/rehearsal session. Come meet Danny, ask questions, and have fun connecting with other musicians at Faith. For more information contact Danny at: Danny@discoveringfaith.com.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Mondays | 7:15 PM

The Power of a Woman's Words

We're excited to announce our new Spring Ladies Bible Study focusing on the book "The Power of a Woman's Words" by Sharon Jaynes. In this 6 week bible study we will learn how our words can be changed to lift up and encourage others. We will meet at Faith the 2nd and 4th Mondays of May. The bible study is led by Kris Harvey. The book may be purchased online or Kris can order a copy for you if needed. Just let Kris know. No need to register. Just come join us!

VBS -Stellar

7/10 - 7/14 | 9:00 AM

Join us at Stellar VBS, where we'll explore rugged moonscapes, colorful constellations, and lunar landers as we dig into God's great love! 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 or register online at discoveringfaith.com

MISSION TRIP 2023 – UGANDA

June 1-13 | Donate today!

It's just around the corner! The team is assembled and making preparations to leave for Kampala Uganda on June 1st. What an extraordinary opportunity to serve God alongside our ministry partner Watoto . There are a number of needs that have yet to be met, including travel expenses and ministry supplies.

Show your support by considering a donation today – discoveringfaith.com/missionuganda2023

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- The children's ministry team is looking for volunteers to join us for VBS this summer, July 10-14. We are looking for both teen and adult volunteers for the week. Please contact jenn@discoveringfaith.com if you're interested in serving this summer!

A New Mom's Group coming to Faith

"A Moment for Mom"

We are looking to launch a moms group this fall, that will meet once a month on Saturday mornings and provide a moment for moms to learn, connect, and recharge. There will be a speaker on a mom related topic, a meal and childcare. If you are interested in learning more, or would like to serve on the team, indicate your interest on a connection card, or contact the church office. We will have an informational meeting in May, more info on that to come.

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.

Prayers

If you would like to add someone to our prayer list and have the prayer team pray for them, please contact the church office at [\(630\) 862-3500](tel:6308623500) or send an e-mail prayerteam@discoveringfaith.com

Prayer concerns will be listed for four weeks unless otherwise noted.

Care

If you know of someone who is in need of emotional, physical, or spiritual support, please contact our care team at: careteam@discoveringfaith.com

Pastoral Emergency

In the case of an emergency that requires immediate Pastoral Care, please contact Pastor Rob directly on his cell phone at [\(630\) 248-5515](tel:6302485515).



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