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First Sunday in Lent  
9:15 am worship service

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

Becoming fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

February 21, 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 WORSHIP SERIES: KINGDOM COME**

We often read the Bible for application, inspiration, or direction. However, there are times when the author wants to simply point the reader to a big idea—an idea that fits with God's grand story. In the Gospel of Mark, we read about Peter's experience with Jesus that led Peter to believe in one big idea: the kingdom of God has come, and everyone is invited to participate.

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# The Gathering

**OPENING SONG** *please stand*

## **All My Fountains**

This dry and desert land  
I tell myself, "Keep walking on"  
Hear something up ahead  
Water falling like a song  
An everlasting stream  
Your river carries me home  
Let it flow, let it flow

All my fountains

A flood for my soul  
A well that never will run dry  
I've rambled on my own  
Never believing I would find  
An everlasting stream  
Your river carries me home  
Let it flow, let it flow

Open the heavens, come, living water  
All my fountains are in You  
You're strong like a river  
Your love is running through  
All my fountains are in You

Come on and rain down on us  
Rain down on us, Lord

All my fountains are in You  
All my fountains are in You

## **One Thing Remains**

Higher than the mountains that I face  
Stronger than the power of the grave  
Constant through the trial and the change  
One thing remains, One thing remains

*Chorus* Your love never fails, never gives up  
Never runs out on me  
Your love never fails, never gives up  
Never runs out on me  
Your love never fails, never gives up  
Never runs out on me Your love...

On and on and on and on it goes  
It overwhelms and satisfies my soul  
And I never, ever, have to be afraid  
One thing remains (*Chorus*)

In death, In life I'm confident and covered by  
The power of Your great love My debt is paid  
There's nothing that can separate  
My heart from Your great love... (*Repeat*) (*Verse 1*)

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **OPENING PRAYER**

L: Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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# The Word

## FIRST LESSON

1 Peter 3:18-22

For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water.

And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

On Eagle's Wings

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord  
Who abide in His shadow for life  
Say to the Lord, my refuge  
My rock in whom I trust

And He will raise you up on eagle's wings  
Bear you on the breath of dawn  
Make you to shine like the sun, and  
Hold you in the palm of His hand

## GOSPEL

Mark 2: 13-17

Jesus went out again beside the sea; the whole crowd gathered around him, and he taught them. As he was walking along, he saw Levi son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in Levi’s house, many tax collectors and sinners were also sitting with Jesus and his disciples—for there were many who followed him. When the scribes of the Pharisees saw that he was eating with sinners and tax collectors, they said to his disciples, “Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?” When Jesus heard this, he said to them, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick; I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.”

## MESSAGE

Missing the Mark | Pastor Rob

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P: Relying on the promises of God, we pray boldly for the church, the world, and all in need

P: In Jesus your realm has come near to us in every place and time. Give your church throughout the world a spirit of humility and repentance; teach us to trust always in the good news of your salvation. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: You have made a covenant of mercy with every living creature. Protect all the earth’s creatures from destruction. Empower the work of biologists, conservationists, and science educators. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: All your paths are steadfast love and faithfulness. Direct the words and actions of leaders in our community and throughout the world, that they may maintain justice for the lowly. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Even in the wilderness you are with us. Walk alongside migrants and refugees crossing dangerous lands. Tend to those whose lives feel desolate. Give healing and strength to all who suffer. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: In the covenant of baptism you claim us as beloved children. Nurture us in our baptismal identity and teach us to live within it for the sake of others. Strengthen this congregation's ministries of care and concern. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: (Prayers of the community), Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O faithful God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**C: 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**

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## *The Sending*

### **BLESSING**

P: God the creator strengthen you;  
Jesus the beloved fill you;  
and the Holy Spirit the comforter † keep you in peace.

**C: Amen**

### **CLOSING SONG**

### **Your Love Oh Lord**

Your love O Lord  
Reaches to the heavens  
Your faithfulness  
Stretches to the sky  
Your righteousness  
Is like the mighty mountains  
Your justice flows  
Like the ocean's tide

I will lift my voice  
To worship You my King  
I will find my strength  
In the shadow of Your wings

Your love O Lord  
Reaches to the heavens  
Your faithfulness  
Stretches to the sky

### **DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

**C: Thanks be to God.**



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## NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### LENTEN SEASON

These forty days called Lent are like no other. It is our opportune time to return to the God who rescues; to receive the gifts of God's grace; to believe with the heart and confess with the mouth the wonder of God's love in Jesus; and to resist temptation at every turn. This is no small pilgrimage on which we will embark. It is a struggle Jesus knew. It is a struggle Jesus shares. The nearness of the Lord, in bread and wine, water and word, will uphold and sustain us.

### MIDWEEK LENT WORSHIP

**Begins Weds 2/24 | 7:00 PM**

We want to invite you to our midweek lenten worship event that will be held on Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm. This 30 minute, interactive, online Zoom gathering will be filled with music, a message, worship and prayer. Following the service we'll host a virtual coffee hour where you'll have the chance to connect with other.

### MIDWEEK LENT WORSHIP SERIES - I QUIT

**Weds 2/24 – 3/24 | 7:00 PM**

Fed up with the status quo? The way things are isn't the way things have to be. Come see what happens when we're ready to say, "I quit." Join us Wednesdays at 7:00PM during the season of lent as we look at letting go of four habits that keep us from experiencing the life God has for us. This series is about learning to do less so that we can experience more!

### ADULT ONLINE STUDY GROUP

**Tuesdays | 7:00 PM**

#### 30 Days to Understanding the Bible

The problem most of us have with the Bible is we never got the big picture. Master the Bible by looking at only a manageable amount of information. In 30 days, you'll have a complete understanding of the story of the Bible and the core teachings or doctrines that Christians have held onto throughout the centuries, presented in bite-sized pieces. This six-session online series is led by Pastor Rob and meets on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 - 8:00pm.

Register online: <https://faith.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/115/responses/new>

### ADULT ONLINE STUDY GROUP

**Wednesdays | 7:00 PM**

#### Rhythms of Renewal

Daily struggles with anxiety and stress make it difficult to receive God's peace. Rhythms of Renewal will help you trade your anxiety for the vibrant life you were meant to live through four profound rhythms: rest, restore, connect, and create. With encouraging stories and

practical steps, Rebekah Lyons will help you begin an intentional, lifelong journey toward sustained emotional, relational, and spiritual health. Rebekah shares a pathway to establish four life-giving rhythms that quiet inner chaos and make room for a flourishing life. This five-session online series is led by Pastor Rob and meets on Wednesday nights from 7:00-8:00pm. Register online: <https://faith.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/116/responses/new>

### **REVOLUTION ONLINE**

**Sundays | 5:00 & 6:00 PM**

God is good, and He is with us in everything! We want our students to know that, trust that, and experience that every moment of their lives. Our fall groups for middle & high school students have begun. These 45 minute gatherings will allow our students to connect with each other and with God, and grow in their faith. This will be a fun, and engaging opportunity for your child to connect with others during this confusing time, where they will find encouragement, support, and growth.

### **KIDWERKS LIVE**

**Sundays | 10:30 AM**

We've changed to a new time and a new engaging format to help our kids connect with God and with each other. Every Sunday morning kids are invited to connect and grow through our Kidwerks Live 2.0. This fun, interactive, event happens at our new time at 10:30am.

### **BRIGHT BEGINNINGS REGISTRATION**

We are now accepting registrations for Fall 2021.

Information and forms for registration are available on the website [discoveringfaith.com](https://discoveringfaith.com) under the "preschool" tab. Feel free to call the church and leave a message at ext. 103 or email [jenn@discoveringfaith.com](mailto:jenn@discoveringfaith.com) and Jenn will get back to you as soon as possible.





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