



One Another

Time After Pentecost
9:30 am worship service

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

Becoming fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

July 24, 2022

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 : ONE ANOTHER

In the early days of the church, Jesus followers were famous for how they loved one another. For the church to have that same reputation now, there are three areas we should pay close attention to.

The Gathering

OPENING SONGS *please stand*

This I Believe

Our Father everlasting
the all-creating One
God Almighty
Through your Holy Spirit
Conceiving Christ the Son
Jesus our Saviour

Chorus I believe in God our Father I believe in Christ the Son
 I believe in the Holy Spirit Our God is three in One
 I believe in the resurrection That we will rise again
 For I believe in the Name of Jesus

Our Judge and our Defender
Suffered and crucified
Forgiveness is in You
Descended into darkness
You rose in glorious light
Forever seated high (*Chorus*)

I believe in You
I believe You rose again
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord

I believe in life eternal
I believe in the virgin birth
I believe in the saints' communion
And in Your Holy Church
I believe in the resurrection
When Jesus comes again
For I believe in the Name of Jesus (*Chorus*)

Here I Am to Worship

Light of the world
You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes let me see
Beauty that made
This heart adore You
Hope of a life spent with You

Chorus So here I am to worship
 Here I am to bow down
 Here I am to say that You're my God
 And You're altogether lovely
 Altogether worthy
 Altogether wonderful to me

King of all days
Oh so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came
To the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor

And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross
And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross *(Repeat)*

(Chorus) (Chorus)

OPENING PRAYER

L: Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Word

FIRST LESSON

Romans 12: 9 -21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

How Deep the Father's Love For Us

please stand

How deep the Father's love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure

How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory

GOSPEL

Luke 11: 1-13

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.” He said to them, “When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.” And he said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.’ And he answers from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.’ I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. “So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

MESSAGE

Let Go | Pastor Rob

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A: Trusting in God’s extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

A: Rooted and built up in Christ, we pray for the church. Embolden church leaders to take risks for the sake of the gospel, and equip the baptized to proclaim your extravagant love for the whole world. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Rejoicing in the works of your hands, we pray for the natural world. Make rivers and lakes, oceans and all waterways, sparkle with your radiance. Protect water sources and strengthen those who defend them. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Interceding on behalf of the vulnerable, we pray for the peoples of the world. Inspire all rulers and governing authorities with your justice. Guide the work of legislators and public officials, that they advocate for the well-being of those they serve. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Persistent in prayer, we pray for our neighbors in need. To all who have hunger, give daily bread. To all who have bread, give hunger for justice. Open us to the cries of those who suffer. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Abounding in thanksgiving, we pray for this congregation. Bless the prayer and fellowship ministries in this place. Call us together in times of praise and blessing, trouble and sorrow, in your holy name. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

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

C: receive our prayer.

P: Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom.

C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

OFFERING RESPONSE

Give Thanks

please stand

Give thanks with a grateful heart Give thanks to the holy one

Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, His son.

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And now let the weak say I am strong Let the poor say I am rich.
Because of what the Lord has done for us
And now let the weak say I am strong Let the poor say I am rich.
Because of what the Lord has done for us
Give thanks!

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: God of abundance:
you have set before us a plentiful harvest.
As we feast on your goodness,
strengthen us to labor in your field,
and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all,
in the name of Jesus..

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.

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: In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy.
Come to the banquet.

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: Life-giving God,
through this meal you have bandaged our wounds
and fed us with your mercy.
Now send us forth to live for others,
both friend and stranger,
that all may come to know your love.
This we pray in the name of Jesus.

C: **Amen**

BLESSING

P: The God of peace,
Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you, comfort you,
and show you the path of life
this day and always.

C: **Amen.**

CLOSING SONG

I was hopeless I knew I was lost
Death and darkness were my only songs
I needed someone to come rescue me
Then mercy heard my plea

Lord You found me You healed me
You called me from the grave
You gave me a real love
I thank You Jesus
You washed my sins away
Oh now I'm living like I'm forgiven
You came and set me free
That's what Your mercy did for me

You gave me beauty for my guilty stains
And now I'm living day to day by Your grace
So excuse me if I can't contain my praise
'Cause I know that I've been saved

Every morning mercy will restore me
I will proclaim
Even if the world may fall before me
I will proclaim
That's what Your mercy did for me (5X)

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

C: Thanks be to God.

What Mercy Did For Me

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!

ADULT ONLINE STUDY GROUP

Begins Tues 8/2 | 7:00 PM

Eternity Is Now In Session

In *Eternity Is Now in Session*, bestselling author John Ortberg dispels the myth that eternal life is something way out in outer space that we can only hope to experience after we die—and that being saved is merely about meeting the minimal entrance requirements for getting into heaven. Instead, John unpacks the reality that the moment we trust Christ, we are initiated into “eternal living” with God as a here and now reality, one that will continue beyond our life on this earth. Participation via Zoom. Please register at

www.discoveringfaith.com

#LINDSAYSTRONG BLOOD DRIVE

Sun 8/7 | 10:00AM

FLC member Christy Pelaez's daughter Lindsay has been diagnosed with Leukemia & is in need of blood transfusions. Faith will be hosting a blood drive for Lindsay on Sun, Aug 7, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM in the auditorium. There will be snacks and more! Download the flyer from the Faith website discoveringfaith.com/news#blooddrive for complete details, including how to schedule an appointment.

FAITH LUAU FUNDRAISER

Sat 8/13 | 5:00 PM

Adults (21+) are invited to attend the Faith Luau! Wear your fun Hawaiian themed attire, eat some great food, listen to some great music & have FUN! Cost is \$15/person or \$25/couple. Funds go to support the ministries of Faith.

OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE

Sun 8/14 | 9:30 AM

Join us on Sunday, July 10 for our drive-in church service! There will be just one service that day at 9:30 AM. You are invited to worship from your car or bring a lawn chair and blankets and sit on the lawn. Don't forget to bring the whole family, including the dog.

HESED HOUSE SERVE OPPORTUNITY

Wed 8/17 | 6:30 PM

Great news! We are starting up the Hesed House ministry again. We will need roughly 5 to 10 volunteers to help with meal setup, serving, and cleanup. We will not be providing the meal as we have in past years. Going forward, we are slotted to serve the 3rd Wednesday every other month from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM. Volunteers can conveniently signup online or at the welcome center. All that's needed is a serving heart.

If you have questions about Faith's Hesed House ministry, please reach out to the ministry team at hessedhouse@discoveringfaith.com.

NEXT

Sun 8/21 | 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 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

SERVING OPPORTUNITIES AT FAITH

There are numerous ways to share in the our mission of inviting, growing, and serving. Below are current serving opportunities that are looking for the right person. If you would be interested in learning more, fill out a welcome card or the online connections card and a member of our team will get back to you with additional information Thank you for serving!

- **Grounds Team Volunteer** - Volunteers carry out a variety of grounds maintenance tasks such as weeding, planting, trimming, etc. Teams do a great job of beautifying and maintaining the landscape, while enjoying a very special fellowship as they serve God together.
- **Media Team Volunteer** - Volunteers in this ministry run the media during the 8:00 & 9:30 am services. Familiarity with computers is a benefit but not required. Training is available.
- **Sound Team** - Volunteers control the sound board for our 8:00 & 9:30 am worship services. Training is available. No previous experience necessary.
- **Live Stream Team** - Volunteers operate video equipment for our 8:00 and 9:30 AM worship services. Training is provided. No previous experience necessary.

KIDWERKS Summer Schedule

Sundays at 9:30am

July: 24th, August 7th & 21st

We will continue to meet this summer every other week both online and in-person. Join us for a summer of fun and learning! To register go to discoveringfaith.com or for more information please contact jenn@discoveringfaith.com

GRIEFSHARE AT FAITH

Begins 8/23 | 6:30 PM

Anyone who has experienced the death of a family member or friend is invited to attend our new GriefShare series. The sessions are held each week on Tuesdays at 6:30 - 8:00 pm at Faith.

GriefShare is a nondenominational, biblical support group that focuses on helping people who are dealing with a loved one's death. Each DVD session features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories, followed by small group discussion about the topics presented (with workbook support). The workbook also provides a brief daily Bible study. These sessions are open to any adult regardless of whether your experience is recent or not so recent.

The group is led by individuals who have personally experienced grief due to a loved one's death. Each leader is trained in facilitating a GriefShare support group.

The \$15.00 registration fee includes materials. (Please don't allow this fee to keep you from attending; we do have scholarships available.) To register visit www.discoveringfaith.com/griefshare

For additional information contact Pastor Rob, or call the church office at (630) 862-3500.

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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