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Rite of Confirmation  
9:30 Worship Celebration

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

Becoming fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

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## **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:**

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# The Gathering

## OPENING SONG

### Agnus Dei

A-lle-lui-a A-llel-ui-a

For the Lord, God Almighty, reigns

A-llel-ui-a (*Repeat*)

*Chorus* Holy Holy

Are You, Lord, God Almighty

Worthy is the Lamb Worthy is the Lamb

You are holy holy

Are You, Lord, God Almighty

Worthy is the Lamb Worthy is the Lamb

Amen

A-lle-lui-a A-llel-ui-a

For the Lord, God Almighty, reigns

A-llel-ui-a (*Repeat*) (*Chorus*)

## **Build My Life**

Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing  
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring  
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe  
We live for You

Jesus the name above ev'ry other name  
Jesus the only one who could ever save  
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe  
We live for You We live for You

Holy there is no one like You  
There is none beside You  
Open up my eyes in wonder and show me who You are  
And fill me with Your heart  
And lead me in Your love to those around me

I will build my life upon Your love  
It is a firm foundation  
I will put my trust in You alone  
And I will not be shaken

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

L: Mighty God, you breathe life into our bones, and your Spirit brings truth to the world. Send us this Spirit, transform us by your truth, and give us language to proclaim your gospel, 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**

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## The Word

### READING

### Acts 2: 1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

**MY FAITH**

Kevin Clemm

**RESPONSE**

Here I Am, Lord

**"I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.  
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?"**

***Refrain:* Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.**

**MY FAITH**

Amber Gabris

**RESPONSE**

Here I Am, Lord

**"I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them.  
Whom shall I send?" *Refrain***

**MY FAITH**

Annabelle Nawrocki

**RESPONSE**

Here I Am, Lord

**"I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them.  
Whom shall I send?" *Refrain***

## MY FAITH

Kelsey Howard

## RESPONSE

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

**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.  
While the hope of endless glory  
Fills my heart with joy and love,  
Teach me ever to adore thee;  
May I still thy goodness prove.**

## MY FAITH

Mane Brolley

## RESPONSE

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

**Here I raise my Ebenezer  
Here there by Thy 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**

## RITE OF CONFIRMATION

These persons have been instructed in the Christian faith and desire to make public affirmation of their Baptism.

P: Dear friends, we rejoice that you now desire to make public profession of your faith and assume greater responsibility in the life of our Christian community and its mission in the world.

P: Brother and sister in Christ: In Holy Baptism our Lord Jesus Christ received you

and made you members of his Church. In the community of God's people, you have learned from his Word God's loving purpose for you and all creation. You have been nourished at his holy table and called to be witnesses to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Now, therefore, I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize.

Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?

**R: I do.**

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

**R: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**R: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**R: I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen**



## THE PRAYERS

A: Let us pray for those who are affirming their Baptism, and for all the baptized everywhere: That they may be redeemed from all evil and rescued from the way of sin and death: Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: That the Holy Spirit may open their hearts to your grace and truth: Lord, in your mercy,

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A: That they may be kept in the faith and communion of your holy Church: Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: That they may be sent into the world in witness to your love: Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: That they may be brought to the fullness of your peace and glory: Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen**

P: You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,

to hear his Word and share in his supper,

to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,

to serve all people, following the example of our Lord Jesus,

and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

*Each person answers in turn.*

**R: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

P: Let us pray. (*brief silence*)

P: Gracious Lord, through water and the Spirit you have made these men and women your own. You forgave them all their sins and brought them to newness of life. Continue to strengthen them with the Holy Spirit, and daily increase in them your gifts of grace: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

**C: Amen**

*(The presiding minister and family lay both hands on the head of each person)*

P: Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in [name] the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm his/her faith, guide his/her life, empower him/her in his/her serving, give him/her patience in suffering, and bring him/her to everlasting life.

**Each person answers: "Amen."**

## **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

## **OFFERING**

### **OFFERING RESPONSE**

*please stand*

We Are An Offering

We lift our voices, we lift our hands  
We lift our lives up to You, We are an offering  
Lord, use our voices, Lord use our hands  
Lord, use our lives, they are Yours  
We are an offering!  
All that we have, all that we are  
All that we hope to be,  
We give to You, we give to You  
We lift our voices, we lift our hands  
We lift our lives up to You,  
We are an offering We are an offering

## OFFERATORY PRAYER

P: Risen One,  
you call us to believe and bear fruit.  
May the gifts that we offer here  
be signs of your abiding love.  
Form us to be your witnesses in the world,  
through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

**C: Amen.**

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## *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: The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread.  
Come and eat at God's table.

**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.**

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## *The Sending*

**SENDING PRAYER**

A: Shepherding God,  
you have prepared a table before us  
and nourished us with your love.  
Send us forth from this banquet  
to proclaim your goodness  
and share the abundant mercy of Jesus,  
our redeemer and friend.

C: **Amen.**

## CLOSING SONG

## Doxology

Praise God From Whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him All creatures here below  
Praise Him above Ye heav'nly host  
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost

Chorus Praise the Father Praise the Son  
Praise the Spirit Now with us  
Every moment all our days God be praised  
Oh God be praised

Praise God With morning's breaking light  
Praise Him Through darkness of the night  
Praise Him With every breath of life  
Praise Him my soul With all your might (Chorus)

Praise God In face to face we see  
The One who died To set us free  
The One Who rose in victory  
Praise now forever Christ our King (Chorus) (Chorus)

God be praised Oh God be praised  
Praise God From Whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him All creatures here below  
Praise Him above Ye heav'nly host  
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost

## DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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## 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!

### **CONGRATULATIONS TO FAITH'S 2024 CONFIRMATION CLASS!**

Please join us after the 9:30 service for a reception in honor of:

Mane Brolley  
Kelsey Howard

Kevin Clemm  
Annabelle Nawrocki

Amber Gabris

These courageous young adults have made their affirmation of faith to Christ and the Church.

### **NEXT**

**Sun 5/19 | 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

### **CHICAGO EXPERIENCE**

**Sat 6/28 | 8:00 PM**

Want to experience Chicago right here in Aurora? Embrace the brass! The Chicago Experience is the ultimate tribute band honoring the legendary rock band. We're gathering inside the park in the grass closer to the river. We'll be flying balloons to make it easier to find us. Tickets are \$2 per person through May 31, \$5 per person starting June 1. Purchase tickets at [Paramountaurora.com](http://Paramountaurora.com). Bring a blanket or folding chair. Gates open at 6:00 PM. Come join us!

## **VBS -Scuba**

**7/8 - 7/12/24 | 9:00 AM**

Join us at Scuba VBS, where kids will dive deep into an amazing undersea adventure where they'll experience the ever-flowing, never-ending love of God. At Scuba VBS, kids will be immersed in the Word and discover what living water is really all about! 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](mailto:jenn@discoveringfaith.com) or register online at [discoveringfaith.com](http://discoveringfaith.com)

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

- The children's ministry team is looking for volunteers to join us for VBS this summer, July 8-12. We are looking for both teen and adult volunteers for the week. Please contact [jenn@discoveringfaith.com](mailto:jenn@discoveringfaith.com) if you're interested in serving this summer!

## **KIDWERKS Summer Schedule**

**Sundays at 9:30AM**

June: 2, 16 & 30

July: 14 & 28

August: 11 & 25

We will continue to meet this summer every other week in the auditorium. Join us for a summer of fun and learning! To register go to [discoveringfaith.com](http://discoveringfaith.com) or for more information please contact [jenn@discoveringfaith.com](mailto:jenn@discoveringfaith.com)

## **ADULT ONLINE STUDY GROUP**

**Tuesdays | 7:00 PM**

### *Desperate for Hope*

Have you ever asked, Why am I going through this? What if this never gets better? Does God really care about me? When life falls apart, it's easy to feel alone and slip into despair—disillusioned with God, hopeless about the future, and doubting your faith.

This 7-week online study will be facilitated by Becky Marchiando. Please register online or at the welcome center so that we may send you Zoom credentials required to participate. Come join us!

## **BLOOD DRIVE: SAVE THE DATE!**

**Sat 6/22 | 9:00 AM**

Be a Beacon of Hope whose kindness saves lives, including those with cancer or sickle cell disease. These fighters and their families are counting on you.

Make an appointment:

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## 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.





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