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Last Sunday after Epiphany  
9:15 am worship service

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

Becoming fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

February 14, 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*

## **Because of Your Love**

Yeah, yeah

Yeah, yeah

As we come into Your Presence  
We remember every blessing  
That You've poured out so freely from above  
Lifting gratitude and praises  
For compassion so amazing  
Lord, we've come to give You thanks for all You've done

Because of Your love, we're forgiven  
Because of Your love, our hearts are clean  
We lift You up with songs of freedom  
Forever we're changed because of Your love

Yeah, yeah

Yeah

Yeah, yeah

## **King of My Heart**

Let the King of my heart  
Be the mountain where I run  
The fountain I drink from  
Oh He is my song  
Let the King of my heart  
Be the shadow where I hide  
The ransom for my life  
Oh He is my song

You are good good oh  
You are good good oh  
You are good good oh  
You are good good oh

Let the King of my heart  
Be the wind inside my sails  
The anchor in the waves  
Oh He is my song  
Let the King of my heart  
Be the fire inside my veins  
The echo of my days  
Oh He is my song

You're never gonna let me down  
You're never gonna let me down  
You're never gonna let me down  
You're never gonna let me down

When the night is holding on to me  
God is holding on  
When the night is holding on to me  
God is holding on

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OPENING PRAYER

L: Almighty God, the resplendent light of your truth shines from the mountaintop into our hearts. Transfigure us by your beloved Son, and illumine the world with your image, 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

**2 Corinthians 4:3-6**

And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

I want to walk as a child of the light I want to follow Jesus

God sent the stars to give light to the world The star of my life is Jesus

In Him there is no darkness at all The night and the day are both alike

The Lamb is the light of the city of God Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus

I want to see the brightness of God I want to look at Jesus

Clear sun of righteousness, shine on my path And show me the way to the Father

I'm looking for the coming of Christ I want to follow Jesus

When we have run with patience the race We shall know the joy of Jesus

## GOSPEL

Mark 1: 38-45

He answered, “Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do.” And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

A leper came to him begging him, and kneeling he said to him, “If you choose, you can make me clean.” Moved with pity, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, and said to him, “I do choose. Be made clean!” Immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean. After sternly warning him he sent him away at once, saying to him, “See that you say nothing to anyone; but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, as a testimony to them.” But he went out and began to proclaim it freely, and to spread the word, so that Jesus could no longer go into a town openly, but stayed out in the country; and people came to him from every quarter.

## MESSAGE

Unsettling | Pastor Rob

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- P: Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.
- P: For the gospel proclaimed in word and deed, for communities of faith far and near, and for all who show the face of Christ throughout the world, let us pray.
- C: Have mercy, O God.**
- P: For creation: sun, moon and stars; life forming in the dark earth and ocean deep; mountains, clouds and storms, and creatures seen and unseen, and for the Holy Spirit’s guidance in our stewardship of God’s creation, let us pray.
- C: Have mercy, O God.**
- P: For those responsible for safety and protection: for emergency responders and security guards, attorneys and advocates, civil servants and leaders of governments, that they witness to mercy and justice throughout the world, let us pray.
- C: Have mercy, O God.**

P: For all who suffer this day, that Christ our healer transform sickness into health, loneliness into companionship, bereavement into consolation, and suffering into peace, let us pray.

**C: Have mercy, O God.**

P: For companions on life's journey in this worshiping community, for loved ones who cannot be with us this day, and for guidance during struggles we face, that God's glory is revealed around and among us, let us pray.

**C: Have mercy, O God.**

P: (Prayers of the community), let us pray.

**C: Have mercy, O God.**

P: Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior.

**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**

## **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**

## **Keeper of My Heart**

From the first to the last breath I breathe  
The Lord watches over me  
You hear my cry and You know every need  
The Lord watches over me

*Chorus* You never fail me, God  
I lift my eyes, I lift my eyes  
To the Maker of the Heavens  
Keeper of my heart  
I lift my hands, I lift my hands  
Standing in Your presence  
You are never far

I look to You where my help comes from  
The Lord watches over me  
Your mercies are new with the morning sun  
The Lord watches over me

*Tag* Keeper of my heart  
Keeper of my heart, Jesus, You are

My strength in never-ending love  
I know You have overcome  
I'll sing when all is said and done  
You're my hope, my only hope (*Chorus*) (*Chorus*) (*Tag*)

## **DISMISSAL**

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

**C: Thanks be to God.**



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## NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

**Wed 2/17 | 7:00 PM**

During the Christian church year, there are two major celebrations. One is Christmas where we celebrate Jesus' birth, and the other is Easter, when we celebrate His death and resurrection. There is a time before Easter where we often prepare ourselves for Jesus' death and resurrection. This time is known as Lent.

Lent consists of the 40 days before Easter, not counting Sundays—because they are always celebrations of Jesus' resurrection. Thus, the first day of Lent is always a Wednesday. In ancient times, people marked times of fasting, prayer, and repentance by placing ashes on their foreheads. Today we do it as a reminder of who we are and what we are—forgiven sinners. This deep and moving service will be live streamed at 7:00pm.

### DRIVE THROUGH ASHES

All are invited to stop by Faith's parking lot this Ash Wednesday to receive ashes and a blessing from Pastor Rob.

Drive-Thru Hours: 8:00-9:00 AM  
12:00-1:00 PM  
5:30-6:30 PM

Drive up during these hours, honk to notify us of your arrival, and Pastor Rob will come outside to greet you. As always, be sure to wear a mask!

### 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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