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Fourth Sunday of Easter  
9:15 am worship service

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

## Becoming fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

April 25, 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 MESSAGE SERIES : BUILT STRONG**

Uncertainty is unavoidable. Being fearful is optional. The faith of Jesus' early followers was characterized by fearlessness, confidence in Jesus, and love for others. As a Jesus follower, would you say the same about your faith? Join us for our upcoming series as we learn how to be built strong.

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# The Gathering

## **OPENING SONGS** *please stand*

### **Here For You**

Let our praise be Your welcome Let our songs be a sign

We are here for You, we are here for You

Let Your breath come from heaven

Fill our hearts with Your life

We are here for You, we are here for You

To You our hearts are open Nothing here is hidden

You are our one desire You alone are holy

Only You are worthy God, let Your fire fall down

Let our shout be Your anthem Your renown fill the skies

We are here for You, we are here for You

Let Your Word move in power

Let what's dead come to life

We are here for You, we are here for You

Let it fall Let it fall Let it fall

We welcome You with praise

We welcome You with praise

Almighty God of love

Be welcomed in this place *(Repeat)*

Let every heart adore Let every soul awake

Almighty God of love Be welcomed in this place

We welcome You with praise We welcome You with praise

Almighty God of love Be welcome in this place

Be welcome in Your house Lord Be welcome in Your house

## **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.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.  
Thou my great Father; thine own may I be,  
Thou in me dwelling and I one with thee.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise;  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;  
Thou and thou only first in my heart,  
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart

## **OPENING PRAYER**

L: O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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## The Word

### FIRST LESSON

Acts 4: 24-33

When they heard it, they raised their voices together to God and said, “Sovereign Lord, who made the heaven and the earth, the sea, and everything in them, it is you who said by the Holy Spirit through our ancestor David, your servant: ‘Why did the Gentiles rage, and the peoples imagine vain things? The kings of the earth took their stand, and the rulers have gathered together against the Lord and against his Messiah.’ For in this city, in fact, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, gathered together against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed, to do whatever your hand and your plan had predestined to take place. And now, Lord, look at their threats, and grant to your servants to speak your word with all boldness, while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus.” When they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God with boldness.

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

We Are Called

*please stand*

Come! Live in the light!  
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!  
We are called to be the light for the kingdom,  
to live in the freedom of the city of God.

We are called to act with justice,  
We are called to love tenderly;  
We are called to serve one another,  
To walk humbly with God.

## GOSPEL

John 10:11-18

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

## MESSAGE

Rise to the Occasion | Pastor Rob

## SPECIAL MUSIC

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- A: Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.
- A: Loving Shepherd, you know your own and your own know you. Your voice calls us to your loving embrace. Strengthen your church throughout the world that we bear witness to your expansive love. Hear us, O God
- C: Your mercy is great.**
- A: Gracious Shepherd, you are generous with the gifts of goodness and mercy. Restore your creation to wholeness so that cities and towns, countryside and wilderness, may abound with life. Hear us, O God.
- C: Your mercy is great.**
- A: Hope-giving Shepherd, the nations and peoples are your heritage. Place into the hearts of all leaders and rulers the passion to serve. Crucify any desire to overpower others and give leaders joy in lifting up the lowly. Hear us, O God.
- C: Your mercy is great.**

A: Abiding Shepherd, your love flows as we reach out to those around us. Move us with your Spirit, so that we lay down our lives for those in need. Help us love one another in truth and action. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: Saving Shepherd, you restore us to wholeness. Help our community in our life together and give us vigor as a people of faith. In the midst of challenges and opportunities, fill us anew with you Holy Spirit. 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: In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: 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.**

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# The Sending

## **BLESSING**

P: May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom  
to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus.

The God of life,  
Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **CLOSING SONG**

Here I am before You  
Falling in love and seeking Your truth  
Knowing that Your perfect grace  
Brought me to this place  
Because of You I freely live  
My life to You, oh God, I give  
So I stand before You, God  
I lift my voice cause You set me free  
So I shout out Your name  
From the rooftops I proclaim  
That I am Yours, I am Yours  
All the good You've done for me  
I lift up my hands for all to see  
You're the only one  
Who brings me to my knees  
To share this love across the earth  
The beauty of Your holy worth  
So I kneel before You, God  
I lift my hands cause You set me free

## **Rooftops**



*Chorus 2* So I shout out Your name  
From the rooftops I proclaim  
That I am Yours, I am Yours  
All that I am  
I place into Your loving hands  
And I am Yours, I am Yours

*Bridge* Here I am, I stand, with arms wide open  
To the One, the Son  
The everlasting God, the everlasting God

*(Chorus 2) (Chorus 2)*

*(Bridge) (Bridge)*

*(Chorus 2)*

## **DISMISSAL**

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

L: Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

**C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

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# NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## ADULT ONLINE STUDY GROUP

Tuesdays | 7:00 PM

Just before he left, Jesus sent his followers into the world with a revolutionary mission: to change the world by proclaiming God's truth and demonstrating his incredible love. But the single task he gave us to accomplish remains unfinished.

In this six-session small group Bible study, bestselling author Rich Stearns takes us on a breathtaking journey to rediscover the critical mission of Christ in our world today and the richness of God's calling on our lives.

Why are you here, what is your purpose, and where do you fit in the bigger story that God is writing? How should your faith affect your career, your money, your families, and your life? And why does it matter? You will find your deepest purpose only when you discover the unique role God created for you to play in his unfolding story.

Register at: <https://faith.cbcchurch.com/goto/forms/123/responses/new>

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - SAVE THE DATE!

*Treasured--Discovering You're Priceless to God!*

July 12-16 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at Faith Lutheran Church

Cost : in person \$35 (early bird discount, register by 5/31); \$40 (after 6/1)

remote: \$15

Treasured VBS takes kids on an epic, faith-filled adventure where they'll discover that they're God's greatest treasure! Kids participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, make and devour yummy treats, experience one-of-a-kind Wild 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. Plus, kids will learn to look for evidence of God all around them through something called God Sightings. Each day concludes at Closing Quest that gets everyone involved in living what they've learned. Registration opens on 4/11!! Due to COVID we will be offering VBS either onsite or online to best suit your family's needs.

## REVOLUTION

Sundays | 5:00 PM

We have returned to onsite Revolution and meet tonight at 5:00pm. Student are asked to mask and social distance and we will continue to make all our gatherings available online as well. We'll start with our large group and then break out into middle & high school groups and conclude at 6:15pm. If you have any questions regarding our reopening of student ministries please contact Pastor Rob.

## **KIDWERKS LIVE 2.0 - Now Meeting Onsite AND Online!**

We are thrilled to announce that we are welcoming our youngest faith followers back on-site after a long year off! Kidwerks Live 2.0 is happening every Sunday @ 9:15am in the auditorium and online for those who wish to participate from home! For more information, please contact [jenn@discoveringfaith.com](mailto:jenn@discoveringfaith.com)



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