



10th Sunday after Pentecost
9:30 Worship Celebration

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

Becoming fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

Aug 6, 2023

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: BIG QUESTIONS

We all have questions about God, but many of us have been given unhelpful—or even wrong—answers along the way. It's possible that a false view of God may be keeping you from a deeper faith. In this series, we will tackle the three questions most everyone has about God.

The Gathering

OPENING SONG

Living Hope

How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation, I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night
Then through the darkness, Your loving-kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished, the end is written
Jesus Christ, my living hope

Who could imagine so great a mercy?
What heart could fathom such boundless grace?
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken, I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever
Jesus Christ, my living hope

Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ, my living hope

Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me

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Jesus, Yours is the victory, whoa!

Jesus Christ, my living hope
Oh God, You are my living hope

O Come to the Altar

Are you hurting and broken within
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin
Jesus is calling
Have you come to the end of yourself
Do you thirst for a drink from the well
Jesus is calling

Chorus O come to the altar
The Father's arms are open wide
Forgiveness was bought with
The precious blood of Jesus Christ

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes
Come today there's no reason to wait
Jesus is calling
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy
From the ashes a new life is born
Jesus is calling (*Chorus*)

Oh what a Savior
Isn't he wonderful
Sing alleluia Christ is risen
Bow down before him
For He is Lord of all
Sing alleluia Christ is risen (*Chorus*)

Bear your cross as you wait for the crown
Tell the world of the treasure you've found

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Word

READING

Romans 8: 28 - 32

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.

For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else?

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Come, Let Us Worship and Bow Down

please stand

Come let us worship and bow down
Let us kneel before the Lord,
Our God, our Maker
Come let us worship and bow down
Let us kneel before the Lord,
Our God, our Maker

For He is our God
And we are the people of His pasture
And the sheep of His hand
And the sheep of His hand

GOSPEL

Matthew 14:13-21

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” Jesus said to them, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” They replied, “We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.” And he said, “Bring them here to me.” Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

MESSAGE

Does God Have a Plan for My Life? | Pastor Rob

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A: Confident that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

A: You gather your church together by the Holy Spirit. Inspire all the baptized to proclaim your abundant love throughout the world. Guide us in the mission of the gospel through word and deed. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: You cherish your creation, from the smallest microbe to the largest mountain. Protect fragile ecosystems, send favorable weather, supply food and water to nourish creatures, and raise us up to care for all you have created. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: You desire peace and justice in the world. Instill within all political leaders your desire, support the work of international peace organizations, and provide relief for those in war-torn areas. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: You comfort those who are hurting. Accompany those who are alone, heal those who are sick, provide for all who hunger or thirst, console the bereaved, bring joy to the sorrowful, and attend to all who call on you. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: You place us within communities for mutual support and love. Reveal yourself to us in worship, fellowship, and ministry with our neighbors. Provide for feeding ministries and food banks in our area, that we share your abundance with all who hunger. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Gracious and loving God, we pray for the family and friends of Faith... Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of the one who reconciled all creation to himself, Jesus Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.

The Meal

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

OFFERING RESPONSE

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Crown Him with many crowns
The Lamb upon His throne
Hark how the heavenly anthem drowns
All music but its own
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of Him who died for thee
And hail Him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity

OFFERATORY PRAYER

- A: God of field and forest, sea and sky,
you are the giver of all good things.
Sustain us with these gifts of your creation,
and multiply your graciousness in us,
that the world may be fed with your love,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C: **Amen**
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The Meal

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift our hearts with joy,
we lift them to the Lord.**

P: We give you thanks, our God,
for that is right and good.

Yes, it is truly good,
our duty and delight,
that we should everywhere
and at all times give thanks.
And so we thank you now,
our holy Father, Lord,
eternal, mighty God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Who came to earth for us
in great humility
and by his birth and life
has shown your love to us.

C: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.
You fill all of heaven and earth;
save us, God on high!**

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, and said, Take and eat; this is † my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way he took the cup, after the supper, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, Drink of it, all of you; this is † my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Gracious Father, we therefore remember the sacrifice of our Lord in celebration, as we receive his body and blood with this bread and wine. We rejoice to receive all that he has done for us in his life and death, his resurrection and ascension; and we wait for his coming again to share with us the heavenly feast.

C: 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: All people are called to Christ's table.
Come, eat what is good.

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.**

The Sending

SENDING PRAYER

A: We thank you, generous God,
for the refreshment we have received
at your banquet table.
Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world,
through the one who is our dearest treasure,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

CLOSING SONG

King of Kings

In the darkness we were waiting Without hope, without light
'Til from Heaven You came running There was mercy in Your eyes
To fulfill the law and prophets To a virgin came the word
From a throne of endless glory To a cradle in the dirt

Chorus Praise the Father, praise the Son
 Praise the Spirit, three in one
 God of glory, Majesty
 Praise forever to the King of Kings

To reveal the kingdom coming And to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation You did not despise the cross
For even in your suffering You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation Jesus for our sake you died (*Chorus*)

And the morning that You rose All of Heaven held its breath
'Til that stone was moved for good For the Lamb had conquered death
And the dead rose from their tombs And the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come To the Father are restored (*Chorus*)

And the church of Christ was born Then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this gospel truth of old Shall not kneel, shall not faint
By His blood and in His name In His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ Who has resurrected me (*Chorus*)

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Share the harvest.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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!

REVOLUTION Game Night

Tonight! | 5:00 PM

Revolution will be having a Game Night on Aug 6th- SAVE the DATE! Be sure to drop it in your calendar, and invite your friends!

HESED HOUSE SERVING

Wed 8/16 | 6:15 PM

Faith's next serving opportunity at Hesed House on August 16. . We will need roughly 5 to 10 volunteers to help with meal setup, serving, and cleanup. Volunteers can conveniently sign up online or at the welcome center. All that's needed is a serving heart. Sign up today! If you have questions about Faith's Hesed House ministry, please reach out to the ministry team at hessedhouse@discoveringfaith.com.

KIDWERKS Summer Schedule

Sundays at 9:30AM

August 13 & 27

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 or for more information please contact jenn@discoveringfaith.com

OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE

Sun 8/20 | 9:30 AM

Join us on Sunday, August 20th for our outdoor 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 to sit on the lawn. Don't forget to bring the whole family, including the dog!

FAITHFEST XV

FAITH LUAU

Sat 8/12 | 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.

SUNDAY CELEBRATION BLOCK PARTY

Sun 8/20 | 10:30 AM

Join us for a “Block Party” celebration from 10:30 – 12:00PM. There will be food, fun & fellowship featuring: Fabulous food provided by 5-B's in Aurora. Fresh pork chops or chicken will be sizzling on the grill- along with all the fixins, in addition to cake and desserts! This delicious event is free. Sign up today at the welcome center, or online to reserve your spot

FOUNDATIONS

During our FaithFest XV month we are hosting a special giving opportunity called Foundations. Contributions to this special offering will go toward helping us increase our impact in sharing God’s love with our community and provide a strong foundation for the next fifteen years. It has been the generosity of all of you who have been a part of Faith that has changed lives and we would like to thank you and invite you to consider making a special gift so that even more lives can be changed. Also, another generous member at Faith stepped forward and would like to match every contribution made to Foundations. Not only will more lives be impacted by your gift but every dollar you donate will be doubled.

Please visit <http://www.discoveringfaith.com/faithfestxv> for all things related to FaithFest!

GRIEFSHARE AT FAITH

Begins 8/22 | 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. To register visit www.discoveringfaith.com/griefshare

FAITH IN ACTION TEAM

Following Jesus is what Faith is all about. He made it very clear, that if we love him, we'll love those around us. Actions speak louder than words! Our Faith In Action team is all about meeting the needs of those around us. From providing rides, dropping of meals, cutting someone's lawn, to visiting those hospitalized, or home bound, our team is here for you. If you have a need, or know of someone in need, please fill out a need request form online.

If you would like serve on the Faith In Action team, or would like more information, please email faithinaction@discoveringfaith.com. Your simple act of serving can make a huge impact!

BRIGHT BEGINNINGS REGISTRATION

Registration is now open for preschool classes which begins August 23, 2023. There is a 5% tuition discount for church members. Information and forms for registration are available on the church website at discoveringfaith.com/bright-beginnings. For more information contact the church office (630) 862-3500 and leave a message for Jenn, or email jenn@discoveringfaith.com.

COMPASSION WEEKEND IS COMING!

September 15-17

Save the date and get ready to get your serve on at Faith's 11th annual Compassion Weekend. We'll be rolling up our sleeves and heading out to partner with organizations and projects that make a real impact in the lives of people in our community. We are excited to be adding several new opportunities. As part of our serving weekend, we want to extend care and love to those in need in our very own neighborhoods. If you, or someone you know, is in need of any help with projects/tasks around their home you are encouraged to visit www.discoveringfaith.com/compassionweekend where you can submit that need. From cutting lawns, to painting, to yard work, our Compassion Weekend Team would like to help our neighbors on that weekend.

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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