



Time after Pentecost
8:00 am worship service

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

Becoming fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

August 23, 2020

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: LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR

Someone once asked Jesus what the greatest commandment was. His answer, was to LOVE GOD and LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR. Loving God was easy. Loving your neighbor? Not so much. Luckily Jesus knew that. That's why he gave us a road map for loving our neighbor. Let's explore two ways we can instantly begin to make this greatest commandment a reality in our hearts and in our communities.

The Gathering

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN

please stand

Arise, Your Light Has Come! | ELW #314

Arise, your light has come! The Spirit's call obey;
Show forth the glory of your god Which Sines on you to day.

Arise, your light has come! Fling wide the prison door;
Proclaim the captive's liberty, good tidings to the poor.

Arise, your light has come! All you in sorrow born,
Bind up the broken-hearted ones and comfort those who mourn

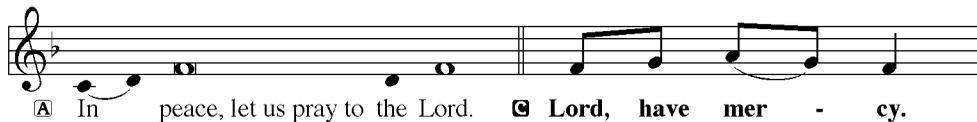
Arise, your light has come! The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

GREETING

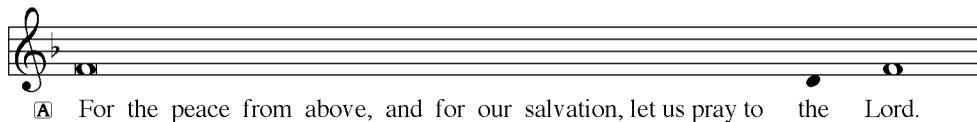
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

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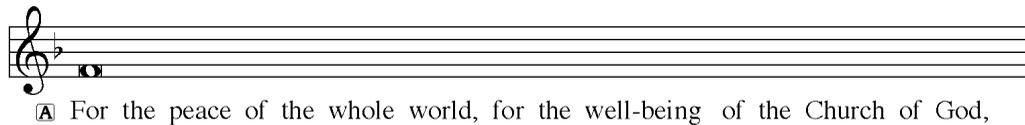
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



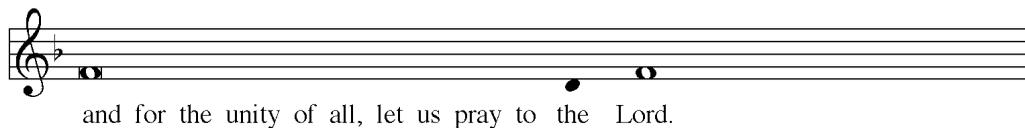
A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



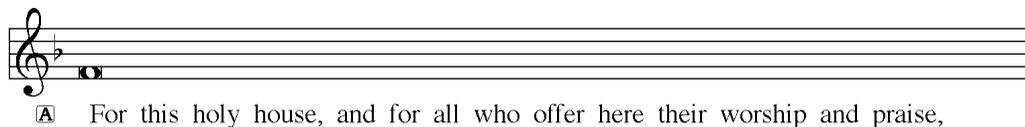
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



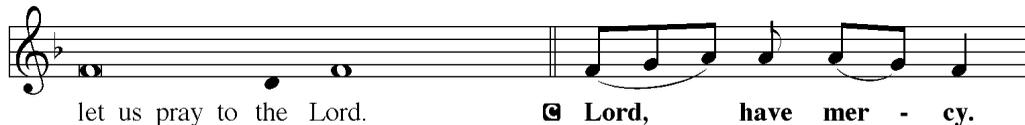
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



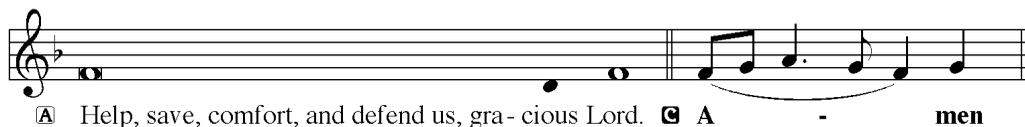
C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **C** A - men

HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



Refrain

hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



Refrain

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray,

C: **O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

The Word

FIRST READING

Isaiah 51: 1-6

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the LORD. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. For the LORD will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song.

Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be forever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

SECOND READING

Mark 12: 28-34

One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, “Which commandment is the first of all?” Jesus answered, “The first is, ‘Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.” Then the scribe said to him, “You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that ‘he is one, and besides him there is no other’; and ‘to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,’ and ‘to love one’s neighbor as oneself,’ —this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.” When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” After that no one dared to ask him any question.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *please stand*

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 16th chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

2 I love to tell the story: how pleasant to repeat
what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet!
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
the message of salvation from God's own holy word. *[Refrain]*

3 I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
I'll sing the old, old story that I have loved so long. *[Refrain]*

APOSTLES CREED

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**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.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

**P: Confident of your care and helped by the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church,
the world, and all who are in need.**

P: Lord our rock, you are our foundation in Jesus Christ, your Son, whom we confess as the living God. Prepare your church for its mission in bearing witness to Christ, both here at home and throughout the world. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: You call forth praises from the far reaches of the universe to the smallest of creatures. Join our songs to theirs, that a spirit of praise and thanksgiving will arouse us to cherish this wondrous home you give us. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord. Direct the leaders of countries, legislators and magistrates, mayors and councils, to walk in your ways. Help leaders regard those in need with mercy and fulfill your loving purposes in the governance of peoples. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Though we walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve us, deliver us, and fulfill your purpose for us. According to your steadfast love, grant healing and wholeness to those who are bereaved in trouble or adversity, or sick and in need of care. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: You call us into this community, in which we, though many, are one in Christ. May we recognize in ourselves and in one another the unique gifts you have given us for the building up of the church for the sake of the world. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: (Prayers of the community). Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love, we offer these prayers to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen

The Sending

BLESSING

P: Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,
nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

God, the creator, † Jesus, the Christ,
and the Holy Spirit, the comforter, bless you and keep you in eternal love.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name! | ELW #634

1 All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name!

Let angels prostrate fall; bring forth the royal diadem
and crown him Lord of all.

Bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all.

2 O seed of Israel's chosen race

now ransomed from the fall, hail him who saves you by his grace
and crown him Lord of all.

Hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.

3 Hail him, you heirs of David's line,

whom David Lord did call -- the God incarnate, man divine --
and crown him Lord of all.

The God incarnate, man divine -- and crown him Lord of all.

4 Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget

the wormwood and the gall, go spread your trophies at his feet
and crown him Lord of all.

Go spread your trophies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.

5 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe

on this terrestrial ball to him all majesty ascribe
and crown him Lord of all.

To him all majesty ascribe and crown him Lord of all.

6 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng

we at his feet may fall! We'll join the everlasting song
and crown him Lord of all.

We'll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all.

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: Thanks be to God.

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPCOMING MESSAGE SERIES - LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR

Starting Today!

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ONLINE STUDY GROUP – THE DIVINE CONSPIRACY

Begins 8/25 | 7:00 PM

Join us for our next adult online study group as we take a six-week journey based on the book, "The Divine Conspiracy," written by famed author and speaker, Dallas Willard. This study masterfully captures the core of Christ's teachings in a fresh, relevant light, revealing a revolutionary way to experience God by knowing Him as an essential part of the here and now, rather than only as a part of the hereafter. Based on the Sermon on the Mount, Willard calls Christians into an authentic faith and then offers a practical plan by which we can answer the call.

KIDWERKS LIVE

Sundays | 10:15 AM

Every Sunday morning kids are invited to connect and grow through our Kidwerks Live. This fun, interactive, event happens at 10:15am.

SAVE THE DATE: Sat 9/19 | 2:00 PM

Chalk the Church with Kindness

Join us on Saturday 9/19 at Faith as we get together to spread kindness at Faith and in the community. We will meet at Faith and decorate the sidewalk and parking lot with chalk art and positivity. We will assemble random acts of kindness bags to be delivered and lastly there will be some serving opportunities to sign up for to show the Aurora community some goodness and kindness from our Faith families. If you know of any local families who are in need of some extra kindness right now please contact jenn@discoveringfaith.com.

JOYS & CONCERNS

Lorelei Peterson

People of Iowa effected by the derecho damage

Carol Mueller, sister of Nancy Miller

Terry, son of Judy Bridge

Dana & Daniel, friends of Judy Bridge

Judy Gregerson - mother of Mike Crandall

John Klens, friend of Randy & Bonnie Schumacher

The Family of Sharen Hebert, niece of Danita Curry.

The Family of Maria Garcia, friend of Danita Curry.

Claudia Marrow, friend of Danita Curry

The Family of John Driscoll- family friend of Donna Wampach, who passed away

Nick Falkos

Cheryl Hess, prayers of healing

John Larkin, cousin of Pastor Rob

Bella, Karen Solan's granddaughter

Bob Clark

George & Charlotte Porter

Bill & Kathi, friends of Candy Zelle

VerHagen family, friends of the Jensen family

Anne Marie, friend of Char Autry

Diane Rinehard, working with Covid patients

Jess Schell, working with Covid patients

Dave Belinski

Christy Dunn, working with Covid patients

Dave Hibler, brother of Kathryn Pawluczyk

Muriel Weigel, mother of Gary Weigel



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