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Time After Pentecost  
9:15 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 MESSAGE 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.

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# The Gathering

**OPENING SONGS** *please stand*

## **Come Now Is the Time To Worship**

Come, now is the time to worship  
Come, now is the time to give your heart  
Come, just as you are to worship  
Come, just as you are before your God  
Come

One day ev'ry tongue will confess You are God  
One day ev'ry knee will bow  
Still the greatest treasure remains for those  
Who gladly choose you now

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One day ev'ry tongue will confess You are God  
One day ev'ry knee will bow  
Still the greatest treasure remains for those,  
Who gladly choose you now

Willingly we choose to surrender our lives  
Willingly our knees will bow  
With all our hearts, oh, mind...

## **Better Is One Day**

How lovely is your dwelling place  
Oh, Lord Almighty  
For my soul longs and even faints for You  
For here my heart is satisfied  
Within Your presence  
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings

Better is one day in Your courts  
Better is one day in Your house  
Better is one day in Your courts  
Than thousands elsewhere

One thing I ask and I would seek  
To see Your beauty  
To find You in the place Your glory dwells  
One thing I ask and I would seek  
To see Your beauty  
To find You in the place Your glory dwells

My heart and flesh cry out  
For You, the living God  
Your Spirit's water to my soul  
I've tasted and I've seen  
Come once again to me  
I will draw near to You  
I will draw near to You

## **OPENING PRAYER**

L: 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.

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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## The Word

### FIRST LESSON

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

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

*please stand*

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

Matthew 16: 13-20

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

## MESSAGE

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## SPECIAL MUSIC

Build My Life

## 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.**

## **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.**

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# 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 SONG

Only King Forever

Our God a firm foundation Our rock, the only solid ground  
The nations rise and fall Kingdoms once strong now shaken  
We trust forever in Your Name The Name of Jesus  
We trust the Name of Jesus

You are the only King forever Almighty God we lift You higher  
You are the only King forever Forevermore, You are victorious

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You are the only King forever Forevermore, You are victorious

Unmatched in all Your wisdom In love and justice You will reign  
And every knee will bow We bring our expectations  
Our hope is anchored in Your Name The Name of Jesus  
Oh, we trust the Name of Jesus

We lift our banner high We lift the Name of Jesus  
From age to age You reign Your kingdom has no end

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From age to age You reign Your kingdom has no end  
You are the only King forever Forevermore, You are victorious



## **DISMISSAL**

**L:** Go in peace. Christ is with you.

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

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# 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](mailto:jenn@discoveringfaith.com).

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## 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

## **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:(630)862-3500) or send an e-mail [prayerteam@discoveringfaith.com](mailto: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](mailto: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:(630)248-5515).



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