

**LIFE IS
BETTER
TOGETHER.**

Time after Pentecost
8:00 am worship service

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

Becoming fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

September 6, 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: LIFE IS BETTER TOGETHER

The Gathering

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN

Blest Be the Tie That Binds | ELW #656

please stand

1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris - tian love;
2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;
3 We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear,
4 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;

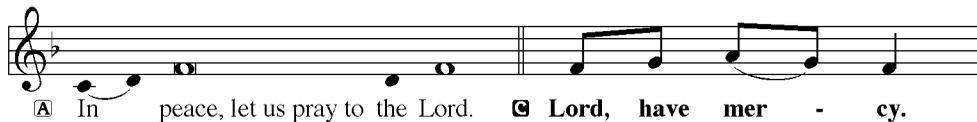
the u - ni - ty of heart and mind is like to that a - bove.
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
and per - fect love and friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Blest Be the Tie That Binds'. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are printed below the vocal line. The first system contains the first four lines of the hymn, and the second system contains the final three lines. The music is in a key with one flat (B-flat major or D minor) and a 4/4 time signature.

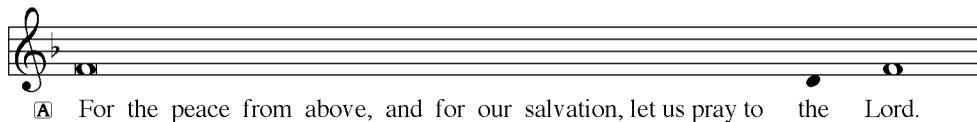
GREETING

- 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.**

KYRIE



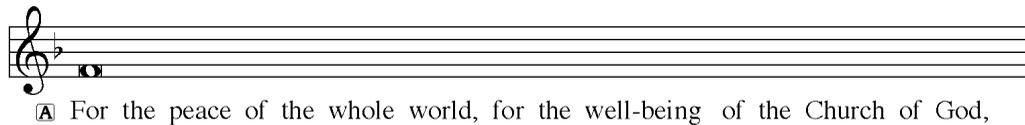
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



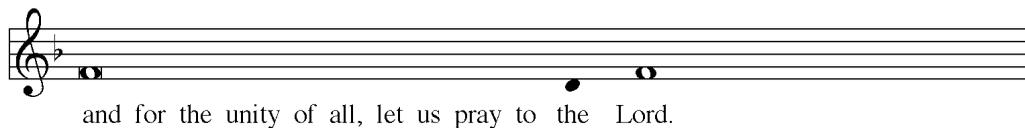
A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



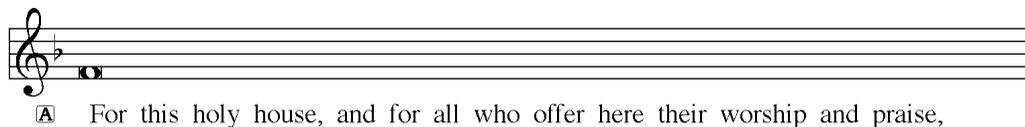
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



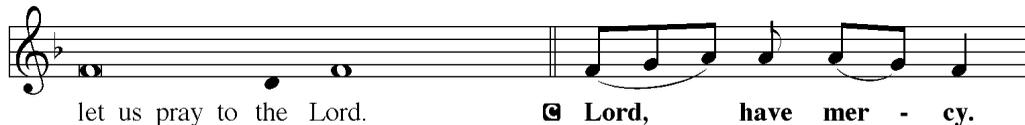
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



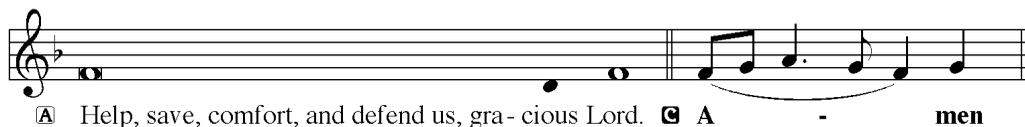
C Lord, have mer - cy.



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



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

Refrain



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



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

Refrain

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray,

C: **O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

The Word

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 33: 7-11

So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, “O wicked ones, you shall surely die,” and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: “Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?” Say to them, As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

SECOND READING

Colossians 3: 12-17

As God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom;

and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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 11th chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL

Matthew 11: 15-20

“If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

Life is Better Together | Pastor Rob

HYMN OF THE DAY

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine | ELW #774

please stand

1 What a fel - low-ship, what a joy di - vine, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms;
2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms;
3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms?

what a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.
oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.
I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.

Refrain

Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se-cure from all a - larms;
Lean - ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,

lean - ing, lean - ing, lean-ing on the ev - er - last-ing arms.
lean - ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,

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: Drawn together in the compassion of God, we pray for the church, the world,
and all those in need.**

**P: Unite your church, O God. Grant us the gifts of repentance and reconciliation.
Bless the cooperative work of churches in this community. Strengthen
ecumenical partnerships; guide the work of the Lutheran World Federation
and the World Council of Churches. Lord, in your mercy,**

C: hear our prayer.

**P: Protect your creation, O God. Teach us ways that do not harm what you have
entrusted to our care. Renew and enliven places suffering from drought,
flood, storms, or pollution. Lord, in your mercy,**

C: hear our prayer.

P: Turn nations and leaders from ways that lead to death. Shape new paths toward peace and cooperation, teaching us to recognize one another as neighbors. Guide legislators, civil servants, judges, and police toward laws that protect the well-being of all. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Tend to all in need of your compassion. Hear the cries of those awaiting justice and those yearning for forgiveness. Give community to the lonely and neighbors to the outcast. Shelter all who are vulnerable in body, mind, or spirit. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Sustain us in our work, O God, and give work to those who need it. Shape societies to ensure fair treatment for all who labor. Help us to love our neighbors in and through our work. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

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

C: hear our prayer.

P: All these things and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your mercy; through 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: Mothering God,
Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

My God, How Wonderful Thou Art | ELW #863



1 My God, how won - der - ful thou art, thy maj - es - ty how bright!
2 How won - der - ful, how beau - ti - ful the sight of thee must be—
3 No earth - ly fa - ther loves like thee; no moth - er, e'er so mild,
4 Yet I may love thee too, O Lord, al - might - y as thou art,
5 My God, how won - der - ful thou art, thou ev - er - last - ing friend!



How beau - ti - ful thy mer - cy seat in depths of burn - ing light!
thine end - less wis - dom, bound - less pow'r, and awe - some pu - ri - ty!
bears and for - bears as thou hast done with me, thy sin - ful child.
for thou hast stooped to ask of me the love of my poor heart.
On thee I stay my trust - ing heart till faith in vi - sion end.



DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Remember the poor.

C: Thanks be to God.

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ONLINE STUDY GROUP – THE DIVINE CONSPIRACY

Tuesdays | 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.

CHILDRENS MINISTRIES: CHALK THE CHURCH WITH KINDNESS

Sat 9/19 | 2:00 PM

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 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

Darlene, sister of Char Autry

Family of Michael Lechnick, on the passing of his Uncle Kevin

Friends of Michael Lechnick for illness recovery

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

Claudia Marrow, friend of Danita Curry

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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