

**LIFE IS
BETTER
TOGETHER.**

Time After Pentecost
9:15 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 MESSAGE SERIES : LIFE IS BETTER TOGETHER

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

CHORUS: 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 (*CHORUS*)

We welcome You with praise
We welcome You with praise
Almighty God of love
Be welcome in this place (*CHORUS*)

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, I Thy true son
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one

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 Heav'n's Sun
Heart of my own heart, whate'er befall
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart

OPENING PRAYER

L: 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.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Word

FIRST LESSON

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

We Are Called

please stand



1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the
2 Come! O-pen your heart! Show your . . mer-cy to all those in
3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be



Lord! We are called to be light for the king-dom, to
fear! We are called to be hope for the hope-less so
one! God will reign, and we'll walk with each oth-er as



live in the free-dom of the cit-y of God.
ha-tred and blind-ness . . . will be . . . no more.
sis-ters and broth-ers . . . u-nit-ed in love.



Refrain
We are called to act with jus-tice, we are called to



love ten-der-ly; we are called to serve one an-



oth-er, to walk hum-bly with God.

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.”

MESSAGE

Life is Better Together | Pastor Rob

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.

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.**

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 SONG

Bind Us Together

Bind us together Lord
Bind us together with cords
That cannot be broken
Bind us together Lord
Bind us together Lord
Bind us together with love

You are the fam'ly of God
You are the promise of divine
You are God's chosen desire
You are the glorious new wine

Bind us together Lord
Bind us together with cords
That cannot be broken
Bind us together Lord
Bind us together Lord
Bind us together with love

DISMISSAL

L: 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

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

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

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:(630)248-5515).



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