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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.

September 13, 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.

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The Gathering

OPENING SONGS *please stand*

Holy Is The Lord

We stand and lift up our hands
For the joy of the Lord is our strength
We bow down and worship Him now
How great, how awesome is He
And together we sing

Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
The earth is filled with His glory

We stand and lift up our hands
For the joy of the Lord is our strength
We bow down and worship Him now
How great, how awesome is He
And together we sing

Everyone sing

Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
The earth is filled with His glory

It's rising up all around
It's the anthem of the Lord's renown

It's rising up all around
It's the anthem of the Lord's...

10,000 Reasons

Chorus Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning
It's time to sin Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes (*Chorus*)

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find (*Chorus*)

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore (*Chorus*)

Worship Your holy name
Lord I'll worship Your holy name

OPENING PRAYER

L: O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness.
Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may
delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Word

FIRST LESSON

Romans 14: 1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

please stand

Thy Word

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path

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When I feel afraid

Think I've lost my way

Still you're there right beside me

And nothing will I fear

As long as you are near

Please be near me to the end

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path

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GOSPEL

John 1: 43-51

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

MESSAGE

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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: You welcome us when we are weak in faith. Uphold your church throughout the world; make it a place of welcome. Strengthen faith through Bible studies and Sunday schools, confirmation classes and youth ministries. Nurture new ministries of education and growth. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: The heights of the heavens show us the vastness of your steadfast love. Have compassion on your creation. Where human selfishness has brought ruin and destruction, we look to you to heal, renew, and redeem your world. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Make your ways known to the nations. Speak kindness to our bitter grudges. Settle our hearts when we want to settle accounts with violence. Bless our leaders with patience and wisdom. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Bring healing and justice wherever harm is dealt. Provide vindication for all who are oppressed. Free victims of human trafficking and forced labor; deliver all who are bound by debt. Feed all who hunger, and guard refugees fleeing famine, poverty, and war. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Teach us to forgive. Remind us that you do not always accuse us. Still our tongues when we are tempted to pass judgment and argue over opinions. Make this congregation a community of mercy for one another and for all our neighbors. 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

Everlasting God

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord
Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord

Our God, You reign forever
Our hope, our Strong Deliverer

You are the everlasting God
The everlasting God
You do not faint
You won't grow weary
You're the defender of the weak
You comfort those in need
You lift us up on wings like eagles

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Remember the poor.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

REVOLUTION ONLINE

Begins Tonight!

Things may look a bit different this year & after taking the month of August off, Revolution begins again tonight! Middle School Online Group meets weekly at 5:00PM and High School Online Group meets weekly at 6:00PM. Please watch for an email with the login link.

DRIVE IN WORSHIP

Sun 9/20 | 9:15 AM

Join us September 20 for our drive-in church service. There will be just one service at 9:15 AM. You are invited to worship from your car. Tune your radio to FM 88.3, sing out loud with no face mask, and enjoy gathering in a safe environment. Bring the whole family!

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 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.

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.

JOYS & CONCERNS

Family of Scott Harvey, whose father passed away
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: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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