



THE WAY OF
Jesus

Time After Pentecost
9:15 am worship service

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

Becoming fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

November 8, 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 : THE WAY OF JESUS

Looking for a concrete, life-transforming way of life? One that makes being a disciple of Jesus accessible? People comment that church offers a list of devotional activities to choose from, with no rhyme or reason for what to choose or why. But what we really need is a pathway.

The Gathering

OPENING SONGS *please stand*

Hosanna

Praise is rising

Eyes are turning to You

We turn to You

Hope is stirring

Hearts are yearning for You

We long for You

'Cause when we see You

We find strength to face the day

In Your presence

All our fears are washed away

(Washed away)

Hosanna hosanna

You are the God who saves us

Worthy of all our praises

Hosanna hosanna

Come have Your way among us

We welcome You here Lord Jesus

Hear the sound of

Hearts returning to You

We turn to You

In Your Kingdom

Broken lives are made new

You make us new

Hosanna hosanna

Yes I Will

I count on one thing
The same God that never fails
Will not fail me now
You won't fail me now
In the waiting
The same God who's never late
Is working all things out
You're working all things out
Yes I will, lift You high in the lowest valley
Yes I will, bless Your name
Yes I will, sing for joy when my heart is heavy
All my days, oh yes I will
I choose to praise
To glorify, glorify
The Name of all names
That nothing can stand against
For all my days, yes, I will

OPENING PRAYER

L: O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Word

FIRST LESSON

Philippians 2: 1-4

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

We Are an Offering

please stand

We lift our voices We lift our hands
We lift our lives up to You We are an offering
Lord use our voices Lord use our hands
Lord us our lives they are Yours We are an offering

GOSPEL

Matthew 25:1-13

“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P: Longing for Christ's reign to come among us, we pray for the outpouring of God's power on the church, the world, and all in need.

P: Holy God, rouse us to deep praise as we gather for worship. Enliven our worship with sincere and heartfelt song. Sustain the work of all church musicians and artists who lead us in praise and prayer (especially). Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Holy Creator, surprise and delight us with the beauty of the world you have made. Bless the work of landscapers, architects, and artists whose work invites us into harmonious living with your creation. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Holy Judge, let justice roll down like waters over this world. Reign over the courtrooms of every land, in the hearts of those who guard the law and those who stand accused of crimes. Be present in cases where we long for both justice and mercy to prevail. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Holy Companion, console those who feel lonely or abandoned. Share the hours of those who live and eat alone. Comfort those who have few friends or who struggle with their identity and place in this world. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Holy Protector, be with all observing Veterans Day. Guard the lives of active duty and retired military personnel. Comfort all who mourn those who have died in the line of duty. Heal the wounds, both physical and mental, experienced by service members. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: (Prayers of the community). Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Receive our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, until that day when you gather all creation around your throne where you will reign forever and ever.

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: May the God of all creation,
in whose image we are made,
who claims us and calls us beloved,
who strengthens us for service,
give you reason to rejoice and be glad!
The blessing of God,
Sovereign, † Savior, and Spirit,
be with you today and always.

C: Amen.

CLOSING SONG

Our God is Greater

Water You turned into wine
Opened they eyes of the blind
There's no one like You
None like You

Into the darkness You shine
Out of the ashes we rise
There's no one like You
None like You

Chorus Our God is greater
Our God is stronger
God You are higher than any other
Our God is healer
Awesome in power Our God, Our God

Into the darkness You shine
Out of the ashes we rise
There's no one like You
None like You (*Chorus*) (*Chorus*)

And if our God is for us
Then who could ever stop us
And if our God is with us
Then what could stand against? (*Chorus*) (*Chorus*)

DISMISSAL

L: Beloved God,
go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ONLINE STUDY GROUP – EVERYBODY ALWAYS

Tuesdays | 7:00 PM

What happens when we give away love like we're made of it? When we learn to love without inhibition, insecurity, or restriction, we have actually discovered the secret of living life without fear, constraint, or worry! Whether that means throwing a parade for a sick neighbor or befriending a Ugandan witch doctor, Bob Goff shows us how to give away love with a no-limits attitude that is as infectious as it is extraordinarily ordinary. Join us for this five-part series led by Pastor Rob that meets online on Tuesday nights.

REVOLUTION ONLINE

Sundays | 5:00 & 6:00 PM

God is good, and He is with us in everything! We want our students to know that, trust that, and experience that every moment of their lives. Our fall groups for middle & high school students have begun. These 45 minute gatherings will allow our students to connect with each other and with God, and grow in their faith. This will be a fun, and engaging opportunity for your child to connect with others during this confusing time, where they will find encouragement, support, and growth.

KIDWERKS LIVE

Sundays | 10:30 AM

We've changed to a new time and a new engaging format to help our kids connect with God and with each other. Every Sunday morning kids are invited to connect and grow through our Kidwerks Live 2.0. This fun, interactive, event happens at our new time at 10:30am.

BOY SCOUT WREATH SALE

Your local BSA troop 508 is thankful that we can offer Wreath decorations again this year! Covid 19 has certainly changed up everything we do but not how we celebrate and decorate! Our website allows for social distancing and electronic payments. Please feel free to head to our site to place your order. The last day to order by website is 10/31.

We will be having our pick up on 11/22 from 8am to 12pm at Lutheran Church.

<https://go.wreathsaleapp.com/troop508>

If you aren't available during that time we will be available on Thursdays in December (except the week of Christmas) at the church at 7pm.

VIRTUAL NIGHT OF FAITH

Sat 12/5 | 6:00 PM

Our Night of Faith will be held virtually this year! We will still have a “golden ticket” raffle available with a chance to win an amazing prize (TBD). There will be a silent auction as well & this is where we need your help. We are looking for any donations you could provide, and have come up with a list of ideas:

Memberships to clubs: wine, food, coffee, sweets, health

Fun Activity Certificates: bowling, TopGolf, Main Event, miniature golf, zoo

Golf Outing: Stonebridge, White Eagle, Fox Bend, Orchard Valley

Restaurant Gift Certificates: fast food, casual food, fine dining

Sporting Events: White Sox, Blackhawks, Bulls, Cubs, Fire, AAA teams

Event tickets: movies, music concerts, symphony, museum, live theater

Memorabilia: sports, tv/movie, antiques, collectibles

Travel Vouchers: time shares, vacation rentals, cruises, car rental, hotel

Theme Park tickets: Great America, water parks

Lessons Certificates: golf, swimming, tennis, instruments, tutoring

Store Certificates: gift shops, clothing, jewelry, books, groceries/food

Services Certificates: house cleaning, landscape, handyman, babysitting

Email office@discoveringfaith.com or 630-862-3500 for more information. Donations can be dropped off to the church office.

JOYS & CONCERNS

Doris Johnson, mother of Karen Banschbach

Kathy, daughter-in-law of Karen Solan

The Family of Richard Hamrick- father of Mark Hamrick, who passed away

Steve Eng

Strength for Sonjia Ramsey

Sarah Barr

Scott Perkins, friend of Randy & Bonnie Schumacher

Bob Clark

Jay Bridge, brother of Dale Bridge

Ron Cizek, prayers of healing

Scott Lee

John, Jill O'Neal's godfather

Kathy, health care worker

Jerry, son of Judy Bridge

Dana & Daniel, friends of Judy Bridge

Claudia Marrow, friend of Danita Curry

Nick Falkos

John Larkin, cousin of Pastor Rob

Bella, Karen Solan's granddaughter

VerHagen family, friends of the Jensen family

Dave Belinski

Dave Hibler, brother of Kathryn Pawluczyk

Muriel Weigel, mother of Gary Weigel

Christy Dunn, Diane Rinehard, Jess Schell- working with Covid patients



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