



*THE WAY OF*  
*Jesus*

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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.**

November 15, 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.

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# The Gathering

**OPENING SONGS** *please stand*

## **Because of Your Love**

Yeah, yeah

Yeah, yeah

As we come into Your Presence

We remember every blessing

That You've poured out so freely from above

Lifting gratitude and praises

For compassion so amazing

Lord, we've come to give You thanks for all You've done

Because of Your love, we're forgiven

Because of Your love, our hearts are clean

We lift You up with songs of freedom

Forever we're changed because of Your love

Yeah, yeah

Yeah

Yeah, yeah

## **Who You Say I Am**

Who am I that the highest King  
Would welcome me?

I was lost but He brought me in

Oh, His love for me

Oh, His love for me

Who the Son sets free

Oh, is free indeed

I'm a child of God

Yes, I am

Free at last, He has ransomed me

His grace runs deep

While I was a slave to sin

Jesus died for me

Yes, He died for me

In my Father's house

There's a place for me

I'm a child of God

Yes, I am

I am chosen not forsaken

I am who You say I am

You are for me not against me

I am who You say I am

I am who You say I am

## **OPENING PRAYER**

L: Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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## The Word

### FIRST LESSON

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness.

So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him.

Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*please stand*

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

## GOSPEL

Luke 9: 21-27

He sternly ordered and commanded them not to tell anyone, saying, “The Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, chief priests, and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.” Then he said to them all, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will save it. What does it profit them if they gain the whole world, but lose or forfeit themselves? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words, of them the Son of Man will be ashamed when he comes in his glory and the glory of the Father and of the holy angels. But truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God.”

## MESSAGE

Serving | Pastor Rob

## 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.**

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## *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

### Only King Forever

Our God and 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 in the name of Jesus

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

Unmatched in all Your wisdom  
In love and justice You will reign  
And ev'ry 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 (*Chorus*)  
  
We lift our banner high  
We lift the name of Jesus  
From age to age You reign  
Your kingdom has no end

## DISMISSAL

L: Beloved God,  
    go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**C: Thanks be to God.**

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# 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**

Join us on Saturday, Dec. 5th at 6:00pm for our second annual Night of Faith. This year's fundraiser gala to celebrate and support our mission at Faith will be held online and will include music, live auctions, and the golden raffle ticket drawing. The event will be live-streamed, and you'll be able to bid in real-time and win some amazing items all the while knowing that you are supporting Faith's mission of changing lives through God's love. Click the link <http://discoveringfaith.com/night-of-faith> to learn more about the event, purchase your golden raffle tickets, and to place your bids!

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## JOYS & CONCERNS

Taylor Scott

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

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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