



Baptism of Our Lord
9:15 am worship service

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

Becoming fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

January 10, 2021

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: THE PURSUIT OF JOY

In life, we chase many things to attain happiness, but often when we catch them, we soon realize we haven't found what we're looking for. So if there's a pathway to happiness, how do we find it? Start this new year off by joining us as we walk through the letter to the Philippians and discover what it means to live with increasing joy and happiness. Each week you will come away with simple, practical steps that will lead you into a deeper sense of joy and contentment.

The Gathering

OPENING SONG *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

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

I sing the mighty pow'r of God, that made the mountains rise,
That spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at His command, and all the stars obey.

Chorus I sing... I sing
 I lift Your name on high
 I sing... I sing
 Your mighty power be ever glorified

I sing the goodness of the Lord, who filled the earth with food,
Who formed the creatures through the Word, and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how Your wonders are displayed everywhere I turn my eyes,
From here, the ground beneath my feet, and all across the skies (*Chorus*)

All plants, all flowers here below, still make Your glories known
And clouds arise and tempests blow, by order from Your throne;
Everything that draws its life from You is ever in Your care;
And everywhere that I can be, I know You're with me there. (*Chorus*)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

L: Holy God, creator of light and giver of goodness, your voice moves over the waters. Immerse us in your grace, and transform us by your Spirit, that we may follow after your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

The Word

FIRST LESSON

Philippians 1: 12-21

I want you to know, beloved that what has happened to me has actually helped to spread the gospel, so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to everyone else that my imprisonment is for Christ; and most of the brothers and sisters, having been made confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, dare to speak the word with greater boldness and without fear. Some proclaim Christ from envy and rivalry, but others from goodwill. These proclaim Christ out of love, knowing that I have been put here for the defense of the gospel; the others proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely but intending to increase my suffering in my imprisonment. What does it matter? Just this, that Christ is proclaimed in every way, whether out of false motives or true; and in that I rejoice. Yes, and I will continue to rejoice, for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance. It is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be put to shame in any way, but that by my speaking with all boldness, Christ will be exalted now as always in my body, whether by life or by death.

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

He is Exalted

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high;

I will praise him.

He is exalted, forever exalted,

and I will praise his name.

Jesus is Lord, forever his truth shall reign;

heaven and earth rejoice in his holy name.

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high!

GOSPEL

Mark 1:4-11

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

MESSAGE

It All Begins With... | Pastor Rob

SPECIAL MUSIC

All My Fountains

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P: Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

P: For the church throughout the world and its leaders, that guided by the Holy Spirit they proclaim the forgiveness of sins, let us pray.

C: Have mercy, O God.

P: For wilderness and water, wind and wild beasts, and all living things on earth, that God's goodness is revealed through creation and faithful stewards care for all God has made, let us pray.

C: Have mercy, O God.

P: For the nations of the world and their leaders, for laborers busy both day and night, and for peacemakers amid strife, that God inspire all people to use their strength wisely, let us pray.

C: Have mercy, O God.

P: For the sick and those who provide medical care, for the imprisoned and those who show them mercy, for the lonely and those who provide companionship, for all who suffer, that God shower compassion, let us pray.

C: Have mercy, O God.

P: For the congregation gathered here, for students returning to school, for those seeking renewal in their daily work, that all the beloved of God experience grace and peace, let us pray.

C: Have mercy, O God.

P: (Prayers of the community), let us pray.

C: Have mercy, O God.

P: Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior.

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: God the creator strengthen you;
Jesus the beloved fill you;
and the Holy Spirit the comforter † keep you in peace.

C: Amen

CLOSING SONG

Joyful, Joyful

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee
God of glory, Lord of love
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee
Praising thee, their sun above
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness
Drive the dark of doubt away
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

REVOLUTION ONLINE

Resumes 1/10 | 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

Resumes 1/10 | 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.

BRIGHT BEGINNINGS REGISTRATION

Happy New Year from Bright Beginnings Preschool! It is hard to believe but it is already time to register for preschool classes which will begin Fall 2021.

Registration for this year's clients & church members begins January 18th. There is a 5% tuition discount for church members. Registration opens to the public & alumni on Monday January 25th.

Information and forms for registration are available on the website discoveringfaith.com under the "preschool" tab. Feel free to call the church and leave a message at ext. 103 or email jenn@discoveringfaith.com and Jenn will get back to you as soon as possible.

THE HUB 2021

As we have entered in the new year it's a great time to sign up on the Hub or login to your existing profile page. The Hub is our centralized church system that give you all the information that is pertinent to you and our church!

Your giving is tracked on the Hub, your volunteer scheduling is done on the Hub, if you need to find someone's address or phone number you can get it on the Hub as well as countless other functions. You can make any changes, updates to your profile or load a new picture of yourself! Check it out <https://faith.ccbchurch.com>

JOYS & CONCERNS

Ray & JoAnn Reininger, parents of Ben Reininger
Doris Johnson, mother of Karen Banschbach
Jennifer, Mark & Booker, daughter of Dale Bridge
The Family of Pat Gatske, who passed away
The Family of Muriel Weigel- mother of Gary Weigel, who passed away
Chris, friend of Danita Curry
Betty Wampach
Sarah Hennings prayers of healing
Nancy Staton
Mitch- son of co-worker of Christy Douglas
Mike Autry
Taylor Scott
Kathy, daughter-in-law of Karen Solan
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
Jerry, son of Judy Bridge
Dana & Daniel, friends of Judy Bridge
Nick Falkos
John Larkin, cousin of Pastor Rob
Bella, Karen Solan's granddaughter
Dave & Jan Belinski
Dave Hibler, brother of Kathryn Pawluczyk
Christy Dunn, Diane Rinehard, Jess Schell- working with Covid patients



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