

THE BOOK OF



JONAH

God's Pursuing Grace

Time After Pentecost
9:30 Worship Celebration

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

Becoming fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

June 7, 2026

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: JONAH

Most of us know Jonah as the guy who got swallowed by a big fish. But Jonah's story isn't just about running from God—it's about a God who never stops running toward us. Join us as we discover how Jonah's journey shows us God's relentless mercy, His heart for people we might overlook, and the surprising ways He uses our lives for something bigger than ourselves.

The Gathering

Agnus Dei

A-llelui-a A-llel-ui-a

For the Lord, God Almighty, reigns

A-llel-ui-a A-llel-ui-a

For the Lord, God Almighty, reigns

A-llel-ui-a

Chorus 1 Holy Holy
Are You, Lord, God Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb Worthy is the Lamb

Chorus 2 You are holy holy
Are You, Lord, God Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb Worthy is the Lamb
Amen

A-llelui-a A-llel-ui-a

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A-llel-ui-a

(*Chorus 2*) x2

Worthy is the Lamb Worthy is the Lamb

Abide

For my waking breath
For my daily bread
I depend on You
I depend on You

For the sun to rise
For my sleep at night
I depend on You
I depend on You

Chorus You're the way the truth and the life
You're the well that never runs dry
I'm the branch and You are the vine
Draw me close and teach me to abide

For the victories
Still in front of me
I depend on You
I depend on You (*Chorus*)

For eternal life
To be raised with Christ
I depend on You
I depend on You (*Chorus*)

Be my strength, my song in the night
Be my all, my treasure my prize
I am Yours, forever You're mine
Draw me close and teach me to abide

Draw me close and teach me to abide

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: O God, you are the source of life and the ground of our being. By the power of your Spirit bring healing to this wounded world, and raise us to the new life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Word

READING

Jonah 1

Now the word of the Lord came to Jonah son of Amittai, saying, “Go at once to Nineveh, that great city, and cry out against it, for their wickedness has come up before me.” But Jonah set out to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the Lord. He went down to Joppa and found a ship going to Tarshish; so he paid his fare and went on board, to go with them to Tarshish, away from the presence of the Lord.

But the Lord hurled a great wind upon the sea, and such a mighty storm came upon the sea that the ship threatened to break up. Then the sailors were afraid, and each cried to his god. They threw the cargo that was in the ship into the sea, to lighten it for them. Jonah, meanwhile, had gone down into the hold of the ship and had lain down and was fast asleep. The captain came and said to him, “What are you doing sound asleep? Get up; call on your god! Perhaps the god will spare us a thought so that we do not perish.”

The sailors said to one another, “Come, let us cast lots, so that we may know on whose account this calamity has come upon us.” So they cast lots, and the lot fell on Jonah. Then they said to him, “Tell us why this calamity has come upon us. What is your occupation? Where do you come from? What is your country? And of what people are you?” “I am a Hebrew,” he replied. “I worship the Lord, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land.” Then the men were even more afraid and said to him, “What is this that you have done!” For the men knew that he was fleeing from the presence of the Lord, because he had told them so.

Then they said to him, “What shall we do to you, that the sea may quiet down for us?” For the sea was growing more and more tempestuous. He said to them, “Pick me up and throw me into the sea; then the sea will quiet down for you, for I know it is because of me that this great storm has come upon you.” Nevertheless, the men rowed hard to bring the ship back to land, but they could not, for the sea grew more and more stormy against them. Then they cried out to the Lord,

“Please, O Lord, we pray, do not let us perish on account of this man’s life. Do not make us guilty of innocent blood, for you, O Lord, have done as it pleased you.” So they picked Jonah up and threw him into the sea, and the sea ceased from its raging. Then the men feared the Lord even more, and they offered a sacrifice to the Lord and made vows.

But the Lord provided a large fish to swallow up Jonah, and Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

RESPONSE

please stand

Come Let Us Worship & Bow Down

Come let us worship and bow down
Let us kneel before the Lord,
Our God, our Maker Come let us worship and bow down
Let us kneel before the Lord, Our God, our Maker

For He is our God
And we are the people of His pasture
And the sheep of His hand And the sheep of His hand

GOSPEL

Matthew 9:9-13

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he got up and followed him.

And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with Jesus and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” But when he heard this, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners.”

MESSAGE

Ninevah’s Calling | Pastor Rob

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A: Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.

A: Holy God, we are in awe of your creative work. Continue that work in your church, making us a new creation that proclaims your presence and love. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Redeemer God, you call us to pray for those in authority. Guide our leaders to pursue the work of fostering peace and community. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Sustaining God, you are mindful of your people in every circumstance. Heal those who are sick. Provide for all who hunger. Protect those in harm's way. Comfort any experiencing hardship. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Gracious God, we pray for the children of our church and community. Provide for their needs. Support their caregivers. Nurture their faith. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Gracious and loving God, we pray for the family and friends of Faith... God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior.

C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

OFFERING RESPONSE

Give Thanks

please stand

Give thanks with a grateful heart
give thanks to the Holy One
give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, His Son.
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give thanks to the Holy One
give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, His Son.

And now let the weak say, I am strong
let the poor say, I am rich
because of what the Lord has done for us.
And now let the weak say, I am strong
let the poor say, I am rich
because of what the Lord has done for us.
Give thanks!

OFFERATORY PRAYER

A: Loving God,
we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.
Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love,
so that all creation can taste your abundance.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

The Meal

- P: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,
in the beginning you formed the heavens and earth
and created us in your likeness.
You made us guardians of your good creation and left the earth in our care.
All through our weary years and our silent tears,
you did not abandon us to ourselves,
but sought us out in love.
- In the crowning act of love you gave your only Son,
that whoever believes in him will have eternal life.
- For you sent Jesus not to condemn the world,
but to save the world from sin.
- Through his death on the cross, we who were once far off
have been brought near by the blood of Christ.
- In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
- Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
- For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.
- C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**
- P: With this bread and cup, we remember Christ's life among us;
his association with outcasts, his eating with sinners,
his healing of the sick, his care for the poor.

Send, we pray, your Holy Spirit
upon us and upon this bread and wine,
that we who share this meal may become a holy communion,
the body of Christ in the world.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

INVITATION TO THE MEAL

P: Heaven has come near.
Come, share in the feast!

C: Thanks be to God.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

AN INVITATION

*We invite you to share in Holy Communion this morning, regardless of your church background or lack thereof. We believe that God is present in the bread and wine as it becomes the body and blood of Jesus Christ and that this presence is a gift of grace in the lives of those who receive it. All are welcomed to the table enjoy this gift of God's love and mercy. **Apple/Grape** juice is in the center of the communion tray. Gluten free wafers available at usher stand.*

COMMUNION BLESSING *please stand*

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

C: **Amen.**

The Sending

SENDING PRAYER

A: Compassionate God,
through the gifts of bread and wine
our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love.
Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal,
may share your love freely, as you have shared with us.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

CLOSING SONG

King of Kings

In the darkness we were waiting Without hope, without light
'Til from Heaven You came running There was mercy in Your eyes
To fulfill the law and prophets To a virgin came the word
From a throne of endless glory To a cradle in the dirt

Chorus Praise the Father, praise the Son
 Praise the Spirit, three in one
 God of glory, Majesty
 Praise forever to the King of Kings

To reveal the kingdom coming And to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation You did not despise the cross
For even in your suffering You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation Jesus for our sake you died (*Chorus*)

And the morning that You rose All of Heaven held its breath
'Til that stone was moved for good For the Lamb had conquered death
And the dead rose from their tombs And the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come To the Father are restored (*Chorus*)

And the church of Christ was born Then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this gospel truth of old Shall not kneel, shall not faint
By His blood and in His name In His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ Who has resurrected me (*Chorus*)

DISMISSAL

P: Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

C: **Thanks be to God.**

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Faith!

We are so glad that you have chosen to worship with us today! Have questions about Faith? Wondering how to get connected or get more involved? We'd love to help. No matter where you are in life or how many times you've visited, we're here to guide you towards your next best step. Stop by the welcome center located near the main entrance. If this is your first time at Faith, let us know, we've got a special gift just for you!

NEXT

Sun 6/7 | 9:00 & 10:30 AM

If you've ever wondered how to get involved at Faith, or how to take the next step, don't worry. We've created a simple next step for you. It's a small gathering called NEXT. This informal gathering lasts only about 20 minutes after services and will provide you an overview of our mission, strategy, and environments to help you determine your best next step for continuing your faith journey. Meets fireside

MONDAY NIGHT WOMENS STUDY

Mon 6/8 | 7:15 PM

It's All Under Control

It's All Under Control is a book for every woman who is hanging on tight and trying to get each day right—yet finding that life often feels out of control and chaotic.

Discover a new way of living that will free you to be you, and finally experience the peace of knowing a God who truly has it all under control. The book is available on Amazon- Come join us! We will meet Monday nights at Faith 6/22

MENS COMMUNITY GROUP

Sat 6/13 | 8:00 AM

Meets fireside at Faith, the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month.

In addition to coffee, great conversation, and fellowship, we typically are engaged in a spiritual study topic or video discussion. Come join us!

BASEBALL, FRIENDS AND FIREWORKS

Sat 6/13 | 6:30 PM

Join us Saturday, June 13, 2026 at 6:30pm at Northwestern Field (34W002 Cherry Lane, Geneva, IL 60134) for a Kane County Cougars Game!

This is a great night for baseball with fireworks immediately following the game. Tickets are \$12/per person in Section 106. Discounted parking is also available- Preferred parking \$12 and General Admission parking \$7 at ticket purchase Tickets are non-refundable but may be exchanged for another game if there is rain. Parking is non-refundable.

Invite your friends and family! Tickets available online at www.discoveringfaith.com until June 5th. After June 5th pricing may increase and tickets are not guaranteed.

KIDWERKS Summer Schedule

Sundays at 9:30AM

June: 14 & 28

July: 12 & 26

August: 9 & 23

We will continue to meet this summer every other week in the auditorium. Join us for a summer of fun and learning! Any questions please contact jenn@discoveringfaith.com

ASK THE COUNCIL

Sun 6/14 | 9:00 & 10:30 AM

Come, meet and discuss church issues and activities with the church council. Members of the council will be available between services by the fireplace, to answer your questions about Faith.

HESED HOUSE SERVING EVENT

Weds 6/17 | 6:30 PM

Faith's next serving opportunity at Hessed House is June 17. We will need roughly 5 to 10 volunteers to help with meal setup, serving and cleanup. Volunteers can conveniently sign up online or at the welcome center. All that's needed is a serving heart. Sign up today! If you have questions about Faith's Hessed House ministry, please reach out to the ministry team at hessedhouse@discoveringfaith.com

Outdoor Sunday Worship

Sun 6/21 | 9:30 AM

Sunday, June 21, we'll be meeting outdoors at 9:30 AM for only one worship service. No 8:00 AM service. Bring your lawn chair or blanket and join us on the lawn. We'll have some outdoor seating as well. You can also attend from your car by tuning into FM 88.3. We'll be live streaming this service as well, if you're unable to make it in person. Come join us!

VBS - Rainforest Falls

7/20 - 7/24/26 | 9:00 AM

Join us this summer at Rainforest Falls, overflowing with wild waterfalls, towering trees, and colorful creatures. Beneath a canopy of chattering birds and howling monkeys, kids plunge into a lifelong adventure of discovering the nature of God. They'll explore what it means to be rooted in a relationship with God, their creator, a safe place in life's storms. Kids participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, make and devour yummy treats, experience one-of-a-kind Bible Adventures, collect Bible Memory Buddies to remind them of God's love, and test out Sciency-Fun Gizmos they'll take home and play with all summer long. For more information contact jenn@discoveringfaith.com or register online at discoveringfaith.com

TUESDAY AM WOMENS BIBLE STUDY

The Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study will not be meeting over the summer months. The weekly meetings will resume again in September. Information regarding the starting date and topics to be discussed this fall will be posted in August. For additional information contact Sue Boozell at sue.boozell@discoveringfaith.com.

ADULT ONLINE STUDY GROUP

The online Zoom study group will not be meeting this summer and will resume in September.

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