

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 14, 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

Open Up the Heavens

We've waited for this day, we're gathered in Your name
Calling out to you
Your glory like a fire, awakening desire
Will burn our hearts with truth

Pre-Chorus You're the reason we're here
You're the reason we're singing

Chorus Open up the heavens, we want to see you
Open up the floodgates, a mighty river
Flowing from your heart
Filling every part of our praise

Your presence in this place, Your glory on our face
We're looking to the sky
Descending like a cloud, You're standing with us now
Lord, unveil our eyes (*Pre-Chorus*) (*Chorus*)

Show us, show us Your glory
Show us, show us Your power
Show us, show us Your glory, Lord
Show us, show us Your glory
Show us, show us Your power
Show us, show us Your glory, Lord (*Chorus*) (*Chorus*)

All Creatures of our God and King

All creatures of our God and King

Lift up your voice and with us sing

O praise Him! Alleluia!

Thou, burning sun with golden beam

Thou, silver moon with softer gleam

Chorus O praise Him! O praise Him!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless

And worship Him in humbleness

O praise Him! Alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son

And praise the Spirit, Three-in-One (*Chorus*)

All the redeemed washed by His blood

Come and rejoice in His great love

O praise Him! Alleluia!

Christ has defeated every sin

Cast all your burdens now on Him (*Chorus*)

He shall return in pow'r to reign

Heaven and earth will join to say

O praise Him! Alleluia!

Then who shall fall on bended knee?

All creatures of our God and King (*Chorus*)(*Chorus*)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: God of compassion, you have opened the way for us and brought us to yourself. Pour your love into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy, we may freely share the blessings of your realm and faithfully proclaim the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Word

READING

Jonah 2

Then Jonah prayed to the Lord his God from the belly of the fish, saying,

“I called to the Lord out of my distress,
and he answered me;

out of the belly of Sheol I cried,
and you heard my voice.

You cast me into the deep,
into the heart of the seas,
and the flood surrounded me;
all your waves and your billows
passed over me.

Then I said, ‘I am driven away
from your sight;

how shall I look again
upon your holy temple?’

The waters closed in over me;
the deep surrounded me;
weeds were wrapped around my head
at the roots of the mountains.

I went down to the land
whose bars closed upon me forever;
yet you brought up my life from the Pit,
O Lord my God.

As my life was ebbing away,
I remembered the Lord,
and my prayer came to you,
into your holy temple.

Those who worship vain idols
forsake their true loyalty.

But I with the voice of thanksgiving
will sacrifice to you;
what I have vowed I will pay.

Deliverance belongs to the Lord!”

Then the Lord spoke to the fish, and it vomited Jonah out onto the dry land.

RESPONSE

please stand

Blessing, Honor and Glory

Blessing, Honor, Glory to The Lamb
Holy, righteous, worthy is the Lamb

Death could not hold him down
For he is risen Seated upon the throne

He is the lamb of God

Blessing, honor, Glory to the lamb

Holy , Righteous, worthy is the lamb of God

GOSPEL

Matthew 9:35- 10:8

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Do not take a road leading to gentiles, and do not enter a Samaritan town, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ Cure the sick; raise the dead; cleanse those with a skin disease; cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

MESSAGE

A Cry From the Deep | 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: God of freedom, you ransomed Israel from slavery to be a holy people. As we observe Juneteenth this coming week, free us also to be a people who proclaim your liberating love. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: God of creation, you call all the earth to make a joyful noise to you. Let us join the chorus of the natural world in proclaiming your glory. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: God of the nations, you sent Jesus as peace for all of humankind. Bring an end to war and conflict, bring hope to places devastated by destruction, and sustain those who advocate for peace. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: God of all, you call your children to serve in a plentiful harvest. Give us the wisdom to know how best to serve our local community and our neighbors. 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

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 use our lives they are Yours We are an offering

All that we have, all that we are
All that we hope to be, We give to You, we give to You
We lift our voices We lift our hands
We lift our lives up to You We are an offering

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: The Lord be with you.
C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.
C: **We lift our hearts with joy,
we lift them to the Lord.**

P: We give you thanks, our God,
for that is right and good.

Yes, it is truly good,
our duty and delight,
that we should everywhere
and at all times give thanks.

And so we thank you now,
our holy Father, Lord,
eternal, mighty God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Who came to earth for us
in great humility
and by his birth and life
has shown your love to us.

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.
You fill all of heaven and earth;
save us, God on high!**

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread,
and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples,
and said, Take and eat; this is † my body, which is given for you. Do this
in remembrance of me.

In the same way he took the cup, after the supper, and when he had given
thanks, he gave it to them, and said, Drink of it, all of you; this is † my
blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of
sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Gracious Father, we therefore remember the sacrifice of our Lord in
celebration, as we receive his body and blood with this bread and wine.
We rejoice to receive all that he has done for us in his life and death, his
resurrection and ascension; and we wait for his coming again to share
with us the heavenly feast.

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

Build Your Kingdom Here

Come set Your rule and reign In our hearts again
Increase in us we pray Unveil why we're made
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope Like wildfire in our very souls
Holy Spirit, come invade us now

Pre-Chorus We are Your church
And we need Your power in us

We seek Your kingdom first We hunger and we thirst
Refuse to waste our lives For You're our joy and prize
To see the captive hearts released The hurt, the sick, the poor at peace
We lay down our lives for Heaven's cause

Pre-Chorus We are Your church
And we pray revive this Earth

Chorus Build Your kingdom here Let the darkness fear
Show Your mighty hand Heal our streets and land
Set Your church on fire Win this nation back
Change the atmosphere Build Your kingdom here
We pray

Unleash Your kingdom's power Reaching the near and far
No force of hell can stop Your beauty changing hearts
You made us for much more than this Awake the kingdom seed in us
Fill us with the strength And love of Christ

Pre-Chorus We are Your church
We are the hope on Earth (*Chorus*) (*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!

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

AURORA PRIDE PARADE

Today! | 11:30 AM

Parade kicks off at Noon in Downtown Aurora. Meet members of Faith at 11:30am at Benton and Broadway

HESED HOUSE SERVING EVENT

Weds 6/17 | 6:30 PM

Faith's next serving opportunity at Hesed 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 Hesed House ministry, please reach out to the ministry team at hesedhouse@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!

MONDAY NIGHT WOMENS STUDY

Mon 6/22 | 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!

MENS COMMUNITY GROUP

Sat 6/27 | 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!

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

Weds 7/15 | 7:15 PM

This is a wonderful volunteer opportunity to help out in our community. We will be packing meals on Wednesday, July 15. Sign up online www.discoveringfaith.com. All volunteers need to sign up before July 8. Check out the volunteering policies before signing up!

Each day our partners distribute FMSC meals in schools, orphanages, clinics and feeding programs around the world to deliver hope and break the cycle of poverty.

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

COMMUNITY LIFE EVENTS

RiverEdge Concerts: **Sixteen Candles** Fri 7/17 | 8:00PM \$5
Bob Seger Experience Fri 7/31 | 8:00 PM \$21

Tickets available now & purchased through the Paramount Theater in Aurora

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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As followers of Jesus Christ, we embrace irrational generosity. We know it changes lives—ours and the people we're reaching. At Faith, taking action on your generosity is simple. Just scan the QR code with your camera and give. Simple, safe, and secure.

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