



Time After Pentecost
9:30 Worship Celebration

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

Becoming fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

August 30, 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: AT THE MOVIES

Your favorite movie? It stuck with you for a reason—the story, the music, the characters—you felt something. During the month of August, join us for At the Movies, where we'll explore powerful biblical truths through some of your favorite films. Each week, we'll dive into a different movie and discover how God's story of hope, redemption, and purpose shows up in unexpected places. It's the perfect series to invite a friend—you never know what story God might use to speak to them. We can't wait to see you!

The Gathering

Praise

I'll praise in the valley, and praise on the mountain

I'll praise when I'm sure, praise when I'm doubting

I'll praise when outnumbered, and praise when surrounded

'Cause praise is the waters my enemies drown in

Pre-Chorus As long as I'm breathing

I've got a reason to

Chorus 1 Praise the Lord, oh my soul

Praise the Lord, oh my soul

I'll praise when I feel it, I'll praise when I don't

I'll praise 'cause I know You're still in control

My praise is a weapon, it's more than a sound

My praise is the shout that brings Jericho down (*Pre-Chorus*)

Chorus 2 I won't be quite my God is alive

How could I keep it inside

Praise the Lord oh my soul

I'll praise 'cause You're sovereign Praise 'cause You reign

Praise 'cause You rose And defeated the grave

I'll praise 'cause You're faithful Praise 'cause You're true

Praise 'cause there's nobody Greater than You (*Repeat*)

(*Chorus 1*) (*Chorus 1*) (*Chorus 2*) (*Chorus 2*)

Let everything That has breath

Praise the Lord Praise the Lord (*Repeat*) (*Repeat*)

O Come to the Altar

Are you hurting and broken within
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin
Jesus is calling
Have you come to the end of yourself
Do you thirst for a drink from the well
Jesus is calling

Chorus O come to the altar
The Father's arms are open wide
Forgiveness was bought with
The precious blood of Jesus Christ

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes
Come today there's no reason to wait
Jesus is calling
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy
From the ashes a new life is born
Jesus is calling (*Chorus*)

Oh what a Savior
Isn't he wonderful
Sing alleluia Christ is risen
Bow down before him
For He is Lord of all
Sing alleluia Christ is risen (*Chorus*)

Bear your cross as you wait for the crown
Tell the world of the treasure you've found

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Word

READING

Psalm 118: 20-29

This is the gate of the Lord;
the righteous shall enter through it.

I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Save us, we beseech you, O Lord!
O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
We bless you from the house of the Lord.

The Lord is God,
and he has given us light.

Bind the festal procession with branches,
up to the horns of the altar.

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God; I will extol you.

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

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 16:21-28

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

“For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

MESSAGE

Up | Pastor Rob

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A: With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A: For the church in every land, that its mission and ministry is anchored in the love of Christ. When threats or challenges arise, teach us to take up our cross and follow you in faith. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: For the well-being of your creation, that all that lives and grows on the earth may thrive. Bring relief to areas ravaged by droughts, floods, fires, storms, and other disasters. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: For all those in need, that they be satisfied. Ensure all your children have safe access to food, water, shelter, and medical care. Bring healing to all who bear wounds in body, mind, and spirit. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: For the congregation gathered here to serve you, that they remain strong in faith and united in purpose. Guide our committees, study groups, and other meetings toward honesty and humility, always seeking genuine love. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

OFFERING RESPONSE

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

please stand

Now all the vault of heav'n resounds
in praise of love that still abounds,
"Christ hath triumphed! He is living!"
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!
Repeat their song of glory here:
"Christ has triumphed, He is living!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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: God's love for the world was so great that He gave us His Son, so that anyone
who believes in Him should not die
but receive eternal life.
We come to this table in need;
We are weak and need strength;
We are broken and need healing;
We are hardened and need softening;
We are poor in spirit and need care.
- C: **We give thanks for Your compassion, O God;
We rejoice at Your invitation to share in this meal,
and we receive again Your abundant grace.**

P: So, let's remember how Jesus gave Himself for us;
At supper, on the night of His betrayal, Jesus took bread,
gave thanks, broke it and shared it with His friends, saying:
This is my body, given for you. Take it, eat it, and remember Me.

C: Amen.

P: After supper, Jesus took the cup,
gave thanks and shared it with His friends, saying:
This is my blood shed for you. Take it, drink it and remember Me.

C: Amen.

P: In this bread and in this wine we receive again
the generous, and costly gift of life,
offered to us through the sacrifice of Jesus.
This meal is a proclamation of God's goodness, a thanksgiving for God's grace
and a sharing in God's life.

C: And we will keep celebrating in this way until Jesus returns. 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

Living Hope

How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation, I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night

Then through the darkness, Your loving kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished, the end is written
Jesus Christ, my living hope

Who could imagine so great a mercy?
What heart could fathom such boundless grace?
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame

The cross has spoken, I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever
Jesus Christ, my living hope

Chorus Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ, my living hope *(Repeat)*

Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on Him
Jesus Christ is the victory *(Chorus) (Chorus)*

Jesus Christ, my living hope
God, You are my living hope

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 KICKOFF

Sun 8/30 | 9:30 AM

Our Sunday morning PreK – 5th grade children's ministry program is back! At 9:30am we will meet weekly in the auditorium. Registration is now open online at discoveringfaith.com

NEXT

Sun 9/6 | 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.

TUESDAY AM WOMENS BIBLE STUDY

Begins 9/8 | 9:00 AM

The Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study will resume their weekly meetings at the church on September 8 at 9:00 a.m. This fall the group will be reading *Jesus In Me ~ Experiencing the Holy Spirit as a Constant Companion* by Anne Graham Lotz.

Copies of the book can be purchased at the meeting for \$11.00. The book is also available on Amazon in Kindle and Audiobook formats. All women of Faith and their friends are welcome and encouraged to attend. We would love to have you join us! For additional information contact Sue Boozell at sue.boozell@discoveringfaith.com.

MENS COMMUNITY GROUP

Sat 9/12 | 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!

A MOMENT FOR MOM

Sat 9/12 | 10:00 AM

A Moment for Mom will hold an Open House on Saturday, September 12th at 10:00 AM.

Donuts and coffee will be served. Bring your kids to play on our playground and you can learn what we are all about.

STUDENT MINISTRIES ORIENTATION MEETING

Sun 9/13 | 10:45 AM

All 6th – 12th grade students and their parents are invited to attend the orientation meeting for Revolution, on Sunday, Sept 13 @ 10:45am in the sanctuary. Come learn about the exciting events planned for this year. Our program, events, mission trip 2027, Middle School Summer Camp 2027, and expectations for our Crossroads/Confirmation program will be covered. For more information contact Pastor Rob.

ADULT ONLINE STUDY GROUP

Begins 9/15 | 7:15 PM

Epic of Eden

The Old Testament can feel like a puzzle. Richter's substantive and profoundly spiritual exploration shows how the pieces fit together and how accessible the narrative truly is! We plan to begin our next study on September 15. This will be a twelve week study.

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

Weds 9/16 | 7:15 PM

This is a wonderful volunteer opportunity to help out in our community. We will be packing meals on Wednesday, September 16. Sign up at www.discoveringfaith.com. All volunteers need to sign up before September 7. Check out the volunteering policies before signing up!

COMPASSION WEEKEND IS COMING!

September 18-20

Save the date and get ready to get your serve on at Faith's 13th annual Compassion Weekend. We'll be rolling up our sleeves and heading out to partner with organizations and projects that make a real impact on the lives of people in our community. As part of our serving weekend, we want to extend care and love to those in need in our very own neighborhoods. If you, or someone you know, is in need of any help with projects/tasks around their home you are encouraged to visit www.discoveringfaith.com/compassionweekend where you can submit that need. From cutting lawns, to painting, to yard work, our Compassion Weekend Team would like to help our neighbors on that weekend.

WATOTO CHILDREN'S CHOIR CONCERT

Fri 9/18 | 7:00 PM

“LOVE NEVER FAILS” A Vibrant Worship Experience

The Sound of a Transformed Generation

All the way from Uganda, East Africa, we're excited to bring you the Watoto Children's Choir performing songs from their brand-new album, “Love Never Fails”. As the children sing, dance, and share their personal stories of hope, you'll see firsthand the power of God's unfailing love.

Watoto Children's Choirs have traveled the world for over three decades, declaring the good news of what Jesus has done in their lives. Our children have performed for Her Majesty the Queen, the President of the United States, and almost every major parliament in the world.

Yet, as remarkable as those moments have been, we cherish the times we've met ordinary people in their moment of pain and have been able to see firsthand how Jesus heals. As people meet our children from Uganda, with their hearts healed and their dreams restored, they can't help but realize that God loves them too.

Don't miss out! This one-of-a-kind experience will inspire and encourage you, your family, and your friends. Other than traveling to Africa yourself, what better way to learn about all the good work God is doing through Watoto than by meeting the children and hearing how the love of Jesus transformed their lives.

Outdoor Sunday Worship

Sun 9/20 | 9:30 AM

Sunday, September 20, 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!

PROJECT 3:23 COMING SOON!

A new monthly group for men in their 20s, 30s, and 40s. Inspired by Colossians 3:23, Project 3:23 is designed to bring men together through Service, Social, and Support—creating opportunities to serve others, build genuine friendships, and support one another through every season of life. No pressure, no special skills required, and no major time commitment—just a chance to show up, connect, and do something meaningful together. More details coming soon!

FAITHFUL FOUNDATIONS CAMPAIGN

Our 2026 Faithful Foundations campaign aims to raise \$75,000 for Faith. Our building and grounds are 18 years old and need some tender loving care.

The goal for this fundraising campaign is to:

- Repair and Upgrade our HVAC units.
- Improve our parking lot.
- Upgrades to our building's interior painting, furniture, light fixtures and improvements to our auditorium.
- Landscaping around the church.
- Signage at the parking lot entrance.

Giving at Faith! As Easy as Click & Give



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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