



Time After Pentecost
9:30 Worship Celebration

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

Becoming fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

October 11, 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: THE GOAT

What made Jesus the Greatest of All Time? What would it look like if we strived to be more like Him? Join us as we look at the habits Jesus practiced throughout his ministry. We'll set some goals for spiritual habits and work together towards those goals. It will be an experience that could change your life and the lives of those around you.

The Gathering

You'll Come

Chains be broken Lives be healed
Eyes be opened Christ is revealed

I have decided I have resolved
To wait upon You, Lord
My rock and redeemer shield and reward
I'll wait upon You, Lord

Chorus As surely as the sun will rise
 You'll come to us
 Certain as the dawn appears
 You'll come
 Let Your glory fall as You respond to us
 Spirit reign Flood into our thirsty hearts again
 You'll come, You'll come

We are not shaken we are not moved
We wait upon You, Lord
Mighty deliverer triumph and truth
We wait upon You, Lord (*Chorus*)

Chains be broken Lives be healed
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All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name/ Crown Him With Many Crowns

All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all
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Ye chosen seed of Israel's praise Ye ransomed from the fall
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all!

Let every kindred every tribe On this terrestrial ball
To Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all.
To Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all!

Crown Him the Lord of Love Behold His hands and side
Rich wounds yet visible Above in beauty glorified
No angel in the sky Can fully bear that sight
But downward bends his burning eye At mysteries oh so bright

Crown Him the Lord of Life Who triumphed o'er the grave
Who rose victorious to the strife For those He came to save
His glories now we sing Who died and rose on high
Who died eternal life to bring And lives that death may die

Crown him with many crowns The lamb upon His throne
Hark how the heavenly anthem drowns All music but it's own
Awake my soul and sing Of Him who died for thee
And hail Him as thy matchless King Through all eternity

With younder sacred throng We at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song and crown Him Lord of all
We'll join the everlasting song and crown Him Lord

Crown Him Lord
Crown Him Lord of all

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Word

READING

Philippians 4:1-9

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my coworkers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

RESPONSE

please stand

Seek Ye First

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And its righteousness
And all these things will be added unto you
Allelu, alleluia

GOSPEL

Matthew 4: 18-22

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

MESSAGE

Jesus the G.O.A.T. | Pastor Rob

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- A: Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world.
- A: Holy God, we remember your promise of unity on your holy mountain. Empower the World Council of Churches and all those working across religious difference, that the world may know your undivided love. Hear us, O God.
- C: Your mercy is great.**
- A: We remember your promise to not abandon us amid storm and disaster. Renew all communities facing disasters and give your courage to those leading relief efforts. Hear us, O God.
- C: Your mercy is great.**
- A: We remember your promise to wipe away every tear. Heal and console all who are sick or suffering. Hear us, O God.
- C: Your mercy is great.**

A: We remember your promise of a banquet open to all people. Challenge this congregation to open wide our doors and welcome everyone to the table.
Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

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

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

OFFERING RESPONSE

Praise and Thanksgiving

please stand

Praise and thanksgiving God we would offer
For all things living You have made good
Harvest of sown fields Fruits of the orchard
Hay from the mown fields Blossom and wood

OFFERATORY PRAYER

A: God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly.
All blessings are from you;
make us generous with what we have.
Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts
in service to you and in love to our neighbors,
today and always.

C: Amen.

The Meal

- P: God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
you have brought us this far along the way.
In times of bitterness you did not abandon us,
but guided us into the path of love and light.
In every age you sent prophets
to make known your loving will for all humanity.
The cry of the poor has become your own cry;
our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire.
In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant
to preach good news to the afflicted,
to break bread with the outcast and despised,
and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.
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: Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection,
we await the day when Jesus shall return to free all the earth
from the bonds of slavery and death.
Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say "Amen"!
- 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: Christ invites you to this table.

All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

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: Sustaining God,
with this bread and cup,
you nourish us with mercy and abundant life.
By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world.
Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love,
following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.

C: Amen.

CLOSING SONG

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

DISMISSAL

P: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

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!

RADICAL LOVE EVENT – BLACKBERRY FARM

Mon 10/12 | 10:00 AM

Want to learn more about the organization Radical Love, and meet some of our refugee neighbors to work alongside with our families? Join us Monday, October 12, at Blackberry Farm in Aurora (11am-1pm, NO SCHOOL DAY). This fall meetup will be an opportunity to laugh, have fun together, enjoy lunch, and let kids run and play together. In between giggles and pizza, we will share the hats, gloves and coats our Faith community packed as we prepare for winter. All are welcome!

MONDAY PM WOMENS BIBLE STUDY

Mon 10/12 | 7:15 PM

The Silent Echo

When God really wants to get your attention, he doesn't just say something once. He echoes. He speaks through a Sunday sermon, a chance conversation with a friend the next day, even a random email. the same theme, idea, impression or lesson will repeat itself in surprising and unexpected ways until you realize that maybe, just maybe God is at work. Come join us on Monday nights for a discussion of Margaret Feinberg's book. The bible study will meet October 12 & 26; November 9 & 23; December 7 & 21

TUESDAY AM WOMENS BIBLE STUDY

Tues 10/13 | 9:00 AM

The Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study have resumed their weekly meetings at the church at 9:00 a.m. This fall the group is 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.

FAITH FAMILY DINNER NIGHT

Weds 10/14 | 5:00 PM

Faith Dining Nights are starting again for the 2026-2027 season.

Our first Faith Family Dining Night is set for Wednesday, October 14, 2026

Portillo's Restaurant, 2810 US-34, Oswego, IL

Must present the Flyer in person, on your phone or use ONLINE CODE: PORTILLOS when ordering. Portillo's in Oswego will donate 20% of the proceeds from that night back to Faith Lutheran Church. You are welcome to share the flyer with family, friends and neighbors. We are not able to pass out the flyer at the restaurant. Grab a cake shake, some cheese fries and Portillo's famous beef sandwich to help support Faith!

FIRST COMMUNION WORKSHOP

Sun 10/18 | 2:00 PM

For those parents who feel their elementary school-aged child is ready to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion, you are encouraged to attend our First Communion workshop. This learning event is intended to be a time for both the parents and the child to discover the gracious gift of God's love and mercy that comes to us through this meal. For further information, contact Pastor Rob at pastor@discoveringfaith.com. Sign up today online or at the welcome center.

REVOLUTION

Sun 10/18, 11/1 | 5:00 PM

On Sunday Nights at Faith, we've created an event that attracts **middle & high school students just like you**. After all, we figure you want to be wherever your friends are. We make this time as fun and relevant as we possibly can. The goal is for you to leave feeling energized to go out there and tackle another week! Meets 1st and 3rd Sundays in the auditorium. Register online- discoveringfaith.com

HESED HOUSE

Weds 10/21 | 6:30 PM

Faith's next serving opportunity at Hased House is August 19. We will need roughly 5 to 10 volunteers to help with meal setup, serving and cleanup. Volunteers can conveniently signup online or at the welcome center. All that's needed is a serving heart. Sign up today! If you have questions about Faith's Hased House ministry, please reach out to the ministry team at hasedhouse@discoveringfaith.com.

MENS COMMUNITY GROUP

Sat 10/24 | 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!

FALL FEST IS COMING

Sun 10/25 | 3:30 PM

On Sunday, October 25, we're celebrating the season with some fall-tastic fun.

Mega Awesome Costume Party for preschool & elementary kids—prizes, games, inflatables, food vendors, and all the fall vibes!

It's going to be a Sunday full of fun, community, and memories you won't want to miss.

Grab your crew, plan your costumes, and join us for Fall Fest at Faith!

NEXT

Sun 11/1 | 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.

A MOMENT FOR MOM

Sat 11/14 | 10:00 AM

We welcome you to our moms group for moms just like you! We are hosting moms of children ages 0-10 to come together for a time of learning, laughter, and treats. Take a moment to connect with other moms, while enjoying a yummy breakfast, hearing from a knowledgeable speaker on topics related to parenting, and build your mom village along the way. Each Session is \$6, Childcare is \$8

Guest Speaker: Myriam Sanchez

Why the First Year of Parenthood is So Hard & How to Still Succeed Through It

Register online www.discoveringfaith.com/amomentformom

MEMBERSHIP @ FAITH

Mon 11/16 | 6:30 PM

This course invites participants to explore the vision, mission and values of Faith, as well as a broad overview of the Christian faith from a Lutheran perspective. Participants will also discover their unique gifts and how they can use them in serving others. This course is open to everyone and is expected of those who wish to become members at Faith! Register online or at the welcome center.

ADULT ONLINE STUDY GROUP

Tuesdays | 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 October 6. This will be a twelve week study.

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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