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Time After Pentecost  
9:30 Worship Celebration

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

Becoming fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

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## **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.

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## *The Gathering*

### **Lord I Lift Your Name on High**

Lord I lift Your name on high

Lord I love to sing Your praises

I'm so glad You're in my life

I'm so glad You came to save us

You came from heaven to earth

To show the way

From the earth to the cross

My debt to pay

From the cross to the grave

From the grave to the sky

Lord I lift Your name on high

## **Amazing Grace**

Amazing Grace How sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost but now am found  
Was blind but now I see

'Twas grace that taught My heart to fear  
And grace my fears relieved  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed

Through many Dangers toils and snares  
I have already come  
'Tis grace hath brought me safe  
Thus far  
And grace will lead me home

The Lord hath promised good to me  
His word my hope secures  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures

When we've been there Ten thousand years  
Bright shining as the sun  
We've no less days  
To sing God's praise  
Than when we first begun

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

L: Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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# The Word

## READING

## 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy from the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For they report about us what kind of welcome we had among you and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

## RESPONSE

Joyful, Joyful

*please stand*

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,  
God of glory, Lord of love!  
Hearts unfold like flow'rs 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!

## GOSPEL

Matthew 7: 24-29

“Everyone, then, who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall because it had been founded on rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—and great was its fall!”

Now when Jesus had finished saying these words, the crowds were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as their scribes.

## MESSAGE

Listen to God | 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: Living and true God, you inspire us to share the message of the gospel. Give your spirit of love to seminarians and those beginning their lives in ordained ministry. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: We give you thanks for the majesty of our oceans. Protect the abundant life within them and sustain all those who work to preserve them. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: We seek your wisdom in all things. Direct all who hold positions of authority around the world, that they act with compassion, seeking the good of all. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: We ask your blessing on those who do the quiet, unseen work of the church. Encourage them in their work of faith and labor of love. 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 to the Lord the Almighty

*please stand*

Praise to the Lord the Almighty      The King of creation  
O my soul praise Him      For He is thy health and salvation  
All ye who hear now to His temple draw near  
Praise Him in glad adoration

### 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.**

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## *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.**

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## *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**

## **Doxology (God Be Praised)**

Praise God From Whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him All creatures here below  
Praise Him above Ye heav'nly host  
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost

*Chorus* Praise the Father Praise the Son  
Praise the Spirit Now with us  
Every moment all our days God be praised  
Oh God be praised

Praise God With morning's breaking light  
Praise Him Through darkness of the night  
Praise Him With every breath of life  
Praise Him my soul With all your might (*Chorus*)(*Chorus*)

Praise God In face to face we see  
The One who died To set us free  
The One Who rose in victory  
Praise now forever Christ our King (*Chorus*) (*Chorus*)

God be praised Oh God be praised (*Repeat*)

Praise God From Whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him All creatures here below  
Praise Him above Ye heav'nly host  
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost

## **DISMISSAL**

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

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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## 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!

### **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](mailto: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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays in the auditorium. Register online- [discoveringfaith.com](http://discoveringfaith.com)

### **TUESDAY AM WOMENS BIBLE STUDY**

**Tues 10/20 | 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](mailto:sue.boozell@discoveringfaith.com).

### **HESED HOUSE**

**Weds 10/21 | 6:30 PM**

Faith's next serving opportunity at Hesed 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 Hesed House ministry, please reach out to the ministry team at [hesedhouse@discoveringfaith.com](mailto:hesedhouse@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!

## **MONDAY PM WOMENS BIBLE STUDY**

**Mon 10/26 | 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 26; November 9 & 23; December 7 & 21

## **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](http://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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