



Time after Pentecost
9:30 Worship Celebration

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

Becoming fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

August 24, 2025

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

OPENING SONG

Come Now Is The Time To Worship

Come, now is the time to worship

Come, now is the time to give your heart

Come, just as you are to worship

Come, just as you are before your God

Come

One day every tongue will confess You are God

One day every knee will bow

Still the greatest treasure remains

For those who gladly choose you now

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Come come just as you are come come

Praise to the Lord (Joyful Joyful)

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation
O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation

Chorus 1 Come, all you hear, now to His temple draw near
Join me in glad adoration

Praise to the Lord, above all things so wondrously reigning
Sheltering you under his wings, and so gently sustaining

Chorus 2 Have you not seen all that is needful has been
Sent by his gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you
Surely His goodness and mercy shall daily attend you

Chorus 3 Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
If with His love He befriends you

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee
God of glory, Lord of love
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee
Op'ning to the Sun above *(Repeat)*

Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore Him
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him

Chorus 4 Let the Amen sound from His people again
Gladly forever adore Him

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: O God, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Word

READING

1 Peter 2: 9-10

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Once you were not a people,
but now you are God's people;
once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.

RESPONSE

In Christ Alone

please stand

In Christ alone, my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This cornerstone, this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm

What heights of love What depths of peace
When fears are stilled When strivings cease
My Comforter my all in all Here in the love of Christ I stand

GOSPEL

Luke 13:10-17

Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured and not on the Sabbath day."

But the Lord answered him and said, “You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it to water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?” When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame, and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things being done by him.

MESSAGE

At the Movies - Toy Story 4 | Pastor Rob

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A: Let us pray for the church, the creation, and the whole people of God, for God is near.

A: You call your church to proclaim liberation and freedom to all. Give wisdom to bishops, synod councils and staff, and congregation leaders as they pursue a more just and equitable church and society. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: You inspire all creation to sing and bless your holy name. Send healing rains to parched places and relief to flooded lands. Lead us to enact policies to rebuild ruined ecosystems and habitats. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: You work vindication and justice for all who are oppressed. Strengthen the resolve of world leaders and local officials in the way of love and mercy, so that all persons may experience abundant life. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: You satisfy your people with good things. In your steadfast love, receive the cries of all who are bent over under the weight of addiction, isolation, and mental or physical illness. Manifest your healing presence in their midst. 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: Confident in God's presence and promise, we entrust our prayers to the one who always receives them; through Jesus Christ, our wisdom and companion.

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

OFFERATORY PRAYER

A: Creator God,
in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good
and the harvest is plentiful.
Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth
and our labor,
that we may work for the good of all;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

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: The kingdom of God is set before you.
Eat and rejoice.
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: Mothering God,
you gathered us to your table
and we drank deeply of your grace.
Send us out by your Spirit
to love our neighbors as ourselves
and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.

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: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

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

August: 24

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

WOMENS GROUP

Mon 9/8 | 7:00 PM

The Monday Night Women's Bible Study Group will start again on Monday, September 8th. This Fall we will be studying "Encouraging One Another, Women of Faith Bible Study" by Nicole Johnson. In Encouraging One Another, you will explore what Scripture has to say about the value God places on your life and how He notices all that you are doing. You will read passages that will lift your spirit as you hear God speaking His words of encouragement into your life. You will also discover that just as God lifts you up, He wants you to lift up others. We will study 2 chapters per session. You may order the book online at Christianbook.com

We meet bi-weekly at Faith's café & no need to sign up- We'd love to have you join us!

A MOMENT FOR MOM – PLAY DATE

Sat 9/13 | 10:00 AM

Our first session of the new year is a play date at Blackberry Farm, Saturday, September 13, at 10:00 AM. The cost is \$7 per person over 1 year old. Please register on our website by September 5 to receive your Blackberry Farm e-ticket the Friday before the event. Can't wait to see you!

A Moment for Mom is a group for moms of kiddos ages 0-10 that meets the 2nd Saturday each month through May 2026. Sessions provide a delicious breakfast and amazing speakers on topics relating to motherhood. We offer affordable childcare while you attend. Our website is ready for you to explore our speakers and costs for the 2025-2026 year. Come join us and other moms to laugh, learn, and connect. Register today and/or reach out to us for more information at www.discoveringfaith.com/amomentformom.

FAITH GOLF SCRAMBLE

Sun 9/14 | 1:00 PM

Join us for Faith's Golf Scramble at 1:00pm on Sept 14 at Springbrook Golf Course 2220 W. 83rd, Naperville, IL 60564. Grab your 4-some or sign up and we will add you to a group (no 5-somes allowed). All are invited so grab your friends and sign up today. Clubs can be rented for an additional fee.

Cost is \$45/per person and includes 9 holes of golf, 1 cart and a bucket of practice balls. In the event of rain, a rain date will be provided or a voucher to use another time.

Scramble golf, prizes and fun await!

WOMENS BIBLE STUDY

Tues 9/16 | 9:00 AM

The Tuesday morning Women's Bible Study will resume their weekly meetings on Tuesday, September 16. All women of Faith are welcome and encouraged to attend. The group meets in the cafe from 9-10:30. This Fall the Bible Study will explore the book of Ruth through Timothy J. Mulders' book Ruth - a Story of God's Redeeming Love. The study covers such topics as God's loving-kindness (hesed), the foreshadowing of Christ, waiting on God's timing, the providence of God, and the redemption of Naomi.

The workbook is \$10 and will be available at the meetings.

For additional information contact Sue Boozell at sue.boozell@discoveringfaith.com.

GROUPLINK

Weds 9/17 | 7:00 PM

If you are interested in learning how to connect to a community group here at Faith please plan on attending Grouplink. In a community group, people study God's Word together and discuss the issues and challenges of life. It's also where they pray, care for one another, and are missed if they don't show up. Life change happens best in these small groups! Sign up at the welcome center or online at www.discoveringfaith.com

COMPASSION WEEKEND IS COMING!

September 19-21

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 in the lives of people in our community. We are excited to be adding a few new opportunities this year. All sign ups and donation bags are available in the café! You may also sign up on our website www.discoveringfaith.com under Serving. Go... Serve... Love!

Outdoor Sunday Worship

Sun 9/21 | 9:30 AM

Come Join Us on Sunday, July 20, as 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.

FAITH'S OUTDOOR PROJECT

You're invited to be a part of extending our vision as we look to enhance our property and grounds through our outdoor project initiative. The outdoor project will provide additional opportunities for our community to gather for worship, outdoor events, concerts, weddings, and more.

The project includes three phases. Phase I: Outdoor structure and canopy. Phase II: Landscaping: trees, bushes, flowers. Phase III: Trellis enhancements on patio. Our goal is to raise \$45,000 to complete these three phases. To learn more about the project and/or to donate visit: www.discoveringfaith.com/outdoorproject, or stop by the welcome center and pick up a brochure.

This project has been generously underwritten by the Terry Olson memorial fund. We believe this initiative will have a positive impact on our ministries and mission, and we encourage everyone to get involved. Thank you for your prayers and generosity.

Living Generously (through July 2025)

Our mission is simple. Invite people to discover the new life that can be found in Jesus Christ. Because of your financial generosity, lives are being changed. Our budgeted resource needs to live out our mission are not currently fully funded. We would like to invite you to prayerfully consider how you can respond so that together we can enhance our mission impact in our community and beyond. Thank you for living generously.

2025 YTD Revenue \$225,277

2025 YTD Budget \$258,561

2025 YTD Expenses \$264,140

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.

Prayers

If you would like to add someone to our prayer list and have the prayer team pray for them, please contact the church office at (630) 862-3500 or send an e-mail

prayerteam@discoveringfaith.com

Prayer concerns will be listed for four weeks unless otherwise noted.

Care

If you know of someone who is in need of emotional, physical, or spiritual support, please contact our care team at: careteam@discoveringfaith.com

Pastoral Emergency

In the case of an emergency that requires immediate Pastoral Care, please contact Pastor Rob directly on his cell phone at (630) 248-5515.



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