

A dark purple rectangular background featuring a central cluster of vibrant, multi-colored scribbles in shades of pink, purple, blue, and green. Overlaid on this background is the text "BUILDING YOUR BEST LIFE" in a bold, white, sans-serif font, arranged in three lines. Below this, the phrase "The Simple Way..." is written in a white, elegant cursive script.

BUILDING YOUR BEST LIFE

The Simple Way...

Rite of Confirmation
9:30 Worship Celebration

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

Becoming fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

October 26, 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: BUILDING YOUR BEST LIFE

Change is something that most of us know we need, but few of us understand how to get it. We need more than willpower. We need God's power in our lives. In this series based on Galatians 5:22-23, we will explore the qualities that God's Spirit produces in us when we walk with Jesus – love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control – so that we can live our best lives!

The Gathering

OPENING SONG

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

Build My Life

Worthy of every song we could ever sing
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe
We live for You we live for You

Jesus the name above every other name
Jesus the only One who could ever save
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe
We live for You Oh we live for You

Chorus Holy there is no one like You
There is none beside You
Open up my eyes in wonder
And show me who You are
And fill me with Your heart
And lead me in Your love to those around me

Jesus the name above every other name
Jesus the only One who could ever save
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe
We live for You Oh we live for You (*Chorus*)

And I will build my life upon Your love
It is a firm foundation
I will put my trust in You alone
And I will not be shaken (*Repeat*) (*Chorus*)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Word

READING

Genesis 18: 1-13

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them and bowed down to the ground. He said, “My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.” So they said, “Do as you have said.” And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah and said, “Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.” Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared and set it before them, and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to him, “Where is your wife Sarah?” And he said, “There, in the tent.” Then one said, “I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.” And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, “After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I be fruitful?” The Lord said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh and say, ‘Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?’

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

John 8:31-36

Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free?’”

Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.

MESSAGE

Faithfulness | Pastor Rob

MY FAITH

Lorelei McMahill

RITE OF CONFIRMATION

This person has been instructed in the Christian faith and desires to make public affirmation of their Baptism.

P: Lorelei, we rejoice that you now desire to make public profession of your faith and assume greater responsibility in the life of our Christian community and its mission in the world.

P: Sister in Christ: In Holy Baptism our Lord Jesus Christ received you and made you a member of his Church. In the community of God's people, you have learned from his Word God's loving purpose for you and all creation. You have been nourished at his holy table and called to be witnesses to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Now, therefore, I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize.

Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?

R: I do.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

R: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

R: **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

R: **I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen**

THE PRAYERS

A: Let us pray for those who are affirming their Baptism, and for all the baptized everywhere: That they may be redeemed from all evil and rescued from the way of sin and death: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: That the Holy Spirit may open their hearts to your grace and truth: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: That they may be kept in the faith and communion of your holy Church: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: That they may be sent into the world in witness to your love: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: That they may be brought to the fullness of your peace and glory: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

P: You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,

to hear his Word and share in his supper,

to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,

to serve all people, following the example of our Lord Jesus,

and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

R: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

P: Let us pray. (*brief silence*)

P: Gracious Lord, through water and the Spirit you have made this young woman your own. You forgave her all her sins and brought her to newness of life. Continue to strengthen her with the Holy Spirit, and daily increase in her your gifts of grace: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C: Amen

(The presiding minister and family lay both hands on the head of Lorelei)

P: Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in Lorelei the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm her faith, guide her life, empower her in her serving, give her patience in suffering, and bring her to everlasting life.

R: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

OFFERING RESPONSE

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

please stand

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!
Fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation, enter ev'ry trembling heart.

OFFERATORY PRAYER

A: Lord of the harvest,
we return to you a portion of what you have given to us.
Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches,
but on you, who richly provides for us.
Multiply what we have gathered
to bless all who are suffering and in need,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

The Meal

- P: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,
in the beginning you formed the heavens and earth
and created us in your likeness.
You made us guardians of your good creation and left the earth in our care.
All through our weary years and our silent tears,
you did not abandon us to ourselves,
but sought us out in love.
In the crowning act of love you gave your only Son,
that whoever believes in him will have eternal life.
For you sent Jesus not to condemn the world,
but to save the world from sin.
Through his death on the cross, we who were once far off
have been brought near by the blood of Christ.
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: With this bread and cup, we remember Christ's life among us;
his association with outcasts, his eating with sinners,
his healing of the sick, his care for the poor.

Send, we pray, your Holy Spirit
upon us and upon this bread and wine,
that we who share this meal may become a holy communion,
the body of Christ in the world.

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: Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them.

Come to this meal of mercy.

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: O God,
through this meal you have strengthened us
and appointed us to be your servants.
Send us to do good and to share our possessions
with all in need.
We ask this in Jesus' name.

C: Amen.

Goodness of God

CLOSING SONG

I love You, Lord
Oh Your mercy never fails me
All my days, I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head
I will sing of the goodness of God

And all my life You have been faithful
And all my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God

I love Your voice
You have led me through the fire
In the darkest night
You are close like no other
I've known You as a Father
I've known You as a Friend
I have lived in the goodness of God

Your goodness is running after It's running after me
Your goodness is running after It's running after me
With my life laid down
I'm surrendered now
I give You everything
Your goodness is running after It's running after me

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!

CONGRATULATIONS TO FAITH'S 2025 CONFIRMAND!

Please join us after the 9:30 service for a reception in honor of: Lorelei McMahill
This courageous young adult has made her affirmation of faith to Christ and the Church.

NEXT

Sun 11/2 | 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 approximately 20 minutes and will provide you with an overview of our mission, strategy, and environment to help you determine your best next step in continuing your faith journey. Pastor Rob and Jenn Richardson, Faith's volunteer coordinator, will be on hand for conversation and to welcome you to Faith. Meets fireside.

BEARS FOOTBALL POTLUCK

Sun 11/2 | 11:30 AM

Come join us for a potluck featuring grilled hamburgers and hot dogs! Bring your favorite tailgate dish to pass and watch the Chicago Bears vs. Cincinnati Bengals. Wear your favorite Bears shirt and watch the game on the big screen in the auditorium and in the cafe. Invite your friends for a day of Bears Football here at Faith!

REVOLUTION

Sun 11/2, 11/16 | 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

WOMENS GROUP

Mon 11/3 & 11/17 | 7:15 PM

This Fall we will be studying "Encouraging One Another, Women of Faith Bible Study" by Nicole Johnson. 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

Sat 11/8 | 10:00 AM

Our next session, Susan Myket, Ph.D. will be speaking with us about "R.E.S.P.E.C.T.: How Parents Can Set Expectations for Respectful Behavior in the Home". You won't want to miss it!

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.

ONE SCOUT, ONE PROJECT, UNLIMITED SPAGHETTI

Weds 11/19 | 5:00 PM

Join Ben Ginsberg's Eagle Project Fundraiser!

\$10 Per Person , \$30 Per Family 5PM-8:30PM here at church.

Eat pasta, support a great cause, and help build Faith a brand new playground! All proceeds go directly to the project! Tickets can be purchased at the door or discoveringfaith.com

WOMENS BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays | 9:00 AM

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.

KIDWERKS

Sundays | 9:30 AM

Join us in the auditorium as we dive into learning about new virtues each month through stories from the bible so that we can grow in our understanding and relationship with God. To register go to discoveringfaith.com or for more information please contact jenn@discoveringfaith.com PreK – 5th grade

NIGHT OF FAITH, FORTUNE & FUN

Sat 2/21/26 | 6:00 PM

We have something truly special planned for us at Faith! Please join us for a night of fellowship, fortune and fun... there will be food & drinks and a “Golden Ticket” raffle. There will be a silent auction as well & this is where we need your help. We are looking for any donations you could provide, and have come up with a list of ideas:

Memberships to clubs: wine, food, coffee, sweets, health

Fun Activity Certificates: bowling, TopGolf, Main Event, miniature golf, zoo

Golf Outing: Stonebridge, White Eagle, Fox Bend, Orchard Valley

Restaurant Gift Certificates: fast food, casual food, fine dining

Sporting Events: White Sox, Blackhawks, Bulls, Cubs, Fire, AAA teams

Event tickets: movies, music concerts, symphony, museum, live theater

Memorabilia: sports, tv/movie, antiques, collectibles

Travel Vouchers: time shares, vacation rentals, cruises, car rental, hotel

Theme Park tickets: Great America, water parks

Lessons Certificates: golf, swimming, tennis, instruments, tutoring

Store Certificates: gift shops, clothing, jewelry, books, groceries/food

Services Certificates: house cleaning, landscape, handyman, babysitting

Email auction@discoveringfaith.com if you have any questions. Donations can be dropped off to the church office.

Living Generously (through September 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.

YTD Revenue \$287,480

YTD Budget \$332,435

YTD Expenses \$347,055

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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