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Last Sunday after Epiphany  
9:30 Worship Celebration

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

## **Becoming fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.**

February 15, 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: THIS IS LIVING**

What does it look like to live a full life? Join us as discover through Paul's letter to the followers in Philippi Jesus' way.

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## *The Gathering*

### **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  
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all!

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

## **Abide**

For my waking breath  
For my daily bread  
I depend on You  
I depend on You

For the sun to rise  
For my sleep at night  
I depend on You  
I depend on You

*Chorus*    You're the way the truth and the life  
              You're the well that never runs dry  
              I'm the branch and You are the vine  
              Draw me close and teach me to abide

For the victories  
Still in front of me  
I depend on You  
I depend on You (*Chorus*)

For eternal life  
To be raised with Christ  
I depend on You  
I depend on You (*Chorus*)

Be my strength, my song in the night  
Be my all, my treasure my prize  
I am Yours, forever You're mine  
Draw me close and teach me to abide  
  
Draw me close and teach me to abide

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, 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

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### *The Word*

#### READING

#### Philippians 4: 4-9

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

#### 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  
And the sheep of His hand    And the sheep of His hand

## GOSPEL

### Matthew 17:1-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

## MESSAGE

Extra-Ordinary Peace | Pastor Rob

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- A: As God’s beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.
- A: Revealing God, your Spirit sustains the church. Strengthen the faithful with the revelation of Christ transfigured, that we may joyfully follow him in the way of the cross. Merciful God,
- C: receive our prayer.**
- A: Life-giving God, creation is full of your majesty. Nurture in us a deep respect for the interdependence of all life, and make us wise and vigilant stewards of your good earth. Merciful God,
- C: receive our prayer.**
- A: Healing God, you desire wholeness for all people. Bring healing to any who are experiencing illness, chronic pain, or mental anguish. Comfort the dying and those who grieve. Merciful God,
- C: receive our prayer.**

A: Holy God, in our worship we glimpse your glory, hear your voice, and receive assurance of your love. Inspire all who prepare, lead, and participate in worship to serve you with reverence and joy. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

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

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.

**C: Amen.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

## OFFERING

### OFFERING RESPONSE

Crown Him with Many Crowns

*please stand*

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

### OFFERATORY PRAYER

A: God of majesty,  
no eye has seen, no ear has heard  
what you have prepared for those who love you,  
yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy.  
Use what we have gathered  
to feed us with the reign of God come near,  
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

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## *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:** 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:** Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!  
Come to the table; taste and see.

**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: Radiant God,  
we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.  
In the sacrament of his body and blood  
you have drawn us to your heart.  
Send us from this table with delight,  
that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love,  
and bear witness to all we have seen and heard,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

## CLOSING SONG

## King of Kings

In the darkness we were waiting    Without hope, without light  
'Til from Heaven You came running    There was mercy in Your eyes  
To fulfill the law and prophets    To a virgin came the word  
From a throne of endless glory    To a cradle in the dirt

*Chorus*    Praise the Father, praise the Son  
              Praise the Spirit, three in one  
              God of glory, Majesty  
              Praise forever to the King of Kings

To reveal the kingdom coming    And to reconcile the lost  
To redeem the whole creation    You did not despise the cross  
For even in your suffering    You saw to the other side  
Knowing this was our salvation    Jesus for our sake you died (*Chorus*)

And the morning that You rose    All of Heaven held its breath  
'Til that stone was moved for good    For the Lamb had conquered death  
And the dead rose from their tombs    And the angels stood in awe  
For the souls of all who'd come    To the Father are restored (*Chorus*)

And the church of Christ was born    Then the Spirit lit the flame  
Now this gospel truth of old    Shall not kneel, shall not faint  
By His blood and in His name    In His freedom I am free  
For the love of Jesus Christ    Who has resurrected me (*Chorus*)

## DISMISSAL

**P:** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**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!

### **WOMENS BIBLE STUDY**

**Mon 2/23 | 7:15 PM**

Unfolding over 6 sessions, Nicki Koziarz walks women through the Book of Ruth, focusing on the Moabite woman's 5 practical habits that kept her eyes on God: Ruth accepted the assignment of refinement, followed through on her commitments despite her feelings, remained open to the movement of God, gave others what she needed, and moved forward in faith. Meeting Mondays at Faith Feb 23, Mar 9 & 23

### **MEMBERSHIP @ FAITH**

**Mon Feb 16 & 23 | 6:30 PM**

This two-part 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 required of those who wish to become members at Faith! Register on line or at the welcome center.

### **ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP**

**Wed 2/18 | Noon & 7:00 PM**

On Ash Wednesday we begin our forty-day journey toward Easter with a day of fasting and repentance. Marking our foreheads with dust, we acknowledge that we die and return to the earth. At the same time, the dust traces the life-giving cross indelibly marked on our foreheads at baptism. While we journey through Lent to return to God, we have already been reconciled to God through Christ. We humbly pray for God to make our hearts clean while we rejoice that "now is the day of salvation." Returning to our baptismal call, we more intentionally bear the fruits of mercy and justice in the world.

### **HESED HOUSE SERVING EVENT**

**Weds 2/18 | 6:30 PM**

Faith's next serving opportunity at Hesed House is February 18. We will need roughly 5 to 10 volunteers to help with meal setup, serving, and cleanup. Volunteers can conveniently sign up 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 [heshedhouse@discoveringfaith.com](mailto:heshedhouse@discoveringfaith.com).

## **LENTEN MIDWEEK MEAL**

**Wednesdays | 6:30 PM**

Each Lenten season we provide a fellowship opportunity for people of faith to gather around a table and share a meal at 6:30PM. This meal is intended to be simple and provide some time for us to slow down and care for one another. Everyone who attends shares in the responsibility of providing different components for the meal. Volunteers sign up each week to provide a gallon of soup for the evening. The remainder of the attendees provide either bread or cookies. Beverages and table service will be provided.

The Lenten Meal will be offered at 6:30 PM on Wednesdays: 2/25, 3/4, 3/11, 3/18, 3/25

Our worship series begins after this fellowship time at 7:15PM. Sign up at the welcome center or online at [www.discoveringfaith.com](http://www.discoveringfaith.com)

## **MIDWEEK LENTEN WORSHIP “The Way of the Cross”**

**Wednesdays | 7:15 PM**

Begins 2/25

In Jesus’ day the cross was a symbol of suffering and shame. Join us for our midweek Lenten series where we’ll talk about how it now represents an empowering invitation to a completely different way of life.

## **A MOMENT FOR MOM**

**Sat 2/21 | 10:00 AM**

*THIS MONTH WE ARE MEETING THE THIRD SATURDAY 2/21*

This month’s speaker is Denika McMillen with the topic ‘Bonds - How Our Earliest Relationships Affect Our Current Ones’

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](http://www.discoveringfaith.com/amomentformom).

## **TUESDAY AM WOMENS BIBLE STUDY**

**Tuesdays | 9:00 AM**

*Esther - Character Under Pressure* by Patty Pell.

This nine-session Bible Study looks at the Old Testament book of Esther and how she faced life-threatening pressure to save her people. Through Biblical reflection the study explores how to develop godly character through the contemporary pressures that challenge us today. The workbook will be made available at the meetings (\$8). It is also available in Kindle format. For additional information contact Sue Boozell at [sue.boozell@discoveringfaith.com](mailto:sue.boozell@discoveringfaith.com).

## REVOLUTION

Sun 2/15 | 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)

## NIGHT OF FAITH (21+ Event)

Sat 2/21 | 6:00 PM

Join us for a night of fellowship, fortune, and fun! You're invited to a night of food and drinks, silent and live auctions, and our Golden Ticket raffle drawing. Event tickets are \$25/person or \$40/couple. Adults only (21+ event).

Golden Raffle Extravaganza: The Night of Faith Golden Ticket Raffle winner will receive cold, hard, cash! \$2000 of it, in fact! Each raffle ticket is \$100. While there are no limits to the number of \$100 tickets any individual can purchase, WE WILL LIMIT total ticket sales to 60 tickets, maximizing your odds at scoring the \$2000 golden prize.

Event and Golden tickets on sale now. Purchase tickets online or at the church between Sunday services. Winner need not be present to win.

If you are unable to attend the Night of Faith onsite, but would still want to participate in the Silent and/or Live auctions, that's not a problem! We've made arrangements for you to participate in the Live Auction via Zoom. You'll be able to submit Silent Auction bids online and/or via text messaging. You'll be able to monitor highest bids on all Silent Auction items online at any time.

Visit the Night of Faith page on our website [www.discoveringfaith.com/nightoffaith](http://www.discoveringfaith.com/nightoffaith) (or click button below) for details of the auctions, how to participate in all the exciting activities, and to purchase your event and raffle tickets today.

## 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](http://discoveringfaith.com) or for more information please contact [jenn@discoveringfaith.com](mailto:jenn@discoveringfaith.com) PreK – 5<sup>th</sup> grade

## NEXT

Sun 3/1 | 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 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.

## ADULT ONLINE STUDY GROUP

Begins 3/3 | 7:00 PM

*The Case for Easter*

In this four-session video Bible study, you'll examine the story around the resurrection of Jesus and how you can know it's true.

The Case for Easter will invite you to examine what you believe about the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ and determine what you believe about the most important questions of the Christian faith.

This 4-week online study is facilitated by Becky Marchiando. Please register below so that we may send you Zoom credentials required to participate and come join us!

## COMMUNITY LIFE ST PATRICKS PARTY (21+ Event)

Sat 3/14 | 5:00 PM

Join us for a lively night of Irish food, fun and entertainment. Wear your favorite green outfit! Tickets will be on sale in the café or online beginning 2/22: \$25/person, \$45/couple

## As Easy as Click & Give



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