

Faith Lutheran Church - Worship and Communion

January 14th, 2024 at 9:30 AM

Second Sunday after Epiphany

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(www.faithlutheranreno.org) or find us on youtube:

<https://www.youtube.com/@faithlutheran-reno>

Come and See



Welcome! We are a family of faith, and glad you are here! In this season after Epiphany, we are using Setting Six of the ELW. It begins on pg 165. Congregation responses appear in bold throughout the bulletin and hymnal.

Children's Bulletins are available in the narthex (entrance area), providing activities on today's scripture readings. Please enjoy.

God is present in **Holy Communion** and welcomes all who are hungry. You are welcome to the table. Non-communing children and adults may come forward for a blessing. Let an usher know if you would like communion at your seat.

In Our Worship on the 2nd Sunday after Epiphany: All the baptized have a calling in God's world. Consider Samuel, a child! And then Nathanael. Nathanael initially dismisses Jesus because he comes from Nazareth. But more important is where—or to whom—we are going. Something new is stirring, as Jesus refers to Jacob, who had a vision in a place he called "the house of God, and . . . the gate of heaven" (Gen. 28:17). Jesus says he himself is the place where Nathanael will meet God.

- GATHERING -

PRELUDE

Walk in His Way

-arr. Anna Molgard

WORDS OF WELCOME

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

(All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.)

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. **Amen.**

Joined to Christ in baptismal water, we are showered in mercy and made new. On the threshold of this new year, let us return again to this sacred promise.

God of all times and seasons,

We give you thanks, for in the beginning you created us in your image and planted us in a well-watered garden.

In the desert you promised pools of water for the parched,
and you gave us water from the rock.

**When we did not know the way, you sent Christ our Shepherd
to lead us to still waters.**

At the cross, you watered us from Jesus' wounded side,

and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life.

We praise you for your salvation through water,
for the water in this font, and for all water everywhere.

You remember your covenant. You renew creation. You restore us.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters. And the time of grace arrives.

**Thanks be to God, through Jesus Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

*Dearest Jesus at Your Word **

ELW #520

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

KYRIE

Setting Six, ELW pg. 165

PRAYER OF THE DAY

-WORD-

FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 3:1-11

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the

temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." Then the LORD said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

LORD, you have | searched me out; **O LORD, you | have known me.**

You know my sitting down and my | rising up;

you discern my thoughts | from afar.

You trace my journeys and my | resting-places

and are acquainted with | all my ways.

Indeed, there is not a word | on my lips **but you, O LORD, know it | altogether.**

You encompass me, behind | and before, **and lay your | hand upon me.**

Such knowledge is too wonder- | ful for me;

it is so high that I cannot at- | tain to it.

For you yourself created my | inmost parts;

you knit me together in my | mother's womb.

I will thank you because I am mar- | velously made;

your works are wonderful, and I | know it well.

My body was not hid- | den from you,

while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths | of the earth.

Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;

all of them were written | in your book;

my days were fashioned before they | came to be.

How deep I find your | thoughts, O God! **How great is the | sum of them!**

If I were to count them, they would be more in number | than the sand;

to count them all, my life span would need to | be like yours.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

“All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are beneficial. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be dominated by anything. “Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food,” and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, “The two shall be one flesh.” But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 1st chapter, **Glory to you, O Lord.**

HOLY GOSPEL: John 1:43-51

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**

SERMON

Epiphany's Font of Imagination

Rev. Shaun O'Reilly

HYMN OF THE DAY

*Drawn to the Light**

ELW #593

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

- MEAL -

OFFERING

Be Thou My Vision

-arr. by David Abramsky

OFFERING HYMN

Let the Vineyards be Fruitful

ELW #184

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.

Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,

that we may be fed with the bread of life.

Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer.

Grace our table with your presence,

and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

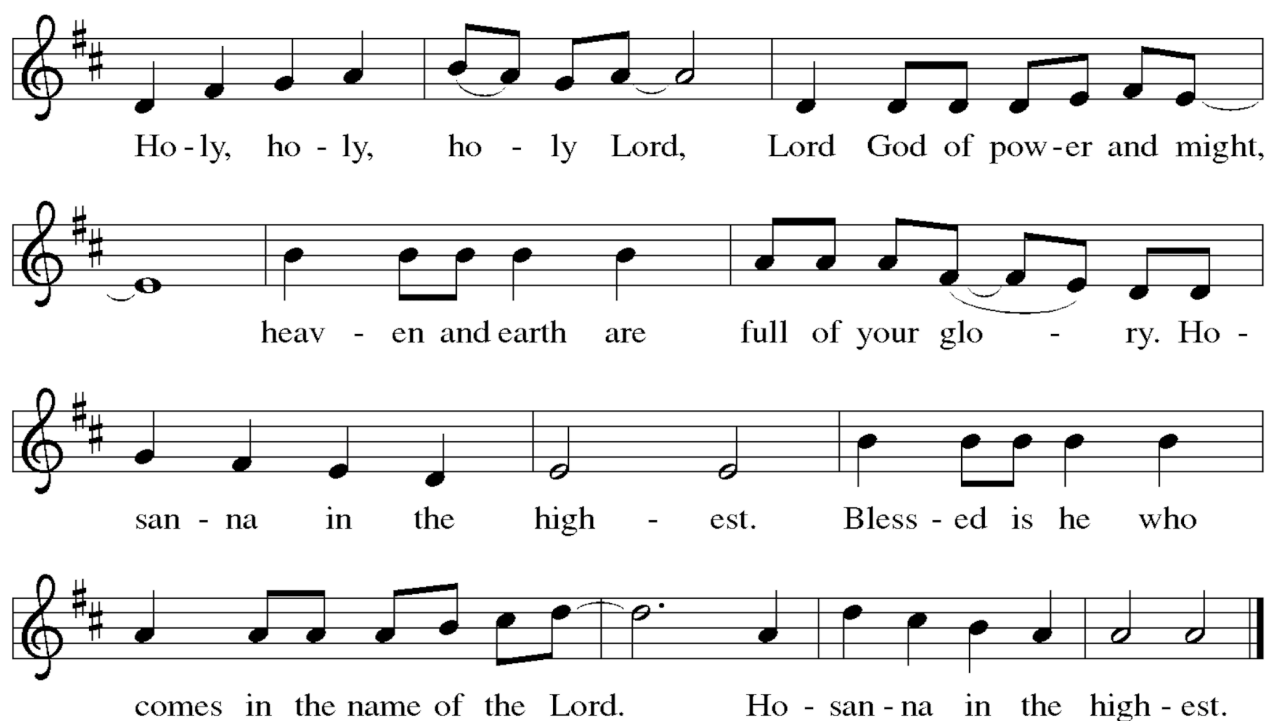
GREAT THANKSGIVING, PREFACE, and SANCTUS

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son, and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow - er and might,
 heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Blessed are you, O holy God: you are the Life and Light of all ...

... By your Spirit bless us and this meal, that, refreshed with this heavenly food, we may be light for the world, revealing the brilliance of your Son. Through him all glory and honor is yours, all-loving Parent, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
 thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those who trespass against us;
 and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.
 Amen.**

COMMUNION

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; Grant us peace, Grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMNS

- ***ELW #487 - What Feast of Love***

1 What feast of love is offered here,
 what banquet come from heaven?
 What food of everlasting life,
 what gracious gift is given?
 This, this is Christ the king,
 the bread come down from heaven.
 Oh, taste and see and sing!
 How sweet the manna given!

2 What light of truth is offered here,
 what covenant from heaven?
 What hope of everlasting life,
 what wondrous word is given?
 This, this is Christ the king,
 the sun come down from heaven.
 Oh, see and hear and sing!
 The Word of God is given!

3 What wine of love is offered here,
 what crimson drink from heaven?
 What stream of everlasting life,
 what precious blood is given?
 This, this is Christ the king,
 the sweetest wine of heaven.
 Oh, taste and see and sing!
 The Son of God is given!

- ***ELW #496 - One Bread, One Body***

Refrain

One bread, one body, one Lord of all;
 one cup of blessing which we bless,
 and we, though many throughout the earth,
 we are one body in this one Lord.

- 1 Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
woman or man, no more. Refrain
- 2 Many the gifts, many the works,
one in the Lord of all. Refrain
- 3 Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
gathered to one for all. Refrain

- **ACS #967 - This is Christ's Body**

This is Christ's body, broken and blest.

Feed us with mercy and love. (with mercy and love.)

We are Christ's body, broken and blest.

Heal us and make us one.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- SENDING -

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

Rise, Shine, You People!

ELW #665

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

**denotes favorite hymn of congregation*

Serving Today 01/14/24: Greeter, Welmerinks / Acolyte, O'Reilly Family / Reader, Bob T. / Asst Minister, Sharon S. / Cantor, Sharon S. / Ushers, Lukas B. & Tom L. / Altar Guild, Annette W. & Kathy W. / Tech Support, Riley C. & the FLC Tech Team / Counters, Davyann S. & Sigrun C. / Coffee after Worship, Jean C.

- Activities at Faith -

- **Kids' Place meets today.**
- **Adult forum meets today too.** We begin a class on First Corinthians, as we will have New Testament readings from it for a month in worship. This book offers a window on a congregation and preacher trying to sort out the real-life implications of gospel. How should Christians live in a culture at odds with their confession of faith? What commitments & practices enable Christians to honor one another in the midst of differences of opinion? The letter explores themes of Christian unity, ethics, and hope. Join us!
- **2024 ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** - Sun, Jan 21st, after worship. Today we invite you to look at the proposed budget and ask any questions of our finance team or council.
- **Annual Mtng Potluck** - Sun, Jan 21st, Sign-Up Sheet on small bulletin board in the Narthex.
- **2024 Sign-Up Sheets** - for *Flowers* and *Coffee after Worship* are posted on the small bulletin in the Narthex. **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!**
- **LUNCH BUNCH Potluck** - Begins again on Feb 7th @ Noon. The potluck sign-up sheet for hosting the event is on the small bulletin board in the Narthex. The host is responsible for setting up tables and overseeing kitchen duties. LUNCH BUNCH will continue in 2024 at NOON on the first Wednesday of the month unless announced otherwise. Come join us for fellowship, socializing, and enjoying each other's company.
- **Service** - for **Pat McDuffie** will be held Sat., Feb 3rd, at 11am. Please see Jean Carter or Kathy Wilson if you would like to help with the luncheon.

Online Giving through Tithely.com for **Dec 2023** was **\$3,100.00** You may give through our website, click on "Support Faith" at the top of our homepage.

Our Giving and Tithes:

Monthly church budget for 2023 is: **\$13,560.00**

Recent giving:

Dec. 17th, \$3,419.00 Dec. 24th, \$6,272.24 / Dec 31st, \$4,126.44 / Jan. 7th, \$1,220.00

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Task	Jan 2024			
	7	14	21	28
Greeter	Erica Wilfrid	Welmerink Family	Kathy Wilson	Lukas Butterfield
Acolyte	Pesis Family	O'Reilly Family	Welmerink Family	Pesis Family
Reader	Jean Carter	Bob Tonkins	Pamela Shannon	Davyann Schalnat
Asst. Minister	Sharon Scagliotti	Louis Ling	Cindy Thompson	Todd Mauldin
Cantor	Sharon Scagliotti	Louis Ling	Matthew Rhiley	Todd Mauldin
Usher	Connie Anderson & Debbie Hansen	Lukas Butterfield & Tom Landis	Annette Warner & Betty Thompson	Lukas Butterfield & Adam Welmerink
Altar Guild (2)	Sharon Scagliotti & Trish Dyer	Kathy Wilson & Annette Warner	Sharon Scaglitotti & Trish Dyer	Betty Thompson & Annette Warner
Musicians	Dom Gonzalez - Pianist		Olivia Knock - Cellist	
Tech Support	Riley Cloyd & the FLC Tech Team!			
Counters	Katie Weldon & Sigrun Coffman	Davyann Schalnat & Sigrun Coffman	Stan Pesis & Davyann Schalnat	Linda Zimmerman & Theresa Wolken
Coffee after Worship	Theresa Woken & Trish Dyer	Jean Carter	Potluck Annual Meeting	Zimmerman Family

2023 Church Council

President - Ben Pesis

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