

Faith Lutheran Church - Worship and Communion

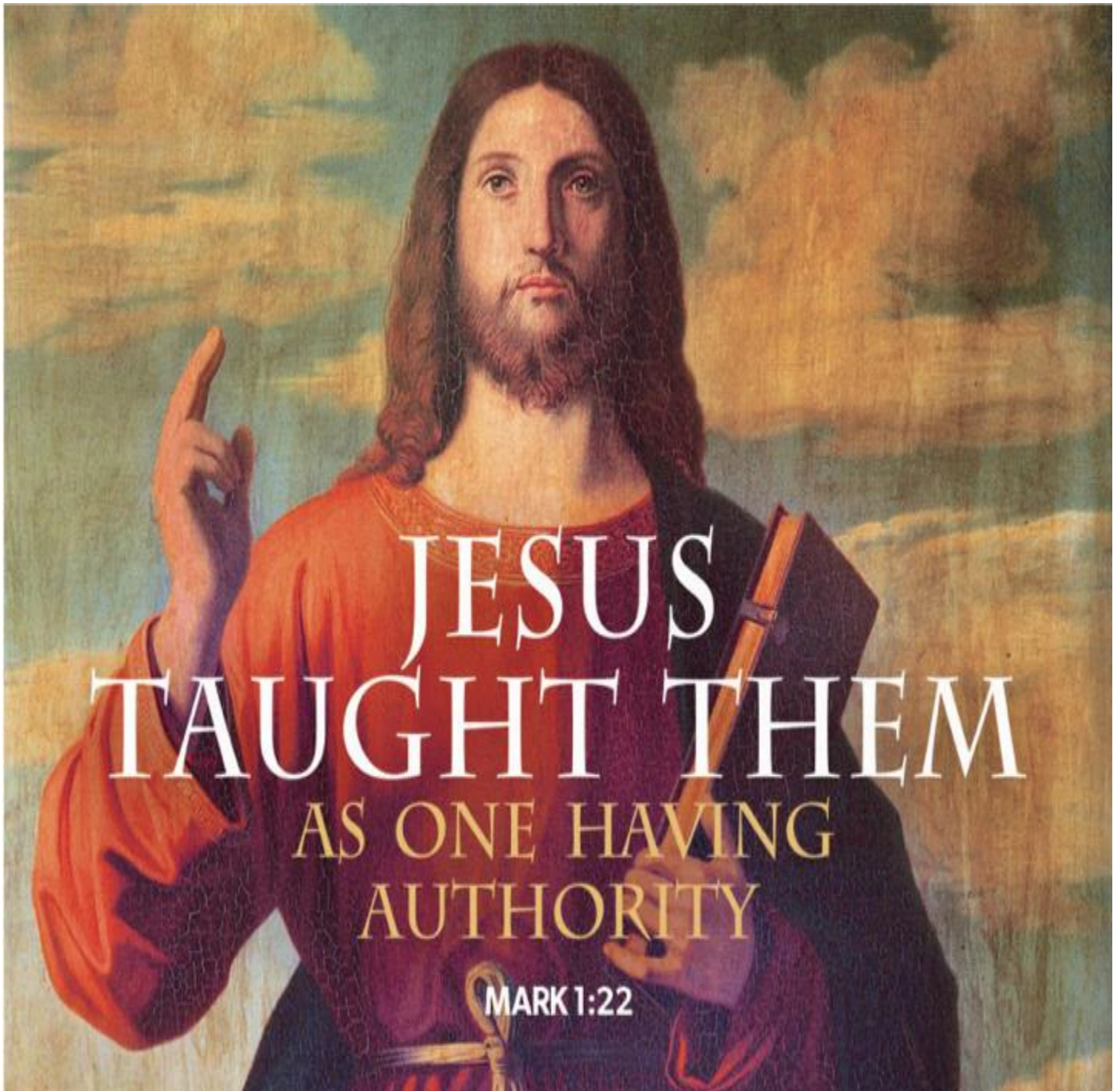
January 28th, 2024 at 9:30 AM

4th Sunday after Epiphany

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

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



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 4th Sunday after Epiphany: In Deuteronomy God promises to raise up a prophet who will speak for God; in Psalm 111 God shows the people the power of God's works. For the church these are ways of pointing to the unique authority people sensed in Jesus' actions and words. We encounter that authority in God's word, around which we gather, the word that prevails over any lesser spirit that would claim power over us, freeing us to follow Jesus.

- GATHERING -

PRELUDE

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing
- Arr. James Koertz

WORDS OF WELCOME

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Please Stand

(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

*Lift High the Cross **

ELW #660

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: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

[Moses said:] The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great

fire, I will die.” Then the LORD replied to me: “They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die.”

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

PSALM 111

Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with | my whole heart,

in the assembly of the upright, in the | congregation.

Great are your | works, O LORD,

pondered by all who de- | light in them.

Majesty and splendor | mark your deeds,

and your righteousness en- | dures forever.

You cause your wonders to | be remembered;

you are gracious and full | of compassion.

You give food to | those who fear you,

remembering forev- | er your covenant.

You have shown your people the power | of your works

in giving them the lands | of the nations.

The works of your hands are faithful- | ness and justice;

all of your pre- | cepts are sure.

They stand fast forev- | er and ever,

because they are done in | truth and equity.

You sent redemption to your people and commanded your cove- | nant forever;

holy and awesome | is your name.

The fear of the LORD is the begin- | ning of wisdom;

all who practice this have a good understanding. God’s

praise en- | dures forever.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him. Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “no idol in the world really exists,” and that “there is no God but one.” Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist. It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. “Food will not bring us close to God.” We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Please Stand



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 Mark, the 1st chapter, **Glory to you, O Lord.**

HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 1:21-28

[Jesus and his disciples] went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

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

SERMON

Rev. Carl Wilfrid

HYMN OF THE DAY

I Come with Joy

ELW #482

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.**

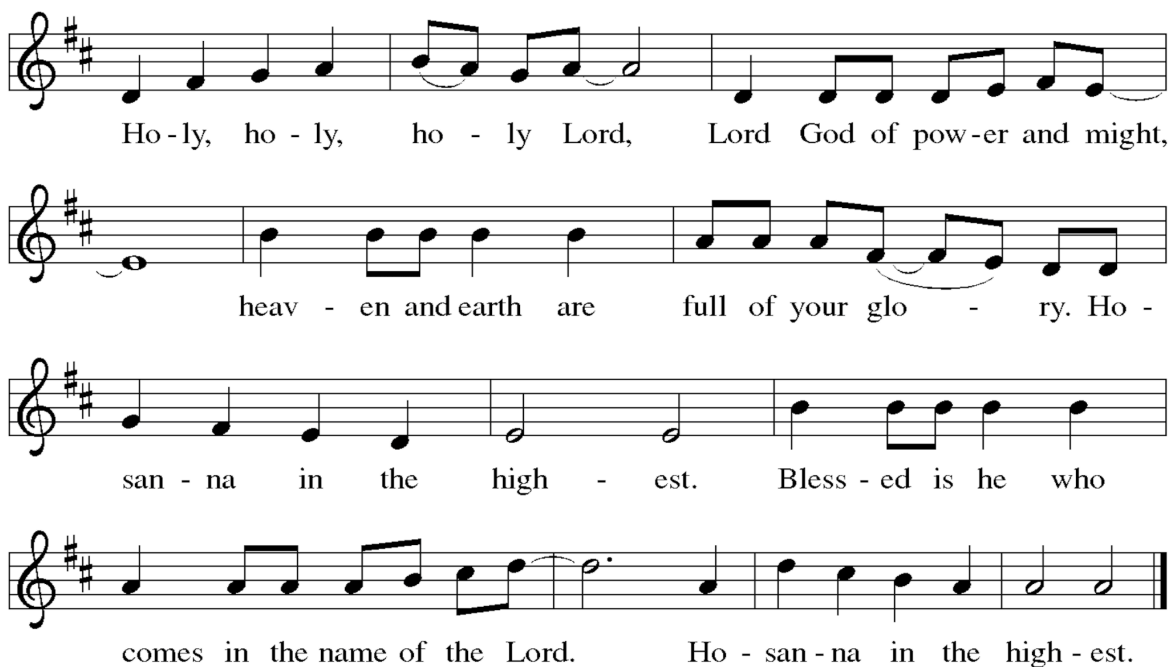
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSIONHear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.****PEACE**The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.****- MEAL -****OFFERING****Faith Lutheran Chancel Choir***Lead Me to a Brighter Day!*

-By Dave and Jean Perry

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.***OFFERING PRAYER****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

- ***This is Christ's Body***

ACS #967

This is Christ's body, broken and blest.
 Feed us with mercy and love.
 We are Christ's body, broken and blest.
 Heal us and make us one.

- ***Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal***

ELW #464

- 1 Bread of life, our host and meal, Jesus, feed us.
 Christ, by faith, to see and feel, feed us with your love.
- 2 Bread now break and wine now pour, Jesus, feed us.
 Make us one, our hope restore; feed us with your love.
- 3 Grant forgiveness in the feast Jesus, feed us
 for the greatest and the least; feed us with your love.
- 4 Thank you for this gift we share. Jesus, feed us.
 Save God's children everywhere; feed us with your love.

- ***Here Is Bread***

ELW #483

- 1 Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, he is with us
 Break the bread, taste the wine, Christ is with us here.

Refrain

In this bread there is healing, in this cup is life forever.
 In this moment, by the Spirit, Christ is with us here

- 2 Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us, he is with us.
 Know his grace, find his peace, feast on Jesus here.

Refrain

- 3 Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us, he is with us.
 We'll proclaim till he comes Jesus crucified.

Refrain

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- SENDING -

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN *Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good* **ELW #871**

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

**denotes favorite hymn of congregation*



*Flowers today are given by Amy Zimmerman
in celebration of Skylar's birthday.*

Serving Today 01/28/24: Greeter, Lukas B. / Acolyte, Pesis Family / Reader, Davyann S. / Asst Minister, Todd M. / Cantor, Todd M. / Ushers, Lukas B. & Adam W. / Altar Guild, Betty T. & Annette W. / Tech Support, Riley C. & the FLC Tech Team / Counters, Linda Z. & Theresa W. / Coffee after Worship, Zimmerman Family

- Activities at Faith -

- **Adult Forum and Faith Kids' Place** - all follow worship today. Join us!
- **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.
- **General Announcement** - Members of Faith Lutheran Church each have a designated "mail" cubby in the pigeon hole shelving unit located in the Narthex on the same wall as the main doors to the Sanctuary. Please check your boxes on a regular basis. Your tax statements for your tithings will be distributed soon.

Shared Harvest in January

Items needed for this month's assembly are; 55 cans of **Vegetables**, 42 Boxes of **Mac n Cheese**, 42 Sleeves of **Saltine Crackers**, 42 Packets of **Powdered Milk**, and **Deodorant** in unlimited quantities. Packing will be **today**, Sun, Jan 28th, 1pm @ St Luke's Reno. Thank you so much for your support!

Online Giving through Tithe.ly.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 31st, \$4,126.44 / Jan 7th, \$1,220.00 / Jan 14th, \$7,159.00 / Jan 21st, \$3,613.00

2023 Church Council

President - Ben Pesis

V President - Eric Weldon

Secretary - Judi Hein

Treasurer - LindaLu Miller

Members at Large:

Jean Carter, Sonja Dresbach,

Amy Zimmerman, and

Pastor Shaun O'Reilly

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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 Schalnath
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 Scagliotti & Trish Dyer	Betty Thompson & Annette Warner
Musicians	Dom Gonzalez - Pianist		Geo Kim - Violinist	
Tech Support	Riley Cloyd & the FLC Tech Team!			
Counters	Katie Weldon & Sigrun Coffman	Davyann Schalnath & Sigrun Coffman	Stan Pesis & Davyann Schalnath	Linda Zimmerman & Theresa Wolken
Coffee after Worship	Theresa Woken & Trish Dyer	Jean Carter	Potluck Annual Meeting	Zimmerman Family