

Faith Lutheran Church - Worship and Communion

February 4th, 2024 at 9:30 AM

5th Sunday after Epiphany

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

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



Jesus took her
by the hand
and lifted
her up

MARK 1:31

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 5th Sunday after Epiphany: In Isaiah God who both numbers the stars and strengthens the powerless. So in Jesus' healing work we see the hand of the creator God, lifting up the sick woman to health and service (diakonia). Like Simon's mother-in-law, we are lifted up and healed to serve. Following Jesus, we strengthen the powerless; like Jesus, we seek to renew our own strength in quiet times of prayer. And today we pray and anoint for healing.

- GATHERING -

PRELUDE

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 *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness* **ELW #843**

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-

READING: Isaiah 40:21-31

Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing. Why do you say, O

Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

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 1:29-39

As soon as [Jesus and the disciples] left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is

what I came out to do." And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

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

CANDLES OF PRAYER, THE RITE OF HEALING, HYMNS

We light this candle of Hope,

to dispel the darkness of pain and despair.

Let us pray for those who have serious illness of mind, body, or spirit.

(silent prayer)

We light this candle of Grace, **to dispel the darkness of guilt, blame and loss.**

Let us pray for those with broken lives and broken relationships.

(silent prayer)

We light this candle of Truth,

to dispel the darkness of stigma, misinformation, and estrangement.

Let us pray for ourselves, our society, and all seeking direction.

(silent prayer)

We light this candle of Justice,

to dispel the darkness of inequities and injustice.

Let us pray for those whose hearts and longing, and for the incarcerated.

(silent prayer)

We light this candle of Faith,

to dispel the darkness of doubt and discouragement.

Let us pray for those who long for hope and are in despair.

(silent prayer)

We light this candle of Peace,

to dispel the darkness of war, trauma, violence and evil.

Let us pray for those who have experienced violence, torment, or abuse.

(silent prayer)

We light this candle of Love,

to dispel the darkness of indifference and judgment.

Let us pray for ourselves, family members, caregivers, health workers, chaplains, leaders and counselors.

(silent prayer)

O God of love, light and peace,

Thank you for meeting us with healing. Give us faith to claim your promises as we pray for all who dwell under the shadow of illness. Amen.

Our Lord Jesus healed many as a sign of the reign of God come near and sent the disciples to continue this work of healing—with prayer, the laying on of hands, and anointing. In the name of Christ, the great healer and reconciler of the world, we now entrust to God all who are in need of healing. Those who wish may come forward during the singing to kneel or stand and receive prayer and a sign of healing and wholeness in the name of the triune God.

O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come

ELW #610

O Lord, Hear My Prayer

ELW #751

Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty

ELW #777

PSALM 147:1-11, 20c

Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises | to our God!

How pleasant it is to honor | God with praise!

The LORD re- | builds Jerusalem,

and gathers the ex- | iles of Israel.

The LORD heals the | brokenhearted

and binds | up their wounds.

The LORD counts the number | of the stars

and calls them all | by their names.

Great is our LORD and might- | y in power;

there is no limit | to God's wisdom.

The LORD lifts | up the lowly,

but casts the wicked | to the ground.

Sing to the LORD | with thanksgiving;

make music upon the harp | to our God,

who covers the heav- | ens with clouds

and prepares rain for the earth, making grass to grow up- | on the mountains.

God provides food | for the cattle

and for the young ravens | when they cry.

God is not impressed by the might | of a horse,

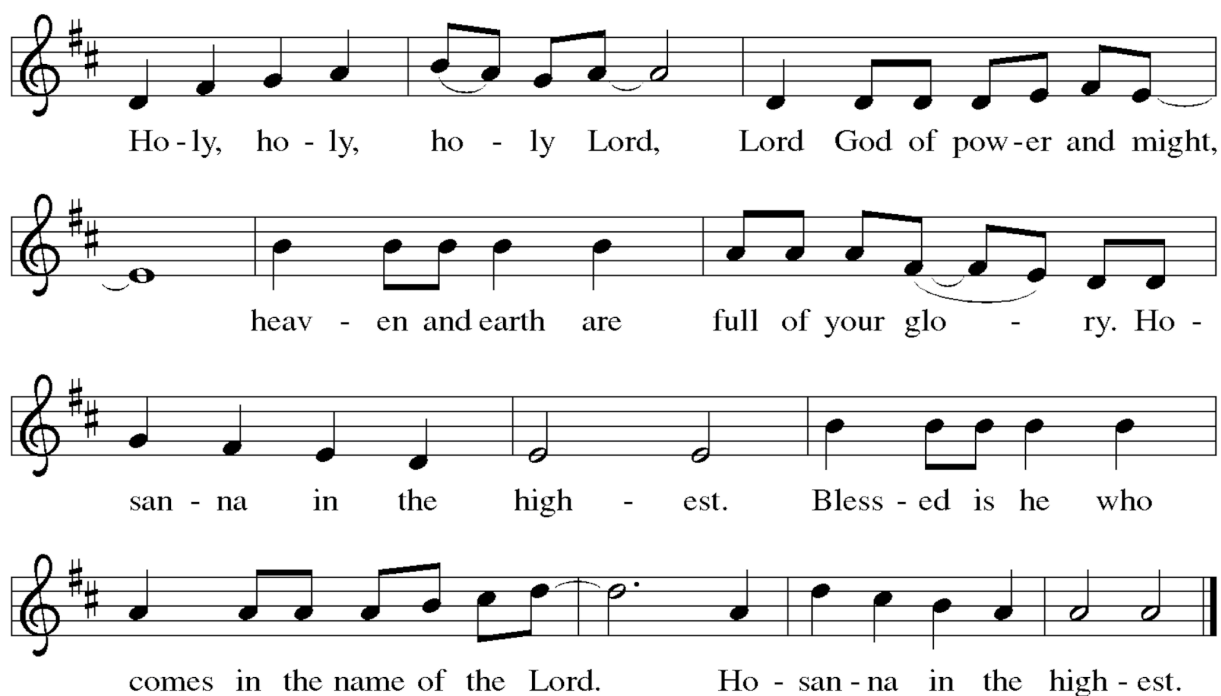
and has no pleasure in the speed | of a runner,

but finds pleasure in those who | fear the LORD,

in those who await God's steadfast love. | Hallelujah!

SERMON**A God Turning Death Over to Life****Rev. Shaun O'Reilly****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****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

- ***Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness***

ELW #488

- 1 Soul, adorn yourself with gladness, leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,
come into the daylight's splendor, there with joy your praises render.
Bless the one whose grace unbounded this amazing banquet founded;
Christ, though heav'nly, high, and holy, deigns to dwell with you most lowly.
- 2 Hasten as a bride to meet him, eagerly and gladly greet him.
There he stands already knocking; quickly, now, your gate unlocking,
open wide the fast-closed portal, saying to the Lord immortal:
"Come, and leave your loved one never; dwell within my heart forever."
- 3 Now in faith I humbly ponder over this surpassing wonder
that the bread of life is boundless though the souls it feeds are countless;
with the choicest wine of heaven Christ's own blood to us is given.
Oh, most glorious consolation, pledge and seal of my salvation.
- 4 Jesus, source of lasting pleasure, truest friend, and dearest treasure,
peace beyond all understanding, joy into all life expanding:
humbly now, I bow before you, love incarnate, I adore you;
worthily let me receive you, and, so favored, never leave you.

- ***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.

- ***Come and Fill Our Hearts***

ELW #528

Come and fill our hearts with your peace.
You alone, O Lord, are holy.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace.
Alleluia!

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- SENDING -

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me

ELW #860

DISMISSAL

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

**denotes favorite hymn of congregation*



*Flowers today are given by Betty Thompson
in memory of Kenneth Thompson.
An additional bouquet is given by Pat & Donna O'Reilly
in celebration of Pastor Shaun O'Reilly's birthday.*

Serving Today 02/04/24: Greeter, Richard S. / Acolyte, O'Reilly Family / Reader, Pamela S. / Asst Minister, Sharon S. / Cantor, Sharon S. / Ushers, Tom L. & Matt R. / Altar Guild, Katie W. & Kathy W. / Tech Support, Riley C. & the FLC Tech Team / Counters, Linda Z. & Theresa W. / Coffee after Worship, Kathy Wilson

- Activities at Faith -

- **Adult Forum and Faith Kids' Place** - all follow worship today. Join us!
- **LUNCH BUNCH Potluck** - Begins again on Feb 7th @ Noon. A brief **service of thanksgiving and celebration** follows Lunch Bunch this Wednesday. Join us! Pam Shannon is leading a testimony called "A Miracle of God"!
- **LOST & FOUND** - A child's Patagonia, navy blue, down jacket with hood, size large. Found on a back table in the Sanctuary. Contact Pastor Shaun if it belongs to you.
- **General Announcement** - Please check your mail boxes on a regular basis. Your tax statements for your 2023 tithings have been distributed.

Shared Harvest in February

Items needed for this month's assembly are; 56 cans of **Vegetables**, 28 Boxes of **Cold Cereal**, 28 Jars of **Peanut Butter**, 42 Packets of **Powdered Milk**, and **Bar Soap** in unlimited quantities. Packing will be, Sun, Feb 25th, 1pm @ St Luke's Reno. Thank you so much for your support!

Online Giving through Tithe.ly.com for **Jan 2024** was **\$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:

Jan 7th, \$1,220.00 / Jan 14th, \$7,159.00 / Jan 21st, \$3,613.00 / Jan 28th, \$3,598.79

2023 Church Council

President - Ben Pesis

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Task	Feb 2024			
	4	11	18	25
Greeter	Richard Scoggins	Linda Zimmerman	Matthew Rhiley	Lukas Butterfield
Acolyte	O'Reilly Family	Pesis Family	O'Reilly Family	Storey Family
Reader	Pam Shannon	Cindy Thompson	Faith Kids	LindaLu Miller
Asst. Minister	Sharon Scagliotti	Erica Wilfrid	Louis Ling	Judi Hein
Cantor	Sharon Scagliotti	Riley Cloud	Richard Scoggins	Matthew Rhiley
Usher	Tom L & Matthew R	Annette Warner & Betty Thompson	Debbie Hansen & Connie Anderson	Lukas Butterfield & Tom Landis
Altar Guild (2)	Katie Weldon & Kathy Wilson	Betty Thompson & Annette Warner	Sharon Scagliotti & Trish Dyer	Betty Thompson & Annette Warner
Musician	Dom Gonzalez - Piano		Olivia Knock - Cellist	
Tech Support	Riley Cloyd & the FLC Tech Team!			
Counters	Theresa Wolken & Linda Zimmerman	Davyann Schalnath & Sigrud Coffman	Stan Pesis & Sigrud Coffman	Davyann Schalnath & Linda Zimmerman
Coffee after Worship	Kathy Wilson	Jim & Cindy Thompson	The Sunday School Kids & Sharon Scagliotti	