

**Faith Lutheran Church - Worship and Communion**

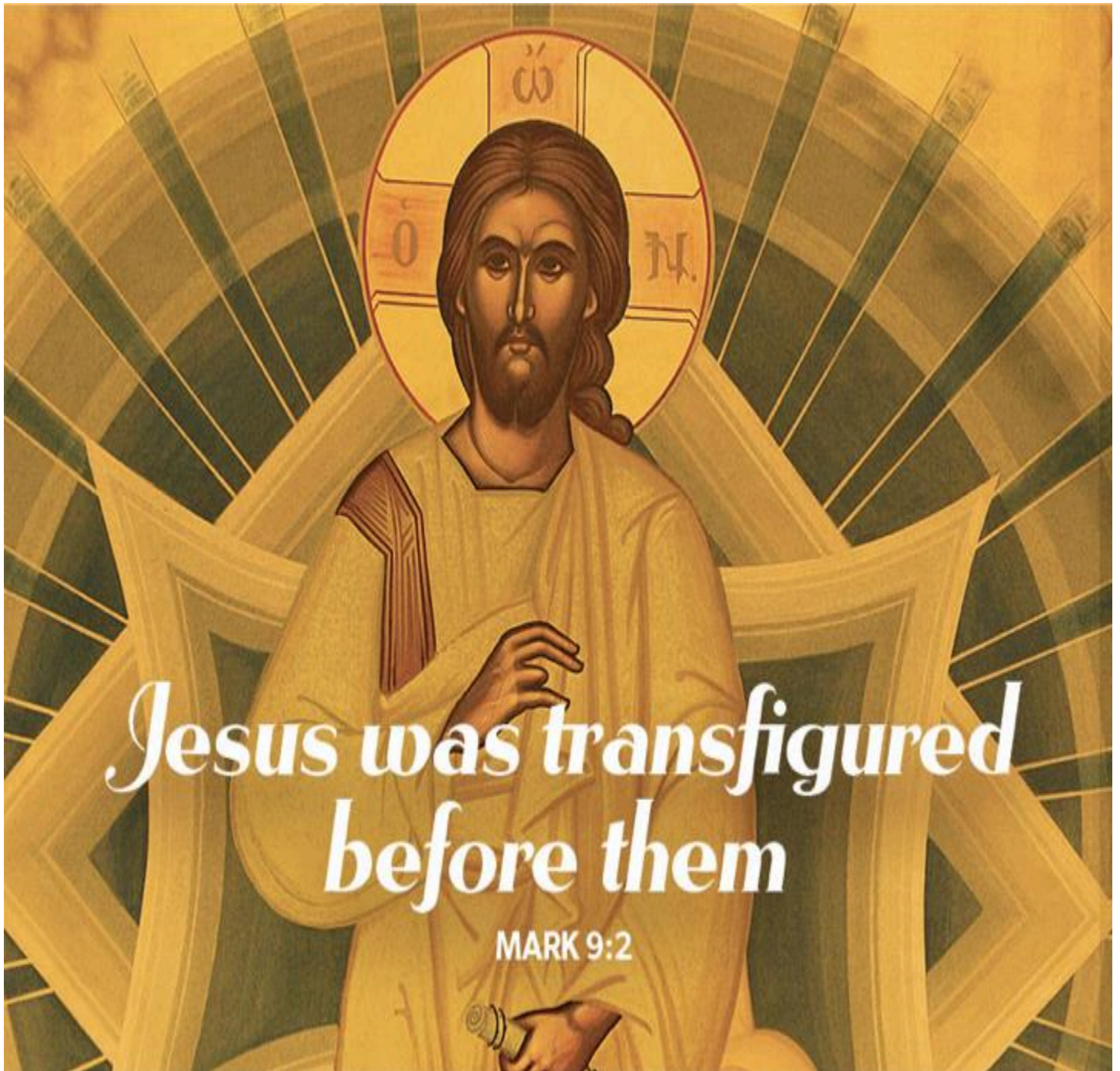
**February 11th, 2024 at 9:30 AM**

**Transfiguration of Our Lord**

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([www.faithlutheranreno.org](http://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 Transfiguration of Our Lord:** The Sundays after Epiphany began with Jesus' baptism and ends with three disciples' vision of his transfiguration. In Mark's story of Jesus' baptism, apparently only Jesus sees the Spirit descending and hears the words from heaven. But now Jesus' three closest friends hear the same words naming him God's Beloved. As believers, Paul writes, we are enabled to see the God-light in Jesus' face, because the same God who created light in the first place has shone in our hearts to give us that vision. The light of God's glory in Jesus has enlightened us and shines in us.

## - GATHERING -

### PRELUDE

*I want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

- variation by Dom Gonzalez

### 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**      *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise\**      **ELW #834**

### **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: 2 Kings 2:1-12**

Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I

know; keep silent." Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent." Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

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

### **PSALM 50:1-6**

The mighty one, God the | LORD, has spoken;

**calling the earth from the rising of the sun | to its setting.**

Out of Zion, perfect | in its beauty,

**God shines | forth in glory.**

Our God will come and will | not keep silence;

**with a consuming flame before, and round about a | raging storm.**

God calls the heavens and the earth | from above

**to witness the judgment | of the people.**

"Gather before me my | loyal followers,

**those who have made a covenant with me and sealed | it with sacrifice."**

The heavens declare the rightness | of God's cause,

**for it is God | who is judge.**

**SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6**

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

***Surely God is in this place, Holy Ground.***

The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 9th chapter, **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 9:2-9**

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

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

**SERMON**

***The Suffering System of Glory***

**Rev. Shaun O'Reilly**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

***Jesus on the Mountain peak***

**ELW #317**

**CONFESSION OF FAITH****Nicene Creed**

**A:** Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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.**

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**- 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

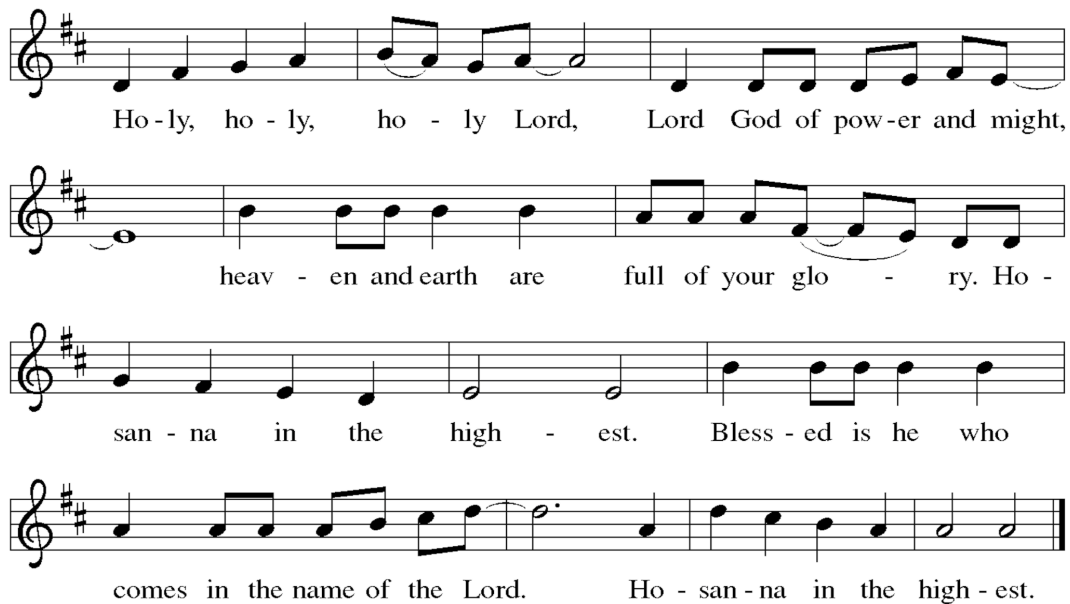
### GREAT THANKSGIVING, PREFACE, and SANCTUS

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

- ***Now We Join in Celebration\****

**ELW #462**

- 1 Now we join in celebration at our Savior's invitation,  
dressed no more in spirit somber, clothed instead in joy and wonder;  
for the Lord of all existence, putting off divine transcendence,  
stoops again in love to meet us, with his very life to feed us.
- 2 Lord, as round this feast we gather, fill our hearts with holy rapture!  
For this bread and cup of blessing are for us the sure possessing  
of your loving deed on Calv'ry, of your living self, our vict'ry,  
pledge of your unfailing presence, foretaste here of heav'nly gladness.



3 Lord, we share in this communion as one fam'ly of God's children, reconciled through you, our brother, one in you with God our Father. Give us grace to live for others, serving all, both friends and strangers, seeking justice, love, and mercy till you come in final glory.

- ***Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness***

**ELW #843**

- 1 Praise the One who breaks the darkness with a liberating light; praise the One who frees the pris'ners, turning blindness into sight. Praise the One who preached the gospel, healing ev'ry dread disease, calming storms and feeding thousands with the very bread of peace.
- 2 Praise the One who blessed the children with a strong yet gentle word; praise the One who drove out demons with a piercing, two-edged sword. Praise the One who brings cool water to the desert's burning sand; from this well comes living water quenching thirst in ev'ry land.
- 3 Praise the one true love incarnate: Christ, who suffered in our place; Jesus died and rose for many that we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and gladness, seeing what our God has done. Praise the one redeeming glory; praise the One who makes us one.

- *Surely God is in this place, Holy Ground.*

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

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**- SENDING -**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **BLESSING**

God who names you, Christ who claims you,  
and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you, ✠ bless you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

*How Good, Lord, to be Here*

ELW #315

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.***\*denotes favorite hymn of congregation*


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***Serving Today 01/28/24:*** Greeter, Linda Z. / Acolyte, Pesis Family / Reader, Cindy T. / Asst Minister, Erica W. / Cantor, Riley C. / Ushers, Annette W. & Betty T. / Altar Guild, Betty T. & Annette W. / Tech Support, Riley C. & the FLC Tech Team / Counters, Davyann S. & Sigrun C. / *Coffee after Worship*, Jim & Cindy Thompson

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### - Activities at Faith -

- **Adult Forum and Faith Kids' Place** - all follow worship today. Join us!
  - See the February Newsletter, out now!
  - Join us on Ash Wednesday: Drive thru Ashes & Blessing at Noon. Ash Wednesday Worship and Communion at 6pm.
  - Wednesdays in Lent: 5:30pm Soup Supper. 6pm Holden Evening Prayer.
  - **Important Announcement** - Anyone who did not receive their 2023 giving statement in their Narthex mail boxes (or through USPS) should let Trish Dyer know.
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### 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!

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**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 2024 is: **\$15,530.00**

### Recent giving:

*Jan 14th, \$7,159.00 / Jan 21st, \$3,613.00 / Jan 28th, \$3,598.79 / Feb 4th, \$548.00*

## **Comments from the Cloud of Witnesses, On Transfiguration**

Christ brings before the disciples the one who had died and the one who had not yet died. Both had lost their life, and had found it. Both had courageously withstood a tyrant: one the Egyptian, the other Arab. Both were simple, unlearned men. One was slow of speech and weak of voice, the other a rough countryman. And both were men who had despised the riches of this world. For Moses possessed nothing, and Elijah had nothing but his sheepskin. Christ brought these men before the disciples, for he wished them to imitate their courage of soul and their steadfastness in leading their people, so that they might be as gentle as Moses, possessed of the zeal of Elijah, and as devoted as both were. He brought these men before them in glory, that the disciples might surpass them. That Christ might uplift their courage against all such dangers, he here brings before them these two men who were such shining lights of the Old Testament.

—John Chrysostom

[John Chrysostom, in Sunday Sermons of the Great Fathers, II, 54-55]

Come to Worship. Go to Serve. Embrace the Community.

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