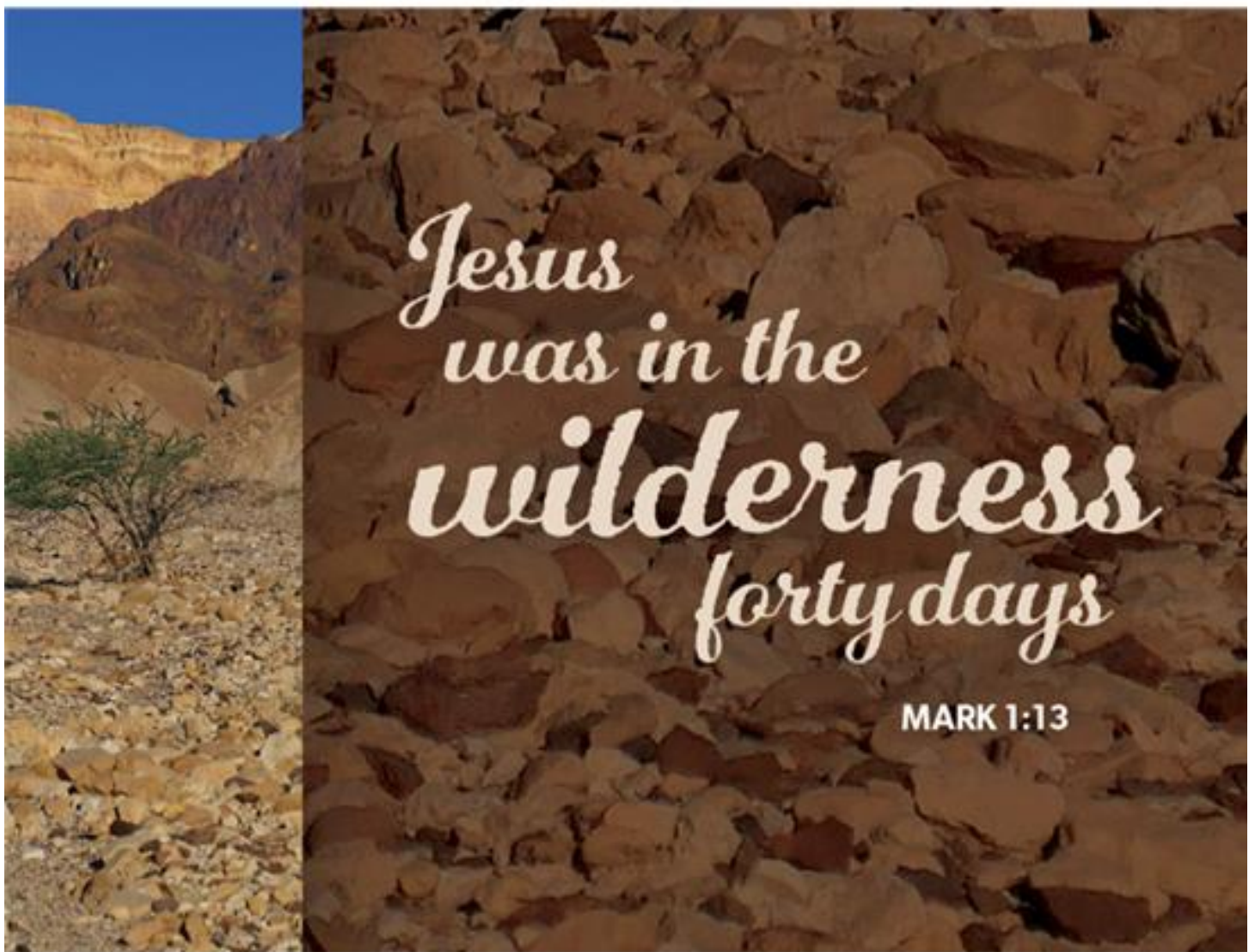


Faith Lutheran Church - Worship and Communion
February 18th, 2024 at 9:30 AM
First Sunday in Lent

To join with video, go to our website and follow the video link
(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 of Lent, we are mostly using Setting Three of the ELW. Other parts are printed here already. 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 First Sunday in Lent: On Ash Wednesday the church began its journey toward baptismal immersion in the death and resurrection of Christ. This year, the Sundays in Lent lead us to focus on five covenants God makes in the Hebrew Scriptures and to use them as lenses through which to view baptism. First Peter connects the way God saved Noah's family in the flood with the way God saves us through the water of baptism. The new life we are given in baptism is for the sake of the whole world.

- GATHERING -

PRELUDE

variation on *Jesus Loves Me*, by James Boeringer

WORDS OF WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who brings us safely through the sea, who gives us water from the rock, who leads us into the land of milk and honey.

Amen.

Let us come home to God, confessing our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection

Holy God,

We have sinned against heaven and before you.

We do not fully live as your children and as your stewards.

We use your gifts to our own ends; we choose fear over compassion.

Forgive us and restore us!

Lead us, that we may resist all that draws us away from you. Renew us, that we may be a holy presence of healing and peace to one another. Amen.

Here is a flood of grace:

Out of love for the whole world, God draws near to us, breaks every snare of sin, and washes away our wrongs. You are forgiven and the promise of life is restored through † Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

*Gather Us In**

ELW #532

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

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Help, save, comfort and defend us gracious Lord.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

-WORD-

FIRST READING: Genesis 9:8-17

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

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

PSALM 25:1-10

To | you, O LORD, **I lift | up my soul.**

My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be | put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph | over me.

Let none who look to you be | put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame | who are treacherous.

Show me your | ways, O LORD, **and teach | me your paths.**

Lead me in your | truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; in you
have I trusted all | the day long.

Remember, O LORD, your compas- | sion and love,
for they are from | everlasting.

Remember not the sins of my youth and | my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love
and for the sake of your good- | ness, O LORD.

You are gracious and up- | right, O LORD;

therefore you teach sinners | in your way.

You lead the low- | ly in justice **and teach the low- | ly your way.**

All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast | love and faithfulness

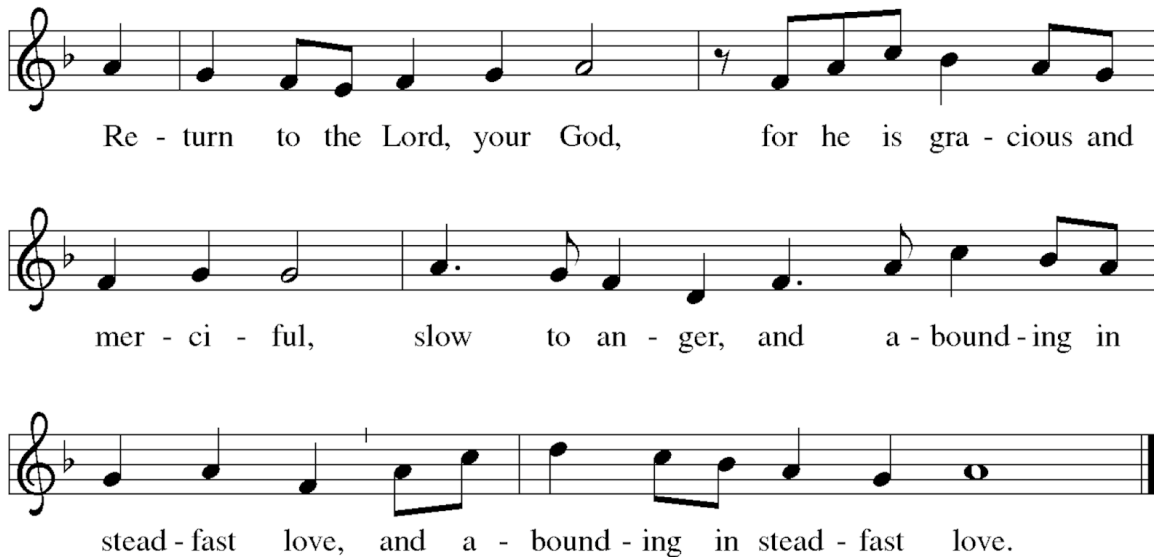
to those who keep your covenant and your | testimonies.

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:18-22

Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

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

HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 1:9-15

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, you have brought us this far along the way...

... For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age, that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection, we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son. Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate, to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup. Give us courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world. Come, Spirit of life, Spirit of freedom!

And let the church say, Amen. **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

- ***Lamb of God***

ELW #336

1 Your only Son, no sin to hide, but you have sent him from your side to walk upon this guilty sod and to become the Lamb of God.

Refrain

Oh Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God. Oh, wash me in your precious blood, my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

2 Your gift of love we crucified. We laughed and scorned him as he died.
The humble king we named a fraud and sacrificed the Lamb of God.

Refrain

3 I was so lost I should have died, but you have brought me to your side to be led by your staff and rod and to be called a lamb of God.

Refrain

- ***Lord Jesus, Think on Me***

ELW #599

- 1 Lord Jesus, think on me, and purge away my sin;
from selfish passions set me free and make me pure within.
- 2 Lord Jesus, think on me, by anxious thoughts oppressed;
let me your loving servant be and taste your promised rest.
- 3 Lord Jesus, think on me, nor let me go astray;
through darkness and perplexity point out your chosen way.
- 4 Lord Jesus, think on me, that, when the flood is past,
I may the eternal brightness see and share your joy at last.

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- SENDING -

ANNOUNCEMENTS**BLESSING****SENDING HYMN*****A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*****ELW #505**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember the poor. **Thanks be to God.**

**denotes favorite hymn of congregation*

Serving Today 02/18/24: Greeter, Kathy W. / Acolyte, O'Reilly Family / Reader, Faith Kids / Asst Minister, Louis L. / Cantor, Richard S. / Ushers, Debbie H. & Connie A. / Altar Guild, Sharon S. & Trish D. / Tech Support, Riley C. & the FLC Tech Team / Counters, Stan P. & Sigrun C. / Coffee after Worship, The Faith Kiddos & Sharon S.

- Activities at Faith -

- **Adult Forum and Faith Kids' Place** - all follow worship today. Join us!
- **Lenten Devotionals** are available on the main table in the Narthex. Please take one per family and join the journey.
- See the **February Newsletter**, out now!
- **Wednesdays in Lent** - 5:30pm Soup Supper followed by contemplative 6pm Holden Evening Prayer.
- **Faith Formation Saturday class – begin again this Saturday @ 1pm.** The subject of this session of Saturday classes is *"Why the Church Year?"* Come join a Lutheran discussion on faith & worship. Light snacks will be served.
- **Important Announcement** - Anyone who did not receive their 2023 giving statement in their Narthex mail boxes (or through USPS) should let Trish Dyer know.
- **Sunday School Substitute Teacher(s) Needed!** - for our FLC kids' Sunday School on **March 10th, 17th, and 24th.** Call or text Sharon Scagliotti (916) 230- 4530 or email the office at: office@faithlutheranreno.org

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!

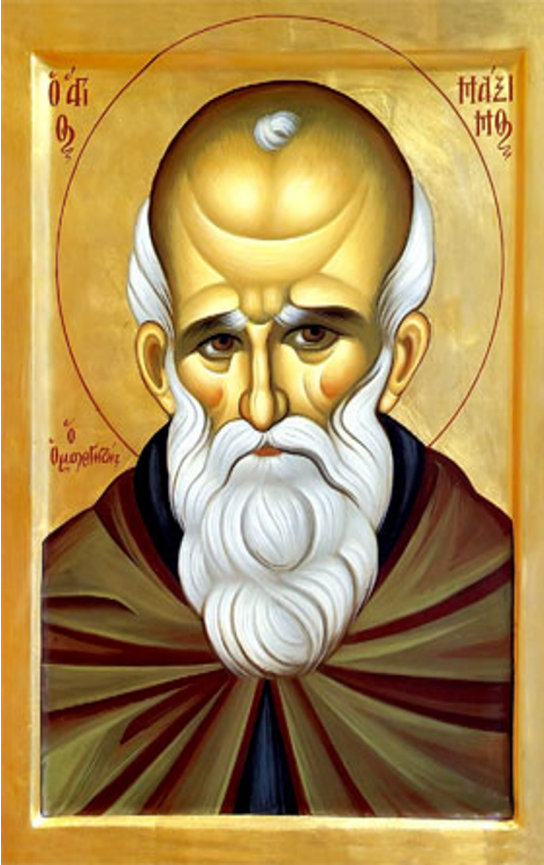
Online Giving through Tithely.com for **Jan 2024** was **\$100.00**. You may give through our website, click on "Support Faith" at the top of our homepage.

Our Giving and Tithes:

Monthly church budget for 2024 is: **\$15,530.00**

Recent giving:

Jan 21st, \$3,613.00 / Jan 28th, \$3,598.79 / Feb 4th, \$548.00 / Feb 18th, \$5,675.48



Comments from the Cloud of Witnesses

Mystical and salutary is this number, forty. For when in the beginning human iniquity covered the face of the earth, God, dissolving the clouds of heaven for the space of this number of days, covered the whole earth with a flood. The deluge of those days must be called a mercy, in that through it iniquity was crushed and justice upheld. The deluge came through mercy as a sort of baptism, in which the face of the earth was renewed. For as Noah was saved in the ark, while human iniquity was drowned in the flood, so by the waters of baptism the church is borne close to heaven, and faith reigns on earth, as coming forth from the ark of the Savior. Just so as Noah received his children into the ark, so do we also earnestly desire to receive our children into this ark.

-Maximus of Turin, (c. 580 – 13 August 662)

[Maximus, in Sunday Sermons of the Great Fathers, II, 93-94.]

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

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	Feb 2024			
Task	4	11	18	25
Greeter	Richard Scoggins	Linda Zimmerman	Kathy Wilson	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 Cloyd	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 Schalnat & Sigrun Coffman	Stan Pesis & Sigrun Coffman	Davyann Schalnat & Linda Zimmerman
Coffee after Worship	Kathy Wilson	Jim & Cindy Thompson	The Sunday School Kids & Sharon Scagliotti	Kathy Wilson