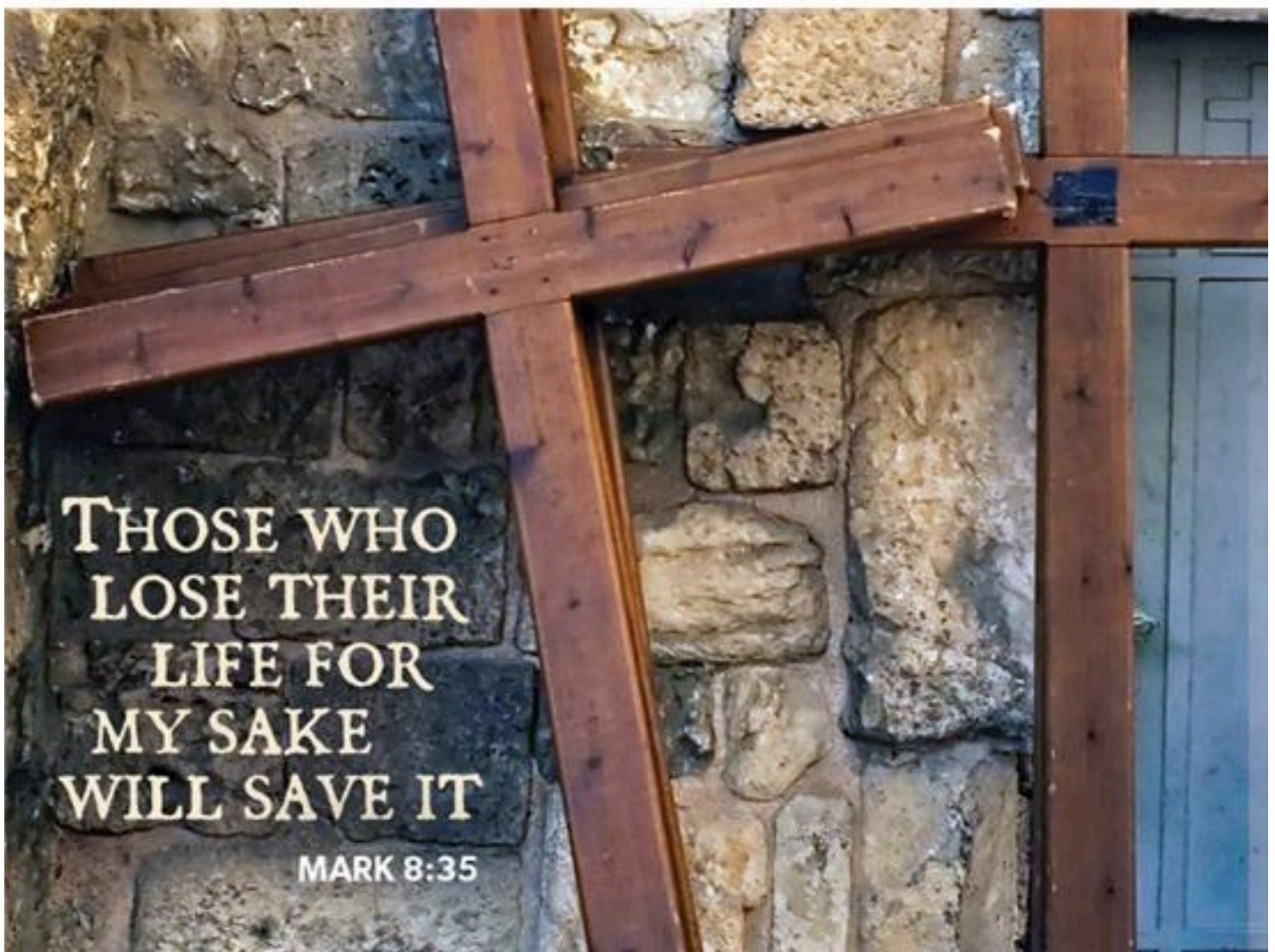


Faith Lutheran Church - Worship and Communion
February 25th, 2024 at 9:30 AM
Second Sunday in Lent

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 Second Sunday in Lent: The second covenant in this year's Lenten readings is the one made with Abraham & Sarah: God's promise to make them ancestors of many, with whom God will remain in everlasting covenant. Paul says this comes to all who share Abraham's faith in the God who brings life into being where there was no life. We receive this baptismal promise of resurrection life in faith. Sarah and Abraham receive new names as a sign of the covenant, and we too get new identities in baptism, as we put on Christ.

- GATHERING -

PRELUDE

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

Listen, God Is Calling

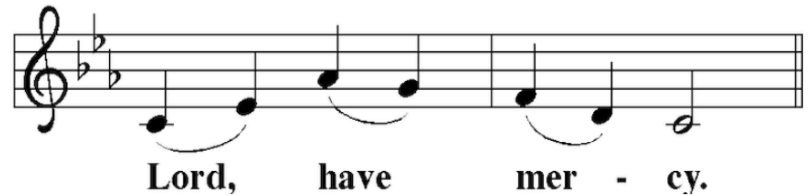
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GREETING

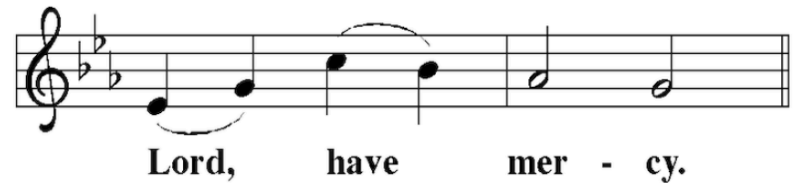
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

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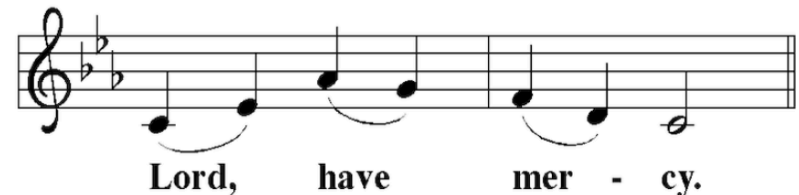
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



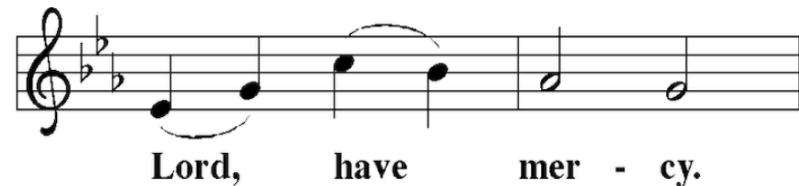
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



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 17:1-7, 15-16**

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you." God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

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

PSALM 22:23-31***Refrain***

All the ends of the earth shall re - mem - ber and turn to the LORD.

You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's | line, give glory.

Stand in awe of the LORD, all you off- | spring of Israel.

For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;
neither is the LORD's face hid- | den from them;

but when they cry out, | the LORD hears them.

From you comes my praise in the | great assembly;

I will perform my vows in the sight of those who | fear the LORD.

The poor shall eat | and be satisfied,

Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts | live forever!

Refrain

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn | to the LORD;
all the families of nations shall bow | before God.

For dominion belongs | to the LORD,
who rules o- | ver the nations.

Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow | down in worship;
**all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel be- | fore
 the LORD.**

Their descendants shall | serve the LORD,
whom they shall proclaim to genera- | tions to come.

They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people | yet unborn,
saying to them, "The | LORD has acted!"

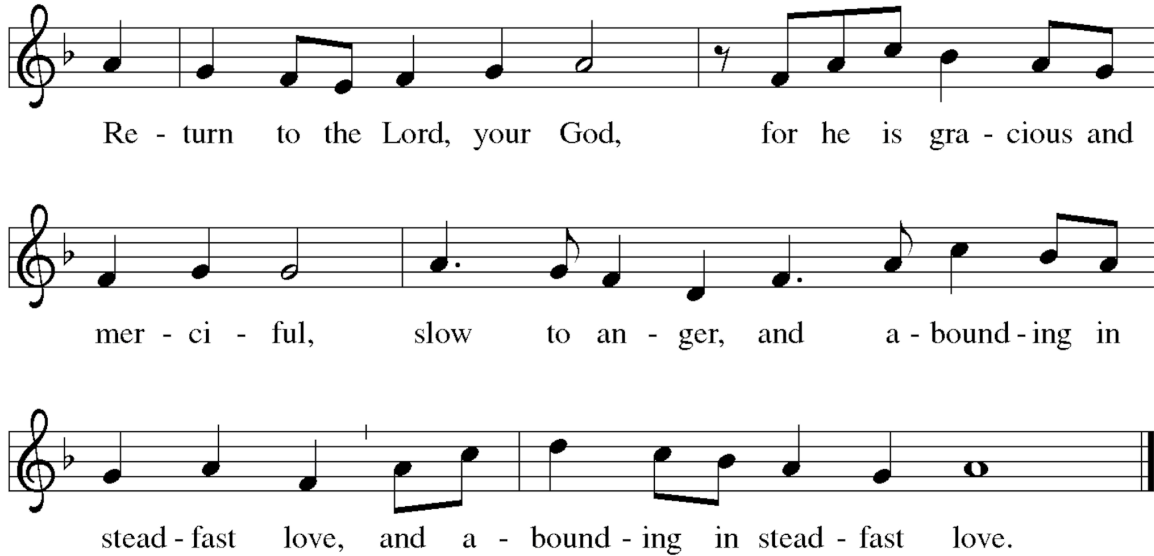
Refrain

SECOND READING: Romans 4:13-25

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

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 eighth chapter, **Glory to you, O Lord.**

HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 8:31-38

[Jesus] began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

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

SERMON

Cross-Shaped Community

Rev. Shaun O'Reilly

HYMN OF THE DAY *Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said* **ELW #667**

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Apostle's 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

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

PEACE

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

- MEAL -

OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN

Seed that in Earth is Dying

ELW #330, vs 1

Seed that in earth is dying

God, through this mystery grant us

Grows into ears of grain.

faith in our deepest darkness,

Grapes that are crushed in the vessel

life in our night and death.

turn into golden wine.

OFFERING PRAYER

GREAT THANKSGIVING, PREFACE, and SANCTUS

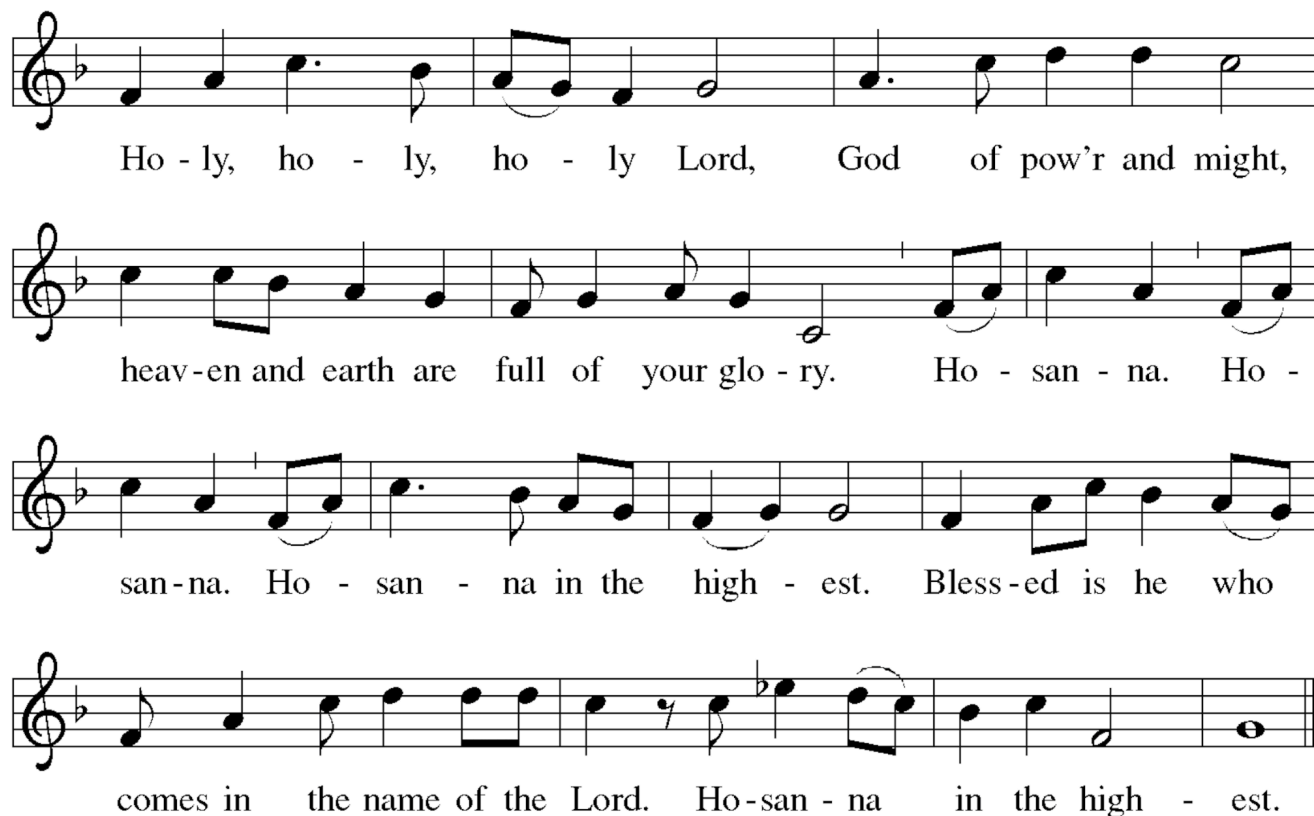
The Lord be with you. And also with you.

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

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

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...

... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
 san-na. 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

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

- ***In the Cross of Christ I Glory****

ELW #324

1 In the cross of Christ I glory, tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time.
 All the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.

2 When the woes of life o'ertake me, hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
 never shall the cross forsake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.

3 When the sun of bliss is beaming light and love upon my way,
 from the cross the radiance streaming adds more luster to the day.

4 Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure, by the cross are sanctified;
 peace is there that knows no measure, joys that through all time abide.

- ***Abide with Me****

ELW #629

1 Abide with me, fast falls the eventide.
 The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
 When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
 help of the helpless, oh, abide with me.

- 2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
change and decay in all around I see;
O thou who changest not, abide with me.
- 3 I need thy presence ev'ry passing hour;
what but thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?
Who like thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, oh, abide with me.
- 4 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if thou abide with me!
- 5 Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes,
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;
heav'n's morning breaks,
and earth's vain shadows flee;
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

- ***Ubi Caritas et Amor****

ELW #642

Ubi caritas et amor, ubi caritas, Deus ibi est.
Where true charity and love abide,
God is dwelling there; God is dwelling there.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- SENDING -

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

Let us Ever Walk with Jesus

ELW #802

DISMISSAL

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

**denotes favorite hymn of congregation*

Serving Today 02/25/24: Greeter, Lukas B. / Acolyte, Storey Family / Reader, LindaLu M. / Asst Minister, Judi H. / Cantor, Matthew R. / Ushers, Lukas B. & Tom L. / Altar Guild, Betty T. & Annette W. / Tech Support, Riley C. & the FLC Tech Team / Counters, Davyann S. & Linda Z. / Coffee after Worship, Kathy W.

- 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.
- **Wednesdays in Lent** - 5:30pm Soup Supper followed by contemplative 6pm Holden Evening Prayer.
- **Faith Formation Saturday class – Saturdays @ 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.
- **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
- **Church Office Hours** will change eff. **02/29/24.** The new hours will be Tue & Wed, 10am to 2pm, and Thursdays → 9am to 12pm, with a return from 1pm to 2:30pm. Please email Dorothy at office@faithlutheranreno.org if you require add'l information.
- **FREE!** - A medium sized Roper brand, white color, chest freezer is available. Perfect for a garage freezer! First come, first served. Contact Sonja @ 775.750.9250 or ficangels@aol.com for more info. Freezer is on site to look at.

Shared Harvest in February

We have all the food needed for the month of February. Packing will be on **Sun, Feb 25th, 1pm** @ St Luke's Reno. Thank you so much for your support!

Our Giving and Tithes:

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

Recent giving for the month of **January 2024** was **\$17,449.00**

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.

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| 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 Schalnath & Sigrun Coffman | Stan Pesis & Sigrun Coffman | Davyann Schalnath & Linda Zimmerman |
| Coffee after Worship | Kathy Wilson | Jim & Cindy Thompson | The Sunday School Kids & Sharon Scagliotti | Kathy Wilson |

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