

Faith Lutheran Church - Worship and Communion
March 2024 at 9:30 AM
Sunday in Lent

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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 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 Third Sunday in Lent: The 3rd covenant in this year's Lenten readings is central to Israel's history: the gift of the law to those freed from slavery. The idea begins with the statement that because God alone has freed us from the powers that oppressed us, we are to let nothing else claim first place in our lives. The Ten Commandments are essential to our baptismal call: centered first in God's liberating love, we strive to live out justice and mercy in our communities and the world. Pr Carl Wilfrid preaches and presides today!

- 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

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

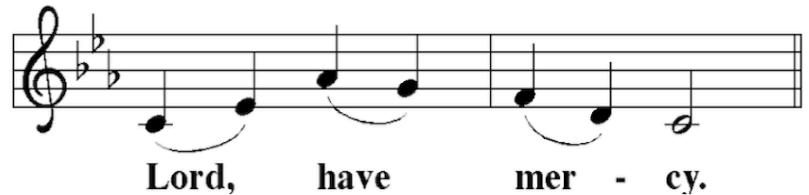
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GREETING

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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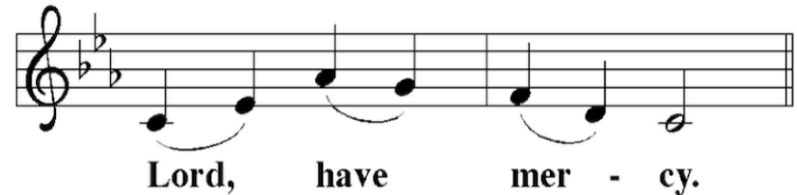
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



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:** Exodus 20:1-17

God spoke all these words: I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it. Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

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

PSALM 19***Refrain***

The com - mand - ment of the LORD

gives light to the eyes.

The heavens declare the glo- | ry of God,
and the sky proclaims its | maker's handiwork.

One day tells its tale | to another,
and one night imparts knowledge | to another.

Although they have no | words or language, **and their voices | are not heard,**
 their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message
 to the ends | of the world, **where God has pitched a tent | for the sun.**

It comes forth like a bridegroom out | of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to | run its course.

It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about
 to the ends of | it again; **nothing is hidden from its | burning heat.**

Refrain

The teaching of the LORD is perfect and re- | vives the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to | the simple.

The statutes of the LORD are just and re- | joice the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light | to the eyes.

The fear of the LORD is clean and en- | dures forever;
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous | altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, more than | much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey | in the comb.

Refrain

By them also is your ser- | vant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is | great reward.

Who can detect one's | own offenses? **Cleanse me from my | secret faults.**

Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get
 dominion | over me;

then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a | great offense.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
 be acceptable | in your sight, **O LORD, my strength and | my redeemer.**

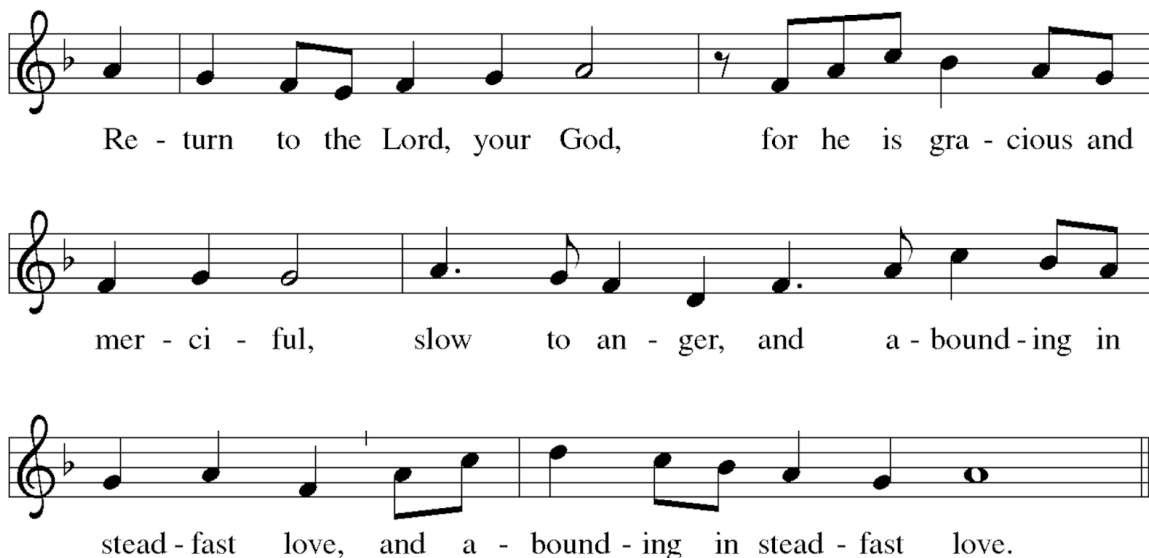
Refrain

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

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 John, the second chapter, **Glory to you, O Lord.**

HOLY GOSPEL: John 2:13-22

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the

doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

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

SERMON

Rev. Carl Wilfrid

HYMN OF THE DAY

All Are Welcome

ELW #641

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
Grows into ears of grain.
Grapes that are crushed in the vessel
turn into golden wine.*

*God, through this mystery grant us
faith in our deepest darkness,
life in our night and death.*

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

- ***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.

- ***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

Son of God, Eternal Savior

ELW #655

DISMISSAL

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

****denotes favorite hymn of congregation***

Serving Today: Greeter, Erica W. / Acolyte, Welmerink Family / Reader, Linda Z. / Asst Minister, Cindy T. / Cantor, Sharon S. / Ushers, Matthew R. & Tom L. / Altar Guild, Trish D. & Kathy W. / Tech Support, Riley C. & the FLC Tech Team / Counters, Theresa W. & Linda Z. / Coffee after Worship, Jean C.

Thank you, Pr Carl, for preaching and leading today.

- Activities at Faith -

- **Slotted Boxes for Vacation Bible School or Easter Mum order slips are located in the Narthex.**
 - **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 latest session of Saturday classes is *“Why the Church Year?”* Come join a Lutheran discussion on faith & worship. Light snacks will be served.
 - **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 needed.
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Shared Harvest in March

We need only 30 cans of **Chili**, and **toothbrushes/toothpaste** in unlimited quantities, for the month of March. Packing will be on **Sun, Mar 24th, 1pm** @ Good Shepherd, 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 **February 2024** was **\$12,564.00**

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

	Mar 2024			
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Greeter	Erica Wilfrid	Judy Carlin	Welmerink Family	Betty Thompson
Acolyte	Welmerink Family	O'Reilly Family	Pesis Family	O'Reilly Family
Reader	Linda Zimmerman	Pam Shannon	Judi Hein	Bob Tonkins
Asst. Minister	Cindy Thompson	Todd Mauldin	Louis Ling	Erica Wilfred
Cantor	Sharon Scagliotti	Todd Mauldin	Louis Ling	Riley Cloud
Usher	Tom Landis & Matthew Rhiley	Annette Warner & Debbie Hansen	Tom Landis & Matthew Rhiley	Annette Warner & Betty Thompson
Altar Guild (2)	Trish Dyer & Kathy Wilson	Annette Warner	Betty Thompson & Annette Warner	Kathy Wilson & Trish Dyer
Musician	Dom Gonzalez - Piano		Olivia Knock - Cellist	
Tech Support	Riley Cloyd & the FLC Tech Team!			
Counters	Theresa Wolken & Linda Zimmerman	Davyann Schalnath & Stan Pesis	Katie Weldon & Linda Zimmerman	Davyann Schalnath & Linda Zimmerman
Coffee after Worship	Jean Carter		Zimmerman Family	

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

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