

Faith Lutheran Church - Worship and Communion

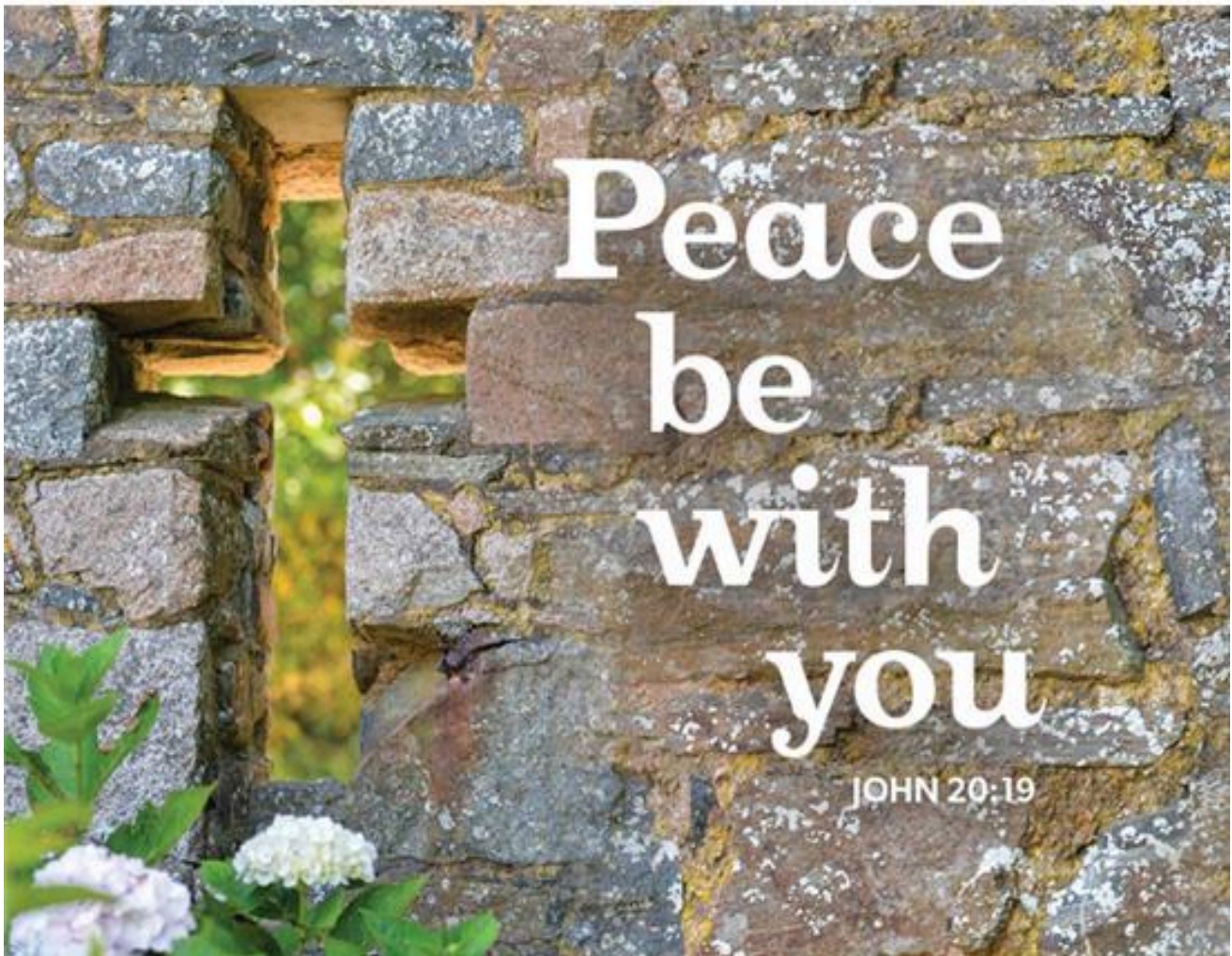
April 07, 2024 at 9:30 AM

Second Sunday of Easter

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! 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 of Easter: The Easter season is a week of weeks, seven Sundays when we play in the mystery of Christ's presence, mostly through the Gospel of John. Today we gather with the disciples on the first Easter, and Jesus breathes the Spirit on us. With Thomas we ask for a sign, and Jesus offers us his wounded self in the broken bread. From frightened individuals we are transformed into a community of open doors, peace, forgiveness, and sharing to meet all needs.

- GATHERING -

PRELUDE

EASTER PRAISE

(when bell rings, please stand and join in song)

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the
Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

WELCOME & THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the wellspring of grace,
our Easter and our joy. **Amen.**

Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

Immersed in the promises of baptism,
let us give thanks for what God has done for us.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning
your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life.
Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers.

The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the
dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land.
In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.

Look, here is water!
Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John
and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection
you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love,
freeing us to live as Easter people.
**We rejoice with glad hearts, giving you praise, through Christ our source, in
the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever Amen.**

Look, here is water!
Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

GATHERING HYMN *Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds** **ELW #367**

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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

-WORD-

FIRST READING: Acts 4:32-35

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one
claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in
common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the
Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among
them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of
what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any
had need.

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

SECOND READING: 1 John 1:1--2:2

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. 6If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

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

EASTER GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Please Stand as you are able

Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
 words of e - ter - nal life. Al-le - lu - ia.
 Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.
 Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel according to John, the twentieth chapter, **Glory to you, O Lord.**

HOLY GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

**"I am the vine; you are
the branches."**



HYMN OF THE DAY***You tell me that the Lord Is risen***

(tune of "My Shepherd, You Supply My Need, #782)

You tell me that the Lord Is risen,
 that you have seen his face.
 Then tell me why you crouch in fear
 and hide within this place.
 You say that he spoke words of peace
 and stood just as before.
 But 'til I touch his very flesh
 I will not trust your joy.

You claim a resurrection here,
 that God has broken death.
 No easy words like these will soothe
 the pain that tears my breath.
 How well I do recall his face,
 compassion, strength in fear.
 How deep my grief that he should die.
 Spare me your words of cheer.

"Now peace be with you. Come, my
 friend,
 my wounded body see.
 Let the rich courage of your doubt
 bring you to fresh belief.
 Fear not to wonder at the Word,
 to search the depths of grace.
 Reach out and touch, here is my hand.
 Receive the gift of faith."

"How blest are they, how fortunate
 who know without the sight.
 But Thomas, you are favoured too,
 for searching yields its light."
 So may each pilgrim in the Way,
 each road to Christ be blest,
 'til lips declare, "My Lord and God!",
 Christ's body one at last.

CONFESSION OF FAITH**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 Risen Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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

- MEAL -

OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



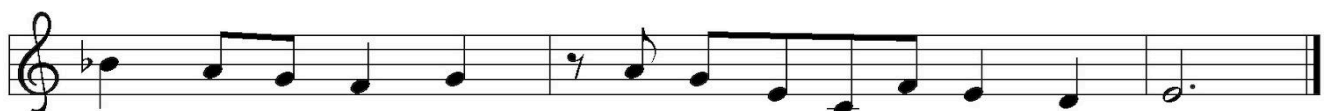
bles - sing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

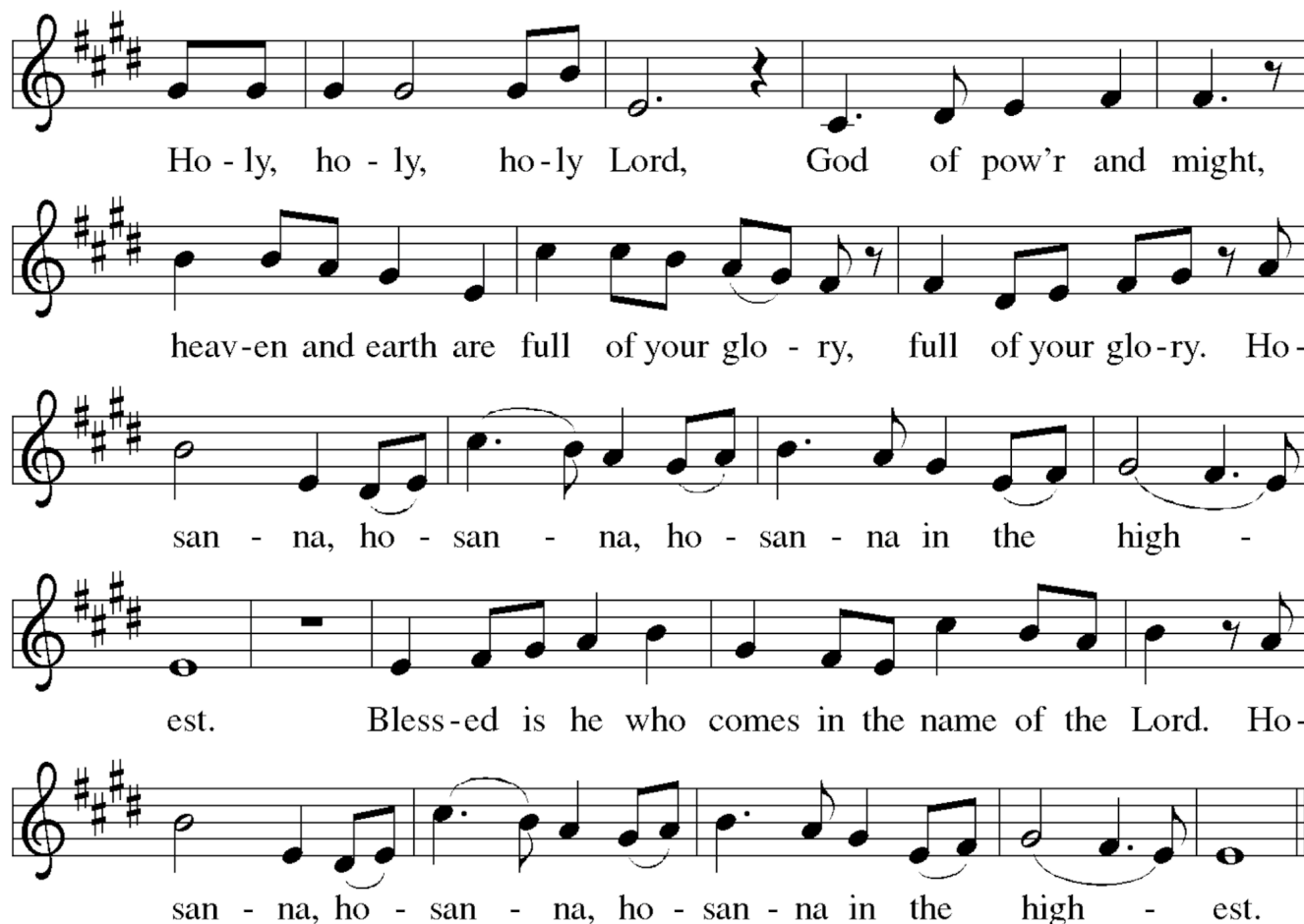
GREAT THANKSGIVING

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, out 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, 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, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, O God of the universe now and forever. **Amen.**

THE 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

I Want to Walk as a Child for the Light*

ELW #815

I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.

Refrain

*In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.*

I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the
Father. *Refrain*

I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus.

Refrain

Be Not Afraid

ELW #388

Be not afraid, sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!
Be not afraid, sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!

Go, my Children, with My Blessing*

ELW #543

"Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.
In my love's baptismal river
I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own."

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"Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
 Here you heard my dear Son's story,
 here you touched him, saw his glory.
 Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure."

"Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
 Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
 Here my Spirit's power filled you,
 here my tender comfort stilled you.
 Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free."

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- SENDING -

ANNOUNCEMENTS & BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

Go Now in Peace,
 Go Now in Peace,
 May the love of God surround you
 Everywhere, Everywhere, You may Go

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Christ is the vine, you are the branches.

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

**denotes favorite hymn of congregation*



*Flowers today are given by Debbie Hansen
 in celebration of Connie Anderson's birthday!*

Serving Today: Greeter, Jean C. / Acolyte, / Reader, Pam S. / Asst Minister, Betty T. / Cantor, Richard S. / Ushers, Matthew R. & Debbie H. / Altar Guild, Betty T. & Annette W. / Tech Support, Riley C. & the FLC Tech Team / Counters, Theresa W. & Linda Z. / Coffee after Worship, Communications Team

- Activities at Faith -

- **See our April Newsletter** – in the Narthex or online!
- **“It’s Still Easter Egg Hunt”** - Sun, April 21st @ 11am!
- **OUTREACH: Blessing Bag Assembly** - 4/21, 11:30am – Fellowship Room
- **Sunday Adult Forum and Kids’ classes** - following worship today @ 11am.
- **Bible Study - Every Tuesday @ 1:30 pm**, in person and via Zoom.
- **Saturday Faith Formation Classes** - resume Sat, April 27th @ 1pm.
- **Pastor Shuan/Out of the Office** - April 8th through 12th

-Shared Harvest in April-

For the Month of April we need 28 Boxes **Cold Cereal**, 42 Cans of **Canned Fruit**, 42 Cans of **Chicken Noodle Soup**, 42 Cans of **Tuna**, and **Shampoo** in unlimited quantities. Packing will be on Sun, April 28th, 1pm @ Good Shepherd, Reno.

Our Giving and Tithes:

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

Recent giving for the month of **March 2024** was **\$17,817.00**

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

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	Apr 2024			
Task	7	14	21	28
Greeter	Jean Carter	Richard Scoggins	Linda Zimmerman	Kathy Wilson
Acolyte	O'Reilly Family	Welmerink Family	Pesis Family	Storey Family
Reader	Pam Shannon	Cindy Thompson	Jean Carter	LindaLu Miller
Asst. Minister	Betty Thompson	Louis Ling	Sharon Scagliotti	Todd Mauldin
Cantor	Richard Scoggins	Louis Ling	Sharon Scagliotti	Todd Mauldin
Usher	Debbie Hansen & Matthew Rhiley	Annette Warner & Betty Thompson	Tom Landis & Matthew Rhiley	Betty Thompson & Debbie Hansen
Piano/Organ	Dom Gonzalez	Dom Gonzalez	Dom Gonzalez	Dom Gonzalez
Accompanying Musician				
Altar Guild	Betty Thompson & Annette Warner	Katie Weldon & Kathy Wilson	Sharon Scagliottin & Trish Dyer	Betty Thompson & Annette Warner
Tech Support	Riley Cloyd & the FLC Tech Team!			
Counters	Theresa Wolken & Linda Zimmerman	Davyann Schalnat & Sigrun Coffman	Theresa Wolken & Sigrun Coffman	Davyann Schalnat & Linda Zimmerman
Coffee after Worship	Communications Team	Jim & Cindy Thompson		