

Faith Lutheran Church - Worship and Communion

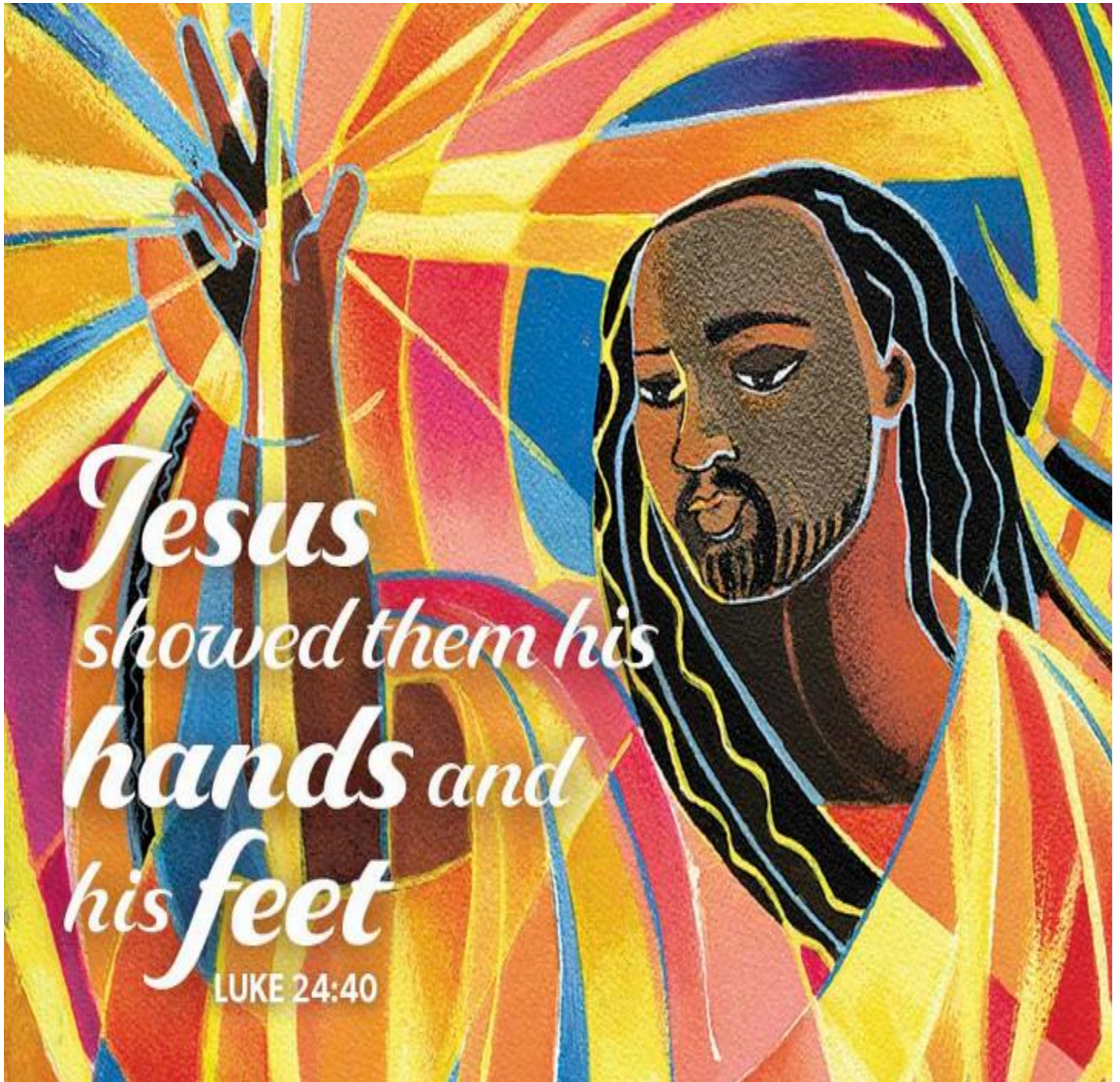
April 14, 2024 at 9:30 AM

Third 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 Third Sunday of Easter: Our gospel has a meal, as a practice like an Easter template for the communion we share. Jesus shares their food while also imploring them to notice he is flesh among them (again!).

- 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 The Green Blade Rises**

ELW #379

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 3:12-19

Peter addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. "And now, friends, I know

that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”

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

PSALM 4

Refrain



Answer me when I call, O God, defender | of my cause;

you set me free when I was in distress;

have mercy on me and | hear my prayer.

“You mortals, how long will you dishon- | or my glory;

how long will you love illusions and seek | after lies?”

Know that the LORD does wonders | for the faithful;

the LORD will hear me | when I call.

Tremble, then, and | do not sin;

speak to your heart in silence up- | on your bed.

Refrain

Offer the appointed | sacrifices,

and put your trust | in the LORD.

Many are saying, “Who will show us | any good?”

Let the light of your face shine upon | us, O LORD.

You have put gladness | in my heart,

more than when grain and | wine abound.

In peace, I will lie | down and sleep;

for you alone, O LORD, make me | rest secure.

Refrain

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-7

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. Everyone who

commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

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 twenty-fourth chapter,

Glory to you, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 24:36b-48

Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."

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

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

SERMON

Branches of Presence

Rev. Shaun O'Reilly



HYMN OF THE DAY

Touch that Soothes and Heals

ACS #939



1 Touch that soothes and heals the hurt - ing, hands that
 2 Feed the hun - gry, clothe the na - ked, vis - it
 3 Love and serve with - out dis - tinc - tion all earth's
 4 Hands that beck - on lit - tle chil - dren, bind a



break a loaf of bread; steps that walk be - side the
 ones in need of care, give the home - less warmth and
 peo - ple, first and least. Know with - in each act of
 wound, pre - pare a meal, feet that rush to share good



wea - ry, bear - ing bur - dens in their stead:
 shel - ter: Christ will find a wel - come there.
 kind - ness hope and whole - ness are in - creased.
 tid - ings, Christ a - ris - en, still re - veal.



"See my hands and feet," said Je - sus, love a - ris - en from the



grave. "Be my hands and feet," said Je - sus, "live as



ones I died to save."

EASTER 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 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 the dreams of all;
unite them with the prayers we offer now.*

Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste 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, 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, 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

- ***Morning Has Broken****

ELW #556

- 1 Morning has broken like the first morning;
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!
- 2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.
- 3 Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning,
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise ev'ry morning,
God's recreation of the new day!

- ***We Know that Christ is Raised****

ELW #449

- 1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
Embraced by death, he broke its fearful hold,
and our despair he turned to blazing joy.
Hallelujah!

-continued-

- 2 We share by water in his saving death.
Reborn, we share with him an Easter life,
as living members of our Savior Christ. *Hallelujah!*
- 3 The Father's splendor clothes the Son with life.
The Spirit's fission shakes the church of God.
Baptized, we live with God the Three in One. *Hallelujah!*
- 4 A new creation comes to life and grows
as Christ's new body takes on flesh and blood.
The universe restored and whole will sing: *Hallelujah!*

• ***Come and Fill our Hearts***
Confitemini Domino

ELW #528

Confitemini Domino quoniam bonus.
Confitemini Domino. Alleluia!

Come and fill our hearts with your peace.
You alone, O Lord, are holy.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace.
Alleluia!

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- SENDING -

ANNOUNCEMENTS & BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

Thine is the Glory*

ELW #376

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 Betty Brown and Family
in memory of her sister Beatrice.*

Serving Today: Greeter, Richard S. / Acolyte, Welmerink Family / Reader, Cindy T. / Asst Minister, Louis L. / Cantor, Louis L. / Ushers, Annette W. & Betty T. / Altar Guild, Katie W. & Kathy W. / Tech Support, Riley C. & the FLC Tech Team / Counters, Davyann S. & Sigrun C. / Coffee after Worship, Jim & Cindy T.

- Activities at Faith -

- **“It’s Still Easter Egg Hunt”** - Sun, April 21st @ 11am!
- **Blessing Bag Assembly** - Sun, April 21st @ 11:30am in the Fellowship Room
- **Flowers for dedication** and **Coffee after Worship** need volunteers! Please sign up on the lists posted on the Narthex bulletin board.
- **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** - classes resume Sat, April 27th @ 1pm.
- **See our April Newsletter** – in the Narthex or online!

-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.

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

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		Apr 2024		
Task	7	14	21	28
Greeter	Jean Carter	Richard Scoggins	Linda Zimmerman	Kathy Wilson
Acolyte		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	Heinz Denoyo		
Accompanying Musician	Olivia Knock		Olivia Knock	Olivia Knock
Altar Guild	Betty Thompson & Annette Warner	Katie Weldon & Kathy Wilson	Sharon Scagliotti & Trish Dyer	Betty Thompson & Annette Warner
Tech Support	Riley Cloyd & the FLC Tech Team!			
Counters	Theresa Wolken & Linda Zimmerman	Davyann Schalnath & Sigrun Coffman	Linda Zimmerman & Sigrun Coffman	Davyann Schalnath & Theresa Wolken
Coffee after Worship	Communications Team	Jim & Cindy Thompson	Jean Carter	