

Faith Lutheran Church - Worship and Communion

April 21, 2024 at 9:30 AM

Fourth 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 Fourth Sunday of Easter: The image of the good shepherd shows us how the risen Christ brings us to life. The shepherd knows and loves these little ones. And what are they raised for? To clothe and feed the world. That is us, and our calling, as branches of the Vine.

- 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

*Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!**

ELW #369

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 4:5-12

The next day the rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the
high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family.
When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power
or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them,
"Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed

done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

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

PSALM: Psalm 23

*We sing the psalm with a hymn: **The Lord's My Shepherd** **ELW 778***

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:16-24

We know love by this, that Jesus Christ laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

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

HOLY GOSPEL: John 10:11-18

Jesus said: "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

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

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

SERMON

Branches of Provision

Rev. Shaun O'Reilly



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

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

Refrain:

WITH A SHEPHERD'S CARE

With a shepherd's care, God le---ads us With a father's strength God gui-des us With a mother's love, God

nurtures us and cra--dles us in gen-----tle arms

Shepherding God, gather your church whenever we wander from you and one another. Empower our church in ministries around the world to worship and serve alongside global companions as equal partners and coworkers in the gospel. Risen Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Nurturing God, preserve the health of biomes and ecosystems. Inspire scientists, researchers, conservation organizations, and all people entrusted with the task of caring for creation, that we may be better stewards of the world around us. Risen Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.** *Sing Refrain*

Almighty God, lead nations and communities to share resources, cooperate in solving conflicts, and listen to the wisdom of Indigenous peoples. Help all those with power to share it and to use such power for good. Risen Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Loving God, protect the very young and the very old, those living without housing, victims of domestic abuse, and all who live with chronic illness or compromised immune systems. Guide communities to actively care for people who are vulnerable. Risen Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, help this and all communities of faith to listen for your voice. Call us away from things that distract us from following you. Invite us to more deeply love and serve people who are lonely, isolated, and on the margins. Risen Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.** *Sing Refrain*

For whom and what else do we pray today?

Living God, we give thanks for our ancestors in faith, especially Sharon Walker, and including Anselm of Canterbury and all who labored to help generations understand the good news of the gospel. Strengthen us to share the good news in our own day. Risen Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord. **Amen.**

Sing Refrain

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

- MEAL -

OFFERING **Faith Chancel Choir Anthem:** *Halle, Halle, Halle* arr. Hopson

OFFERING HYMN**ELW #182**

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

Have No Fear Little Flock*

ELW #764

Have no fear little flock, have no fear little flock
For the Father has chosen to give you the kingdom,
Have no fear little flock.

Have good cheer little flock, have no good cheer little flock
For the Father will keep you in his love forever,
Have good cheer little flock.

Praise the Lord high above, praise the Lord high above,
For He stoops down to heal you, to lift and restore you,
Praise the Lord high above.

Thankful hearts raise to God, thankful hearts raise to God,
For He stays close beside you, in all things works with you,
Thankful hearts raise to God.

The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

ELW #502

The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine forever.

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Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth
and, where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear Lord, beside me,
thy rod and staff my comfort still; thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spreadst a table in my sight; thine unction grace bestoweth;
and, oh, what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!

And so, through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never.
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

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!

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- SENDING -

ANNOUNCEMENTS & BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

*Good Christian Friends Rejoice & Sing**

ELW #385

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 Sharon Scagliotti
in memory of her cousin Naomi.*

Serving Today 04/21/24: Greeter, Linda Z. / Acolyte, Pesis Family / Reader, Jean C. / Asst Minister, Sharon S. / Cantor, Sharon S. / Ushers, Tom L. & Matthew R. / Altar Guild, Sharon S. & Trish D. / Tech Support, Riley C. & the FLC Tech Team / Counters, Linda Z.. & Sigrun C. / Coffee after Worship, Jean C.

- Activities at Faith -

- **"It's Still Easter Egg Hunt"** - TODAY @ 11am!
- **OUTREACH: Blessing Bag Assembly** - TODAY @ 11:30am – Fellowship Room
- **Graveside Service** (outside) **for Sharon Walker** - 1pm on Fri, April 26th @ Mountain View Cemetery, **Prayer and Reception to follow, at Faith Lutheran, 1:45pm, in the Sanctuary**
- **Vacation Bible School Planning Meeting** - Tue, April 23rd @ 6:00pm
- **Lunch Bunch** - Wed, May 1st @ Noon. Please join us for this monthly potluck the first Wed of the month at the back tables in the sanctuary.
- **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 Class** - resumes 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.

	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	Sam White	
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 Schalnat & Sigrun Coffman	Linda Zimmerman & Sigrun Coffman	Davyann Schalnat & Theresa Wolken
Coffee after Worship	Communications Team	Jim & Cindy Thompson	Jean Carter	

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

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