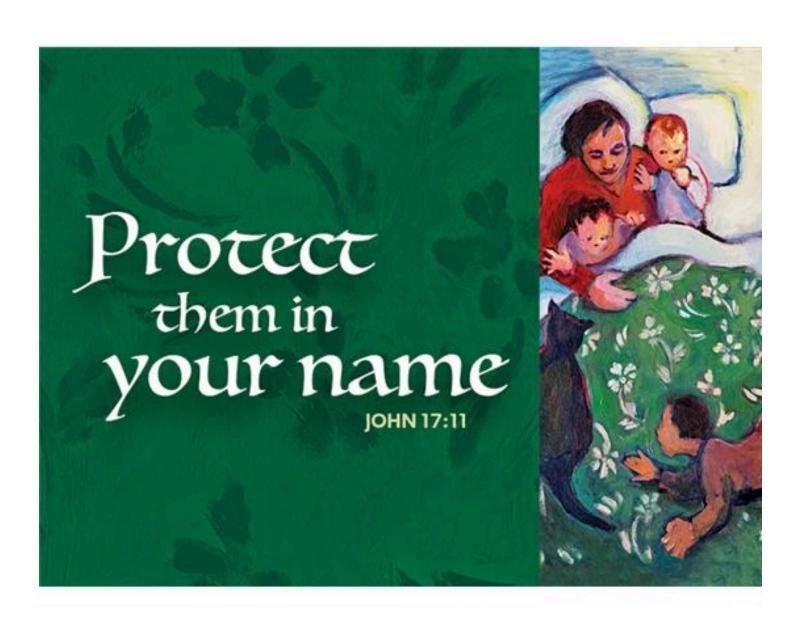
Faith Lutheran Church - Worship and Communion May 12, 2024 at 9:30 AM Seventh Sunday of Easter Mother's Day

To join with video, go to our website and follow the video link (www.faithlutheranreno.org) or find us on youtube: https://www.youtube.co/@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 Seventh Sunday of Easter: The gospel for Easter's seventh Sunday is always taken from the long prayer Jesus prays for his followers in John's gospel on the night before his death, and always includes Jesus' desire that his followers will be one as he and the Father are one. We hear him pray.

- GATHERING -

PRELUDE

EASTER PRAISE

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



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 A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing* ELW #393

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

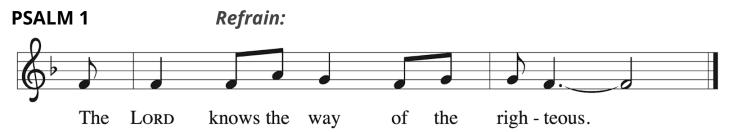
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FIRST READING: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, "Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who

became a guide for those who arrested Jesus— for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection." So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

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



Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel | of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats | of the scornful!

Their delight is in the law | of the LORD,

and they meditate on God's teaching | day and night.

Refrain

They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that | do not wither; everything they | do shall prosper. It is not so | with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind | blows away. Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when | judgment comes,

nor the sinner in the council | of the righteous.

For the LORD knows the way | of the righteous,

but the way of the wicked shall | be destroyed.

Refrain

SECOND READING: 1 John 5:9-13

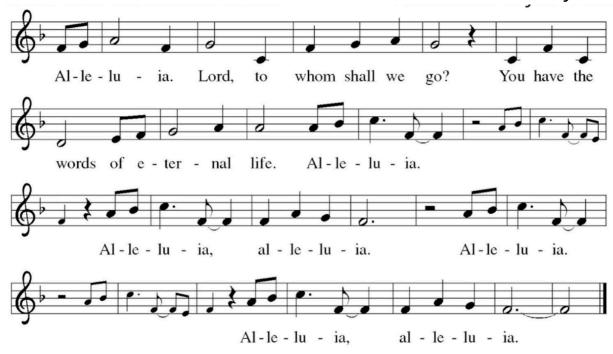
If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his

Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

Word of God, word of Life. Thanks be to God.



Please Stand as you are able



The Holy Gospel according to John, the seventeenth chapter,

Glory to you, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL: John 17:6-19

[Jesus prayed:] "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined

to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth."

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

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

SERMON Branches of Jesus' Prayer

Rev. Shaun O'Reilly

HYMN OF THE DAY

O God in Heaven

ELW #748

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

Jesus prayed for us. Let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need. *Refrain:*



You sanctify us in your truth; your word is truth. Send your church out into the world to spread your love and joy. Embolden all bishops, pastors, and deacons to be faithful ministers of your word and sacraments. Risen Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Your creation groans under the strain of pollution and exploitation. Preserve melting glaciers and dwindling forests. Bolster those who work for climate justice and help us all to be good and faithful stewards of your creation.

Risen Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Your people seek wisdom, understanding, and peace. Guide all those who govern and inspire them to work on behalf of the most vulnerable in our midst. Keep safe first responders, those serving in the military, and those whose duty it is to protect others. Risen Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer. Sing Refrain**

Your children need your loving care. Protect them from all harm. Comfort those in any affliction.. Support those who grieve and bring solace to those near death. Risen Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Your Spirit lives within us here. Inspire the work of this congregation and unite us as one. Bless all the mothers in our midst, console those for whom this day is difficult, and gather us all under the care of your loving wings.

Risen Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Sing Refrain

For whom and what else do we pray today?

Your saints dwell with you in light. Keep us ever thankful for those who have gone before us in faith. Inspire us by their witness.

Risen Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Sing Refrain

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.**

PEACE

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

- MEAL -

OFFERING

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.

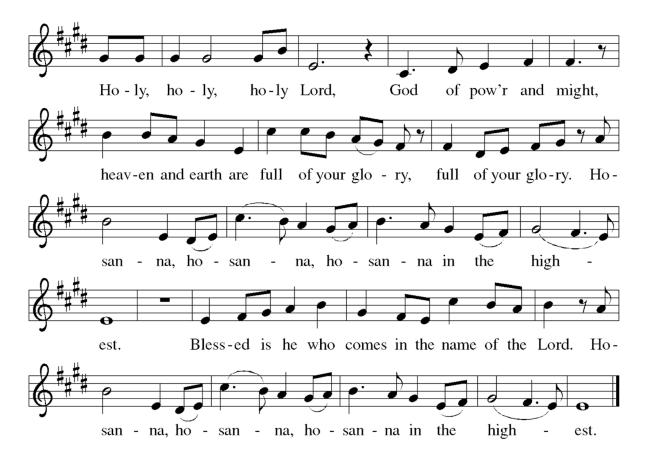
Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

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:



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

Come, Thou Almighty King*

ELW #408

- 1 Come, thou almighty King, help us thy name to sing; help us to praise; Father all-glorious, o'er all victorious, come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.
- 3 Come, holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour!
 Thou who almighty art, rule now in ev'ry heart, never from us depart, Spirit of pow'r.

- 2 Come, thou incarnate Word merciful, mighty Lord; our prayer attend.
 Come and thy people bless, and give thy word success, and let thy righteousness on us descend.
- 4 To thee, great One in Three eternal praises be hence evermore!
 Thy sov'reign majesty may we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore.

O Lord, Hear My Prayer

ELW #751

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call, answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: come and listen to me.
The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: all my hope comes from God.
The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: God, the wellspring of life.

Live in Peace

Live in peace, Live in peace, As far as it depends on you... (repeat)
-by our own Louis Ling, based on Romans 12

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- SENDING -

ANNOUNCEMENTS & BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

Now Thank We All Our God*

ELW #839

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 Annette Warner in honor of Jim's Birthday

Serving Today: Greeter, Judy C. / Acolyte, Welmerink Family / Reader, Davyann S. / Asst Minister, Erica W. / Cantor, Riley C. / Ushers, Matthew R. & Tom L. / Altar Guild, Annette W. & Betty T./ Tech Support, Riley C. & the FLC Tech Team / Counters, Davyann S. & Theresa W. / Coffee after Worship, Zimmerman Family

- Activities at Faith -

- 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 Saturdays @ 1pm.
- See our May Newsletter in the Narthex or online!
- Pentecost May 19th Remember to wear RED in remembrance of the day.

-Shared Harvest in May-

For the month of May we need 56 Cans of **Canned Vegetables**, 42 Cans of **Chili**, 42 Cans of **Chicken Noodle Soup**, 42 Sleeves of **Saltine Crackers**, 42 Cans of **Tuna**, and **Laundry Detergent** in unlimited quantities. Packing will be on Sun, May 19th, *(the 3rd Sunday)*, 1pm @ Lord of Mercy, Sparks.

Our Giving and Tithes:

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

Recent giving for the month of April 2024 was \$11,391.00

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

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Task	5	12	19	26
Greeter	Erica Wilfrid	Judy Carlin	Welmerink Family	Betty Thompson
Acolyte	O'Reilly Family	Welmerink Family	Pesis Family	Storey Family
Reader	Pam Shannon	Davyann Schalnat	Bob Tonkins	Linda Zimmerman
Asst. Minister	Cindy Thompson	Erica Wilfrid	Louis Ling	Sharon Scagliotti
Cantor	Matthew Rhiley	Riley Cloyd	Louis Ling	Richard Scoggins
Usher	Betty Thompson & Annette Warner	Matthew Rhiley & Tom Landis	Annette Warner & Debbie Hansen	Tom Landis & Matthew Rhiley
Altar Guild	Trish Dyer & Kathy Wilson	Annette Warner & Betty Thompson	Sharon Scagliotti & Trish Dyer	Annette Warner & Betty Thompson
Piano/Organ	Heinz Denoyo	Heinz Denoyo	Heinz Denoyo	Heinz Denoyo
Accompanying Musician	Olivia Knock	Olivia Knock	Olivia Knock	Olivia Knock
Counters	Katie Weldon & Sigrun Coffman	Davyann Schalnat & Theresa Wolken	Davyann Schalnat & Stan Pesis	Theresa Wolken & Sigrun Coffman
Coffee after Worship	Judy Carlin	Zimmerman Family	Eileen Way	