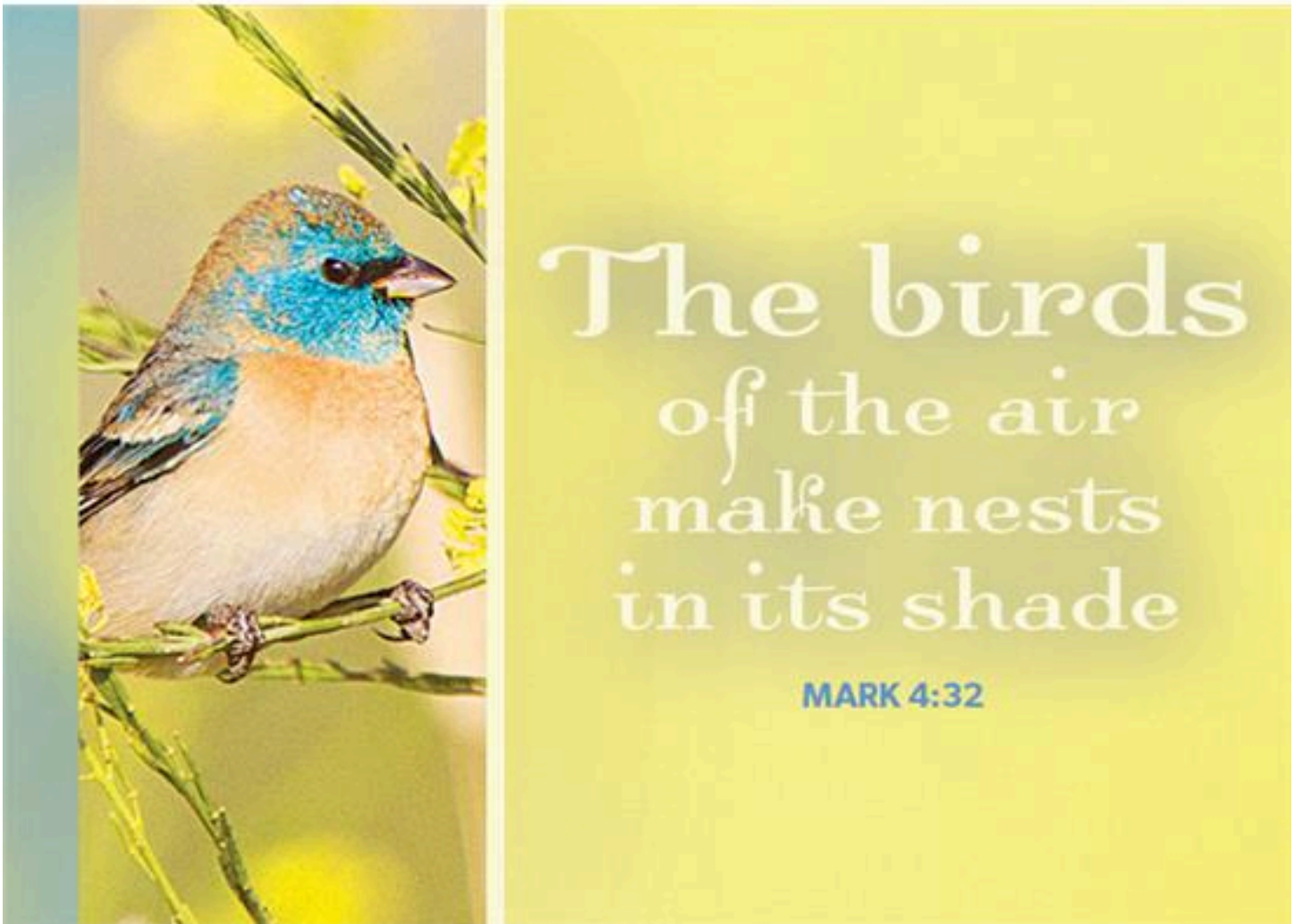


Faith Lutheran Church - Worship and Communion

June 16, 2024 at 9:30 AM

**The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
and Father'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.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. **ELW** hymn numbers refer to our cranberry covered hymnal and worship book located in the seat pockets. Other hymn references, such as **ACS** and **WOV**, refer to hymnals which are not provided. A large font printout of the Sunday bulletin is available if needed. Please ask the greeter.

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 after Pentecost: The mustard seed becomes a great shrub that shelters the birds, recalling ancient images of the tree of life. We'd expect a cedar or a sequoia, but Jesus finds the power of God better imaged in a tiny, no-account seed. It's not the way we expect divine activity to look. Yet the tree of life is here, in the cross around which we gather, the tree into which we are grafted through baptism, the true vine that nourishes us with its fruit in the cup we share. It may not appear all that impressive, but while nobody's looking it grows with a power beyond our understanding, sometimes quiet, sometimes beyond our understanding.



*Flowers today are given by Jean Carter
in honor of her father, Ken Eastland.*

Serving Today: Greeter, Linda Z. / Acolyte, O'Reilly Family / Reader, Jean C. / Asst Minister, Sharon S. / Cantor, Sharon S. / Ushers, Tom L., Matthew R., & Zack W. / Altar Guild, Sharon S. & Trish D. / Tech Support, The FLC Tech Team / Counters, Stan P. & Linda Z. / Coffee after Worship, **Father's Day Ice Cream Social** featuring Pr Stan's Shake Shack!

- GATHERING -

PRELUDE

Fantasy on "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus" - by Allan Mahnke

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,

the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy. **Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another...

(Silent reflection)

Gracious God,

Have mercy on us.

**In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown,
things done and left undone.**

**Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Beloved people of God:

In Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished.

By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough.

Through Jesus, † the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy:
you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

*Let All Things Now Living**

ELW #881

GREETING AND KYRIE

p.184

PRAYER OF THE DAY

-WORD-

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 17:22-24

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. All the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the LORD have spoken; I will accomplish it.

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

PSALM 92:1-4, 12-15

It is a good thing to give thanks | to the LORD,
to sing praise to your name, | O Most High;
 to herald your love | in the morning
and your faithful- | ness at night;
 on the psaltery, and | on the lyre,
and to the melody | of the harp.

For you have made me glad by your | acts, O LORD;
and I shout for joy because of the works | of your hands.

The righteous shall flourish | like a palm tree,
and shall spread abroad like a ce- | dar of Lebanon.

Those who are planted in the house | of the LORD
shall flourish in the courts | of our God;

they shall still bear fruit | in old age;
they shall be | green and succulent;

that they may show how up- | right the LORD is,
my rock, in whom there is | no injustice.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:6-17

So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil. Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Please Stand as you are able**Ancient Words*

L. DESHAZO

Ho-ly _ words long pre - served for our walk in this world, they re -
 sound with God's own heart. O, let the _ an - cient words im - part.

REFRAIN

An - cient words, ev - er true chang - ing me and chang - ing you; We have _
 come with o - pen hearts, O, let the _ an - cient words im - part.

The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the fourth chapter,

Glory to you, O Lord.**HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 4:26-34**

[Jesus] said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come." He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

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

SERMON*In the Branches of God's Tree*

Rev. Shaun O'Reilly

HYMN OF THE DAY*What Is This Place*

ELW #524

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

Hear us, O God,

your mercy is great.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

- MEAL -

OFFERING*"Children of the Heavenly Father," flute and organ - by Martha Sobaje***OFFERING HYMN**

ELW #184



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 dreams of



all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. 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.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to our God.

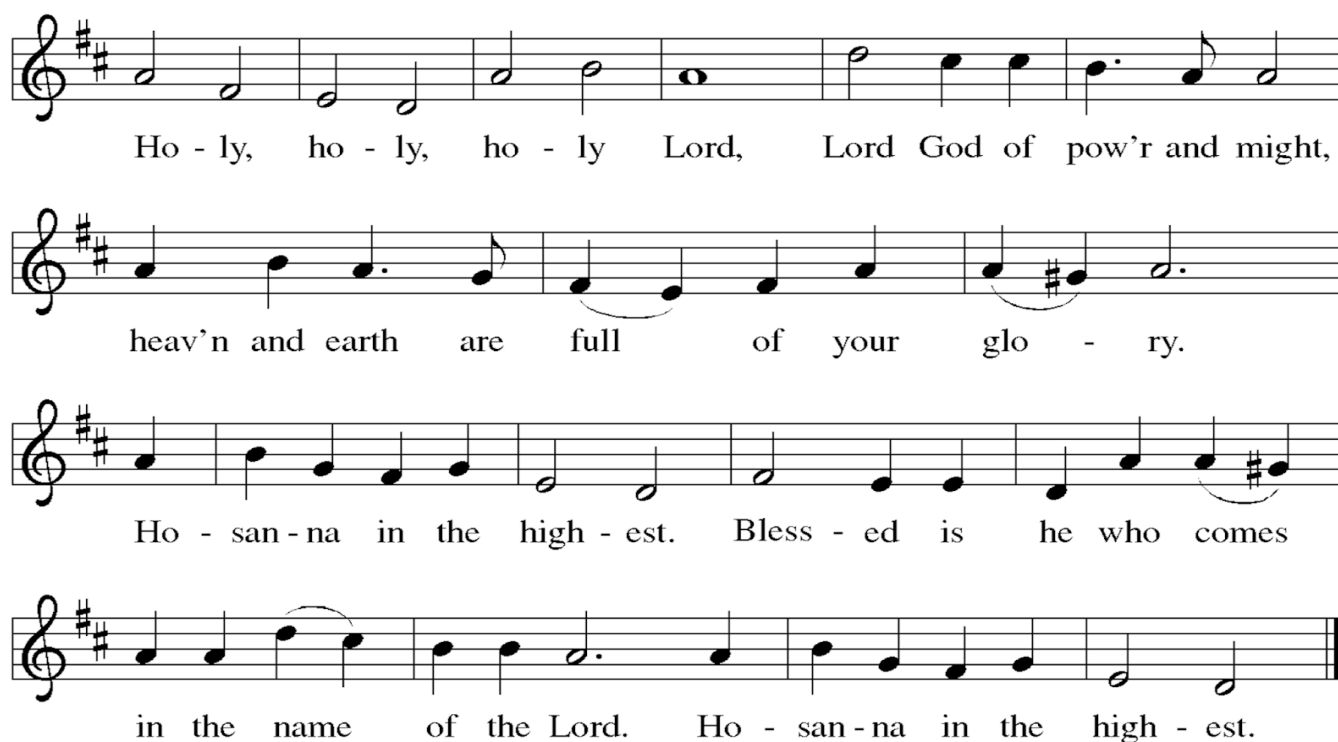
And also with you.

We lift them to the Lord.

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:



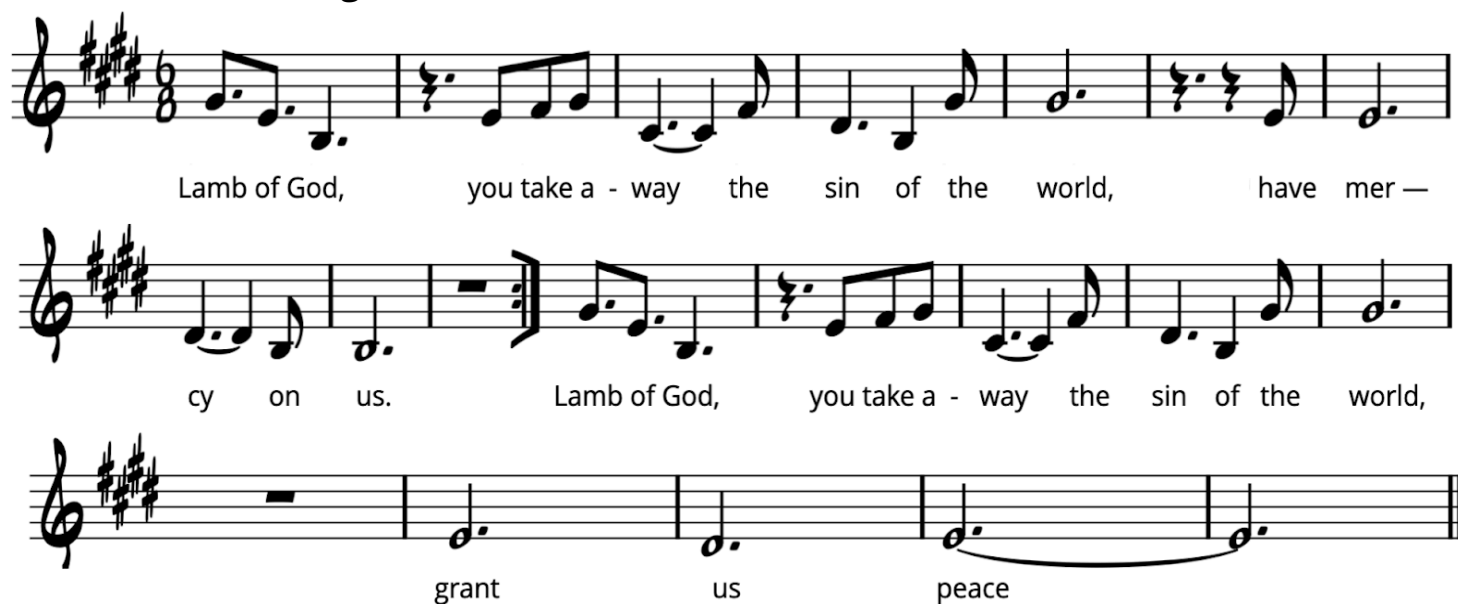
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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 - Agnus Dei



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world, have mer -
 cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world,
 grant us peace

COMMUNION HYMNS

Children of the Heavenly Father

ELW #781

Children of the heav'nly Father safely in his bosom gather;
nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given.

God his own doth tend and nourish, in his holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things he spares them, in his mighty arms he bears them.

Neither life nor death shall ever from the Lord his children sever;
unto them his grace he showeth, and their sorrows all he knoweth.

Though he giveth or he taketh, God his children ne'er forsaketh;
his the loving purpose solely to preserve them pure and holy.

*This Is My Father's World**

ELW #824

This is my Father's world, and to my list'ning ears all
nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world; I rest me in the thought of
rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world; the birds their carols raise; the
morning light, the lily white, declare their maker's praise.
This is my Father's world; he shines in all that's fair. In the
rustling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me ev'rywhere.

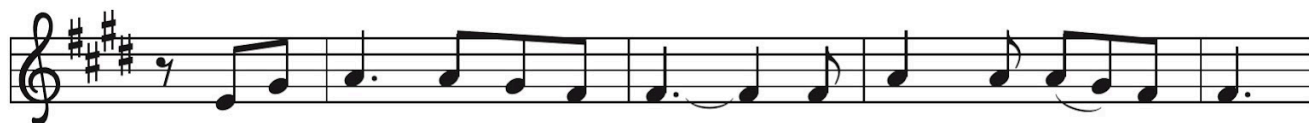
This is my Father's world; oh, let me not forget that,
though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world; why should my heart be sad? The
Lord is king, let heaven ring; God reigns, let earth be glad!

As a Mother Comforts Her Child

ACS #1015



As a moth-er com-forts her child, so God will com - fort you.



As a hen gath-ers her brood, so Christ will gath - er you.



As a wise one coun-sels her friend, so the Spir-it will coun-sel you.



The Trin - i - ty of love will be with you.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- SENDING -

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

*Now the Green Blade Rises**

ELW #379

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**denotes favorite hymn of congregation*

-Shared Harvest in June-

For the Month of June, we still need 28 jars of **peanut butter** and 29 cans of **chicken noodle soup**. Packing will be on Sun, June 23rd, 1pm @ Good Shepherd, Reno.

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

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS SCHEDULE
Thank you for your hearts of service!

	Jun 2024				
Task	2	9	16	23	30
Greeter	Dorothy Barry	Richard Scoggins	Linda Zimmerman	Storey Family	Kathy Wilson
Acolyte	O'Reilly Family	Welmerink Family	O'Reilly Family	Pesis Family	Storey Family
Reader	Dorothy Barry	Judi Hein	Jean Carter	Cindy Thompson	LindaLu Miller
Asst. Minister	Betty Thompson	Todd Mauldin	Sharon Scagliotti	Judi Hein	Louis Ling
Cantor	Richard Scoggins	Todd Mauldin	Sharon Scagliotti	Matthew Rhiley	Louis Ling
Usher	Debbie Hansen & Tom Landis	Lukas Butterfield, Betty Thompson, & Dorothy Barry	Tom Landis, Matthew Rhiley, & Zack Weldon	Debbie Hansen & Matthew Rhiley	Betty Thompson & Annette Warner
Piano/Organ	Heinz Denoyo				
Accompanying Musician	Olivia Knock, Cellist - <i>Special Guest Flautist, Erica Wilfrid on 06/16</i>				
Altar Guild	Sharon Scagliotti & Trish Dyer	Betty Thompson & Annette Warner	Sharon Scagliotti & Trish Dyer	Katie Weldon & Kathy Wilson	Betty Thompson & Annette Warner
Tech Support	The FLC Tech Team!				
Counters	Theresa Wolken & Linda Zimmerman	Sigrun Coffman & Davyann Schalnat	Stan Pesis & Linda Zimmerman	Davyann Schalnat & Linda Zimmerman	Katie Weldon & Davyann Schalnat
Coffee after Worship	Betty Thompson & Annette Warner	Jean Carter	Father's Day Ice Cream Social	O'Reilly Family	Church Council Outdoor Fellowship

Faith Lutheran Giving and Tithes:

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

Recent giving for the month of **May 2024** was **\$12,235.00**

Online Giving* through Tithe.ly.com for **May 2024** was **\$100.00**.

**You may give through our website, click on "Support Faith" at the top of our homepage.*

- Activities at Faith -

- **Sunday Adult Forum** - 11am, We will begin a discussion on Salvation, Heaven & Hell—Understanding Scripture & Tradition. Join us!
- **Kids' Place** - is on hiatus through the end of the summer.
- **Father's Day Ice Cream Social! -Today after worship** - Pr Stan's Shake Shack too.
- **Vacation Bible School - July 8th - 12th**, registration is open, online @ faithlutheranreno.org, scan the QR Code → or hard copies available in the Narthex. Also, donations are being accepted for VBS supplies. Please choose an item from the lists in the Narthex and bring back your purchase asap! Thanks!
- **Saturday Faith Formation Classes - Saturdays @ 1pm**, Pr Stan Pesis leads the study of books, histories, & approaches to the New Testament.
- **Sunday Worship, June 30th** - *Outdoor Fellowship & Music!*



Comments from the Cloud of Witnesses, June 16th

The mustard seed is indeed very plain, and of little value: but if bruised or crushed, it shows forth its power. So faith first seems a simple thing; but if it is bruised by its enemies, it gives forth proof of its power, so as to fill others who hear or read of it with the odor of its sweetness. The Lord himself is the grain of mustard seed. He chose to be bruised, he chose to be crushed; he chose to be planted in the earth as a seed. For it was in a garden that Christ was taken prisoner, and likewise buried: he sprung up in a garden, where he also rose from the dead, and became a tree. You also then are to sow Christ in your garden. Plant the Lord Jesus. He is a seed when we take hold of him: he is a tree that gives shade to the word; he is a seed when he is buried in the earth; he is a tree when raised to heaven.

—Ambrose

[Ambrose, in Sunday Sermons of the Great Fathers, I, 349-51.]