

Faith Lutheran Church - Worship and Communion

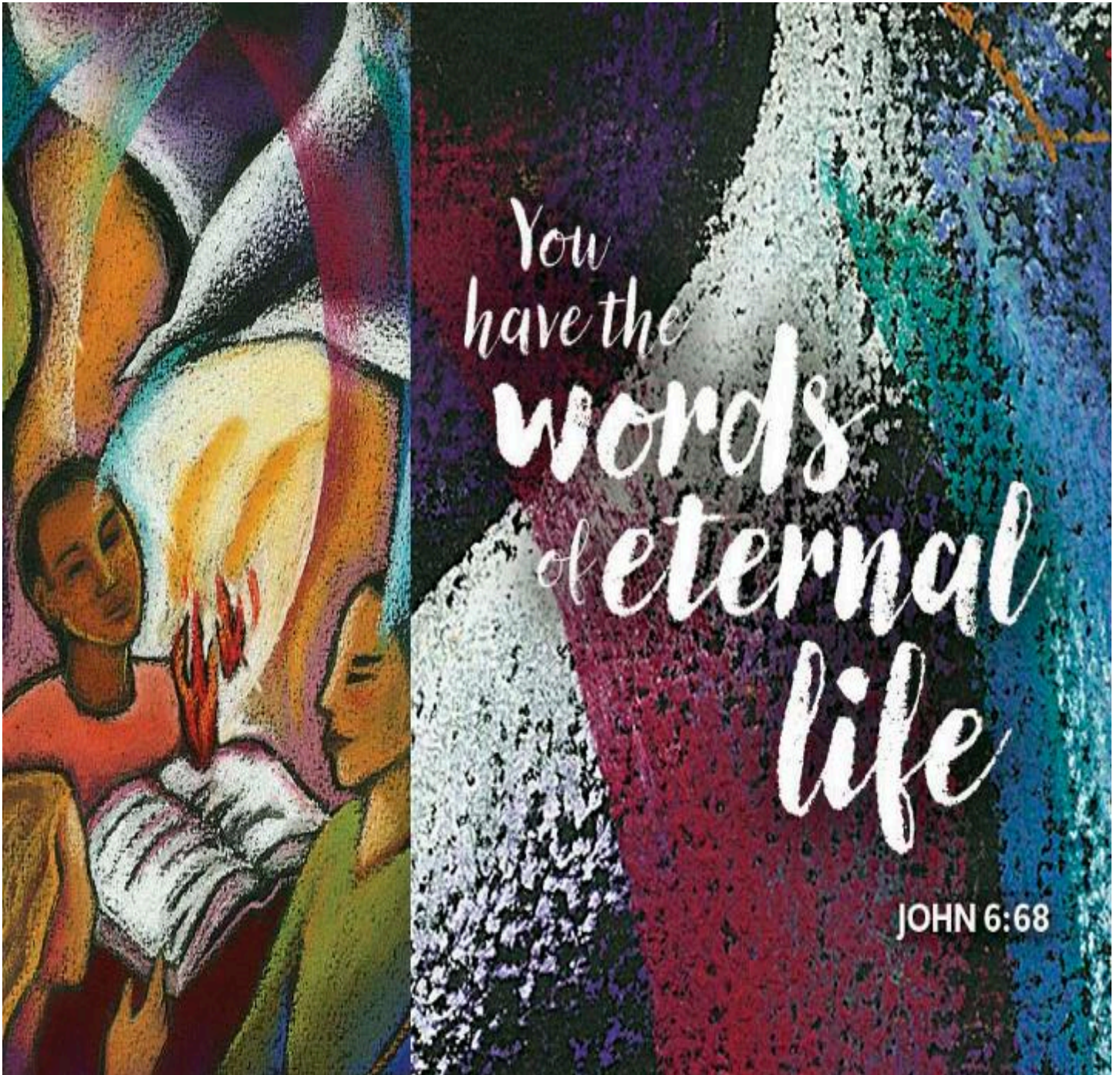
August 25, 2024 at 9:30 AM

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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(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! We are practicing a gospel-bluegrass service, and so all you need is printed for you here. Yee-Haw!

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.



*Erik and Katie Weldon in celebration of
their twenty-fifth Wedding Anniversary!*

Serving Today: Greeter, Linda Z / Acolyte, Storey Family / Reader, Wes G / Asst Minister, Louis L / Cantor, Louis L / Ushers, Erica W & Matthew R / Altar Guild, Betty T & Annette W / Tech Support, The FLC Tech Team / Counters, Davyann S & Linda Z / Coffee after Worship, Jean Carter

In Our Worship on the 14th Sunday after Pentecost: In today's gospel many people take offense at Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh and drink his blood; even many of Jesus' disciples peel off. This is the backdrop in John's gospel for Peter's confession of faith. "To whom can we go?" asks Peter, in words we sometimes sing just before the gospel is read. "You have the words of eternal life." In order to take such a stand, as Peter and Joshua did, Paul tells us to arm ourselves with the word of God. We pray in the Spirit that we might be bold ambassadors of the gospel.

- GATHERING -

PRELUDE

*Tempted and tried we're oft made to wonder,
Why it should be thus all the day long;
While there are others living about us,
Never molested though in the wrong.*

Refrain

*Farther along we'll know all about it,
Farther along we'll understand why;
Cheer up, my siblings, live in the sunshine,
we'll understand it all by and by.*

*And often when death has come and taken our loved ones,
Leaving our home so lonely and drear;
Then do we wonder why others prosper, Living so wicked year after year.*

Refrain

*When we see Jesus coming in glory, When He comes down from His home in the sky;
Then we shall meet Him in that bright mansion, We'll understand it all by and by.*

Refrain

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

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.
Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our provider,
help us.

It is hard to believe there is enough to share.

**We question your ways when they differ from the ways
of the world in which we live.**

We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you.

We take offense at your teachings and your ways.

Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn?

Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world.

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 - *What a Fellowship/Leaning*

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
 leaning on the everlasting arms;
 what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
 leaning on the everlasting arms.

Chorus

*Leaning, leaning,
 safe and secure from all alarms;
 leaning, leaning,
 leaning on the everlasting arms.*

O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
 leaning on the everlasting arms;
 O how bright the path
 grows from day to day,
 leaning on the everlasting arms.

Chorus

What have I to dread,
 what have I to fear,
 leaning on the everlasting arms?
 I have blessed peace with my Lord so
 near, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Chorus

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.**

KYRIE



A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **C** Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:



A Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **C** Christ, have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy:



A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **C** Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: JOSHUA 24:1-2a, 14-18

Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD." Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God." Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 34:15-22

The eyes of the LORD are up- | on the righteous,

and God's ears are open | to their cry.

The face of the LORD is against those | who do evil,

to erase the remembrance of them | from the earth.

The righteous cry, and | the LORD hears them

and delivers them from | all their troubles.

The LORD is near to the | brokenhearted

and saves those whose spir- | its are crushed.

Many are the troubles | of the righteous,

but the LORD delivers them from | every one.

God will keep safe | all their bones;

not one of them | shall be broken.

Evil will bring death | to the wicked

and those who hate the righteous | will be punished.

O LORD, you redeem the life | of your servants,

and those who put their trust in you will | not be punished.

SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 6:10-20

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION


Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL: John 6:56-69

The Holy Gospel according to John, the sixth chapter,

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said,] "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that

which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father." Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

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

SERMON

Rev. Shaun O'Reilly

HYMN OF THE DAY - *What Would You Give in Exchange*

Brother afar from The Savior today Risking your soul for the things that decay
Oh, if today God should call you away What would you give in exchange for your soul?

Refrain

What would you give (in exchange), What would you give (in exchange)

What would you give in exchange for your soul?

Oh, if today God should call you away

What would you give in exchange for your soul?

Mercy is calling you, won't you give heed? Must the Dear Savior still tenderly plead?

Risk not your soul, it is precious indeed

What would you give in exchange for your soul?

Refrain

More than the silver and gold of this Earth More than all jewels the spirit is worth

God The Creator has given it birth

What would you give in exchange for your soul?

Refrain

APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

PEACE

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

- MEAL -**OFFERING & HYMN**

<i>As I went down to the river to pray</i>	<i>Studyin about that good ol' way</i>
<i>And who shall wear the starry crown</i>	<i>Good Lord, show me the way!</i>

<i>O brothers let's go down</i>	<i>Lets go down, Come on down</i>
<i>O brothers lets go down,</i>	<i>Down in the river to pray</i>

<i>As I went down in the river to pray</i>	<i>Studyin about that good ol' way</i>
<i>And who shall wear the robe & crown</i>	<i>Good Lord show me the way</i>

<i>O sisters let's go down</i>	<i>Lets go down, Come on down</i>
<i>O sister lets go down,</i>	<i>Down in the river to pray</i>

As I went down in the river to pray Studyin about that good ol' way
And who shall wear the star and crown? Good lord show me the way
O family let's go down Lets go down, Come on down
O family lets go down, Down in the river to pray

OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you,

O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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 the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

The musical score is written on five staves of a single treble clef. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, heav - en 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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 HYMNS

Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling -

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me.
See, on the portals he's waiting and watching, watching for you and for me.

Refrain

**"Come home, (Come home,) come home! (come home!)
You who are weary, come home."
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, "O sinner, come home!"**

Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading, pleading for you and for me?
Why should we linger and heed not his mercies, mercies for you and for me?

Refrain

Oh, for the wonderful love he has promised, promised for you and for me!
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon, pardon for you and for me.

Refrain

The Old Rugged Cross -

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross, the emblem of suffering and shame;
and I love that old cross where the dearest and best for a world of lost sinners
was slain.

Refrain

**So I'll cherish the old rugged cross, till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross, and exchange it some day for a crown.**

O that old rugged cross so despised by the world has a wondrous attraction for me;
for the dear Lamb of God left his glory above to bear it to dark Calvary.

Refrain

In that old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine, a wondrous beauty I see,
for 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died, to pardon and sanctify me.

Refrain

To that old rugged cross I will ever be true, its shame and reproach gladly bear;
then he'll call me some day to my home far away, where his glory forever I'll share.

Refrain

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- SENDING -

BLESSING

The blessing of God,
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,
✠ be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN - *Just a Closer Walk with Thee*

Refrain

**Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea;
daily walking close to thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be.**

I am weak but thou art strong: Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee.

Refrain

Through this world of toil and snares, if I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.

Refrain

When my feeble life is o'er, time for me will be no more;
guide me gently, safely o'er to thy kingdom shore, to thy shore.

Refrain

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

- Activities at Faith -

- **Cindy Burroughs Memorial** - Saturday, Sept. 14th @ 11am
- **Sunday Adult Forum** - Meets today! On Sep 8th, we begin talking about C.S. Lewis' classic work *Mere Christianity*. Find yourself a copy and join us for Sep/Oct!
- **Saturday Faith Formation Classes** - Saturdays @ 1pm, Pr Stan Pesis and Elizabeth King lead through approaches to the New Testament, currently studying the *Book of Revelation*! Please note - no class on Sep 14th or 21st
- Pr Shaun invites you to be praying for all **students, teachers, and workers headed back to school**. If you can support the ELCA's campus ministry to UNR or TMCC, see Pr Shaun or support and give and connect at lovingkindnesscollective.org
- **Shared Harvest in August** - today, 1pm @ Holy Cross, Reno.
- **Lunch Bunch returns!** - Wed, Sept 4th, Noon. Potluck & prayer, bring a dish to share!



LOVINGKINDNESS
COLLECTIVE

WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE

	Sep 2024				
Task	1	8	15	22	29
Greeter	Becky S	Linda Z	Debbie H	Kathy W	Becky S
Acolyte	O'Reillys	Welmerinks	Storeys	Pesis'	O'Reillys
Reader	Bob T	Pam S	Linda Z	Dorothy B	Judi H
Asst. Minister	Sharon S	Judi H	Cindy T	Todd M	Betty T
Cantor	Sharon S	Rich S	Wes G	Todd M	Matthew R
Usher	Lukas B & Dorothy B	Debbie H & Matthew R	Zack W & Tom L	Matthew R & Annette W	Tom L & Lukas B
Altar Guild	Kathy W & Eileen W	Betty T & Annette W	Sharon S & Trish D	Betty T & Annette W	Sharon S & Trish D
Tech Support	The FLC Tech Team!				
Piano/Organ	Heinz Denoyo				
Accompanying Musician	Olivia Knock, Cellist				
Counters	Sigrun C & Stan P	Davyann S & Linda Z	Sigrun C & Davyann S	Linda S & Mary W	Theresa W & Linda Z
Coffee after Worship	Pat P & Cheryl V	Erica W	Jim & Cindy T		Kathy W