

Faith Lutheran Church - Worship and Communion

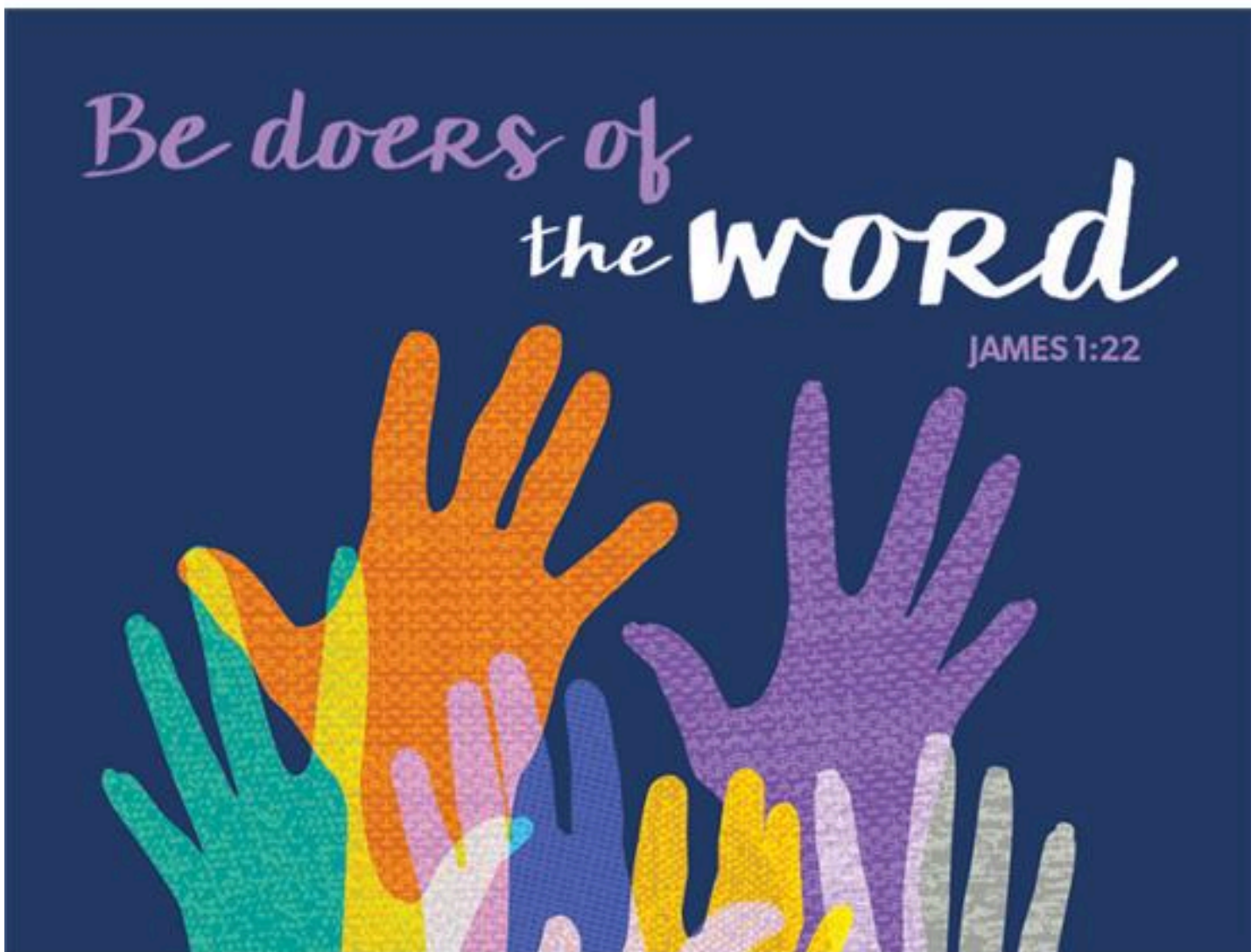
September 1, 2024 at 9:30 AM

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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! We are all in the blue hymnal at your seat called *"With One Voice."* The confession is on page 10, then the rest of the liturgy proceeds from page 28 (Holy Communion V).

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.



*Flowers today are given by Pat Porter & Cheryl Vought
in celebration of September Birthdays!*

Serving Today: Greeter, Becky S / Acolyte, Family / Reader, Bob T / Asst Minister, Sharon S / Cantor, Sharon S / Ushers, Lukas B & Dorothy B / Altar Guild, Kathy W & Eileen W / Tech Support, The FLC Tech Team / Counters, Sigrun C & Linda Z / Coffee after Worship, Pat Porter and Cheryl Vought celebrating September Birthdays!

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FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the LORD your God with which I am charging you. You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today? But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

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

PSALM 15

LORD, who may dwell in your | tabernacle?

Who may abide upon your | holy hill?

Those who lead a blameless life and do | what is right,

who speak the truth | from their heart;

they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil | to their friends;

they do not cast discredit up- | on a neighbor.

In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who | fear the LORD.

They have sworn upon their health and do not take | back their word.

They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes a- | gainst the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be | overthrown.

SECOND READING: James 1:17-27

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

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HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the seventh chapter,

Glory to you, O Lord.

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around [Jesus], they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.' You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition." Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile. "For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

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

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

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Reno Pride Festival is Sat, Sept 7th, 11am to 7pm, at Wingfield Park. Entry price is \$10. The COMMUNITY Pride Parade goes Under the Arch on Virginia St at 10am. Faith will share a booth with other ELCA churches to make our welcome, and love, known to the LGBTQ+ Community. We will hand out water to visitors. If you would like to contribute water for the booth please deliver it to the church by Fri, Sep 6th.

Please come visit the booth and enjoy the festival!

- Activities at Faith -

- **Reno Pride Festival** - Sat, Sep 7th, 11am @ Wingfield Park, Faith will join the ELCA booth. Entry fee is \$10. If you would like to donate bottled water, for handing out at the booth, bring it to the church by Fri, Sep 6th. **Cindy Burroughs Memorial** - Saturday, Sept. 14th @ 11am.
- **Sunday Adult Forum** - No class today. On Sept 8th, we begin talking about C.S. Lewis' classic work *Mere Christianity*. Find yourself a copy and join us for Sept/October.
- **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!*
 - Note: no class on Sep 14th and 21st -
- Pr Shaun invites you to be praying for all **students/teachers/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
- **Lunch Bunch returns!** - Wed, Sept 4th, Noon. Potluck & prayer, bring a dish to share!
- **CHURCH DIRECTORIES ARE HERE!** - In the Narthex
- **Catholic Charities/St Vincent's** - in need of socks! New and unused please. Donation barrel in the Narthex.



-Shared Harvest in September-

September donations are complete, thank you to all who donated!
 Packing is Sunday, Sept 22, 1pm @ Our Savior, Sparks.

-Faith Lutheran Giving and Tithes-

Monthly church budget for 2024 is: **\$15,530.00**
 Total monthly giving for July 2024 is: **\$23,461.69***
 *General Funds - \$11,651.00 *Dedicated Funds - \$11,810.69

Task	Sep 2024				
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Greeter	Becky S	Linda Z	Debbie H	Kathy W	Becky S
Acolyte		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				
Accomp Musician	Olivia Knock, Cellist				
Counters	Sigrun C & Linda Z	Davyann S Linda Z, Mary W	Sigrun C & Davyann S	Sigrun C & Mary W	Theresa W & Linda Z
Coffee after Worship	Pat P & Cheryl V	Erica W	Jim & Cindy T	Eileen W	Kathy W