

Faith Lutheran Church - Worship and Communion

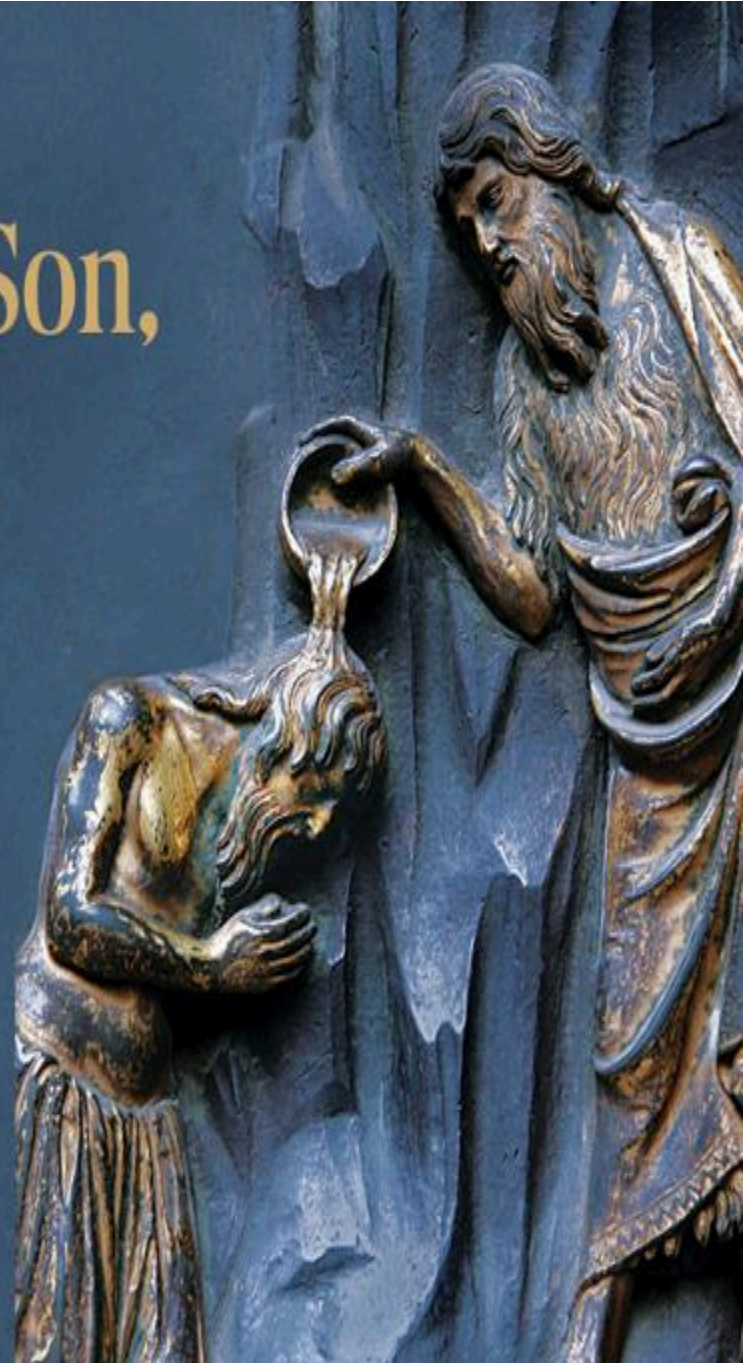
January 12, 2025 at 9:30 AM

Baptism of Our Lord

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>

You are my Son,
the Beloved;
with you
I am well
pleased

LUKE 3:22



Welcome! We are a family of faith and so glad you are here! Congregation responses appear in bold throughout the bulletin

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.

Our **Candle Lighting station** is available during worship. If you are moved to light a candle to represent your prayer for someone or something or for thanksgiving or sorrows of your own heart, you may light a candle. All are especially welcome during communion as we sing and commune and pray.

In Worship on the Baptism of Our Lord Sunday: Today's festival rejoices in God's blessings: adoption as God's children, the gift of the Holy Spirit, and the promised company of God-with-us when we "pass through the waters . . . the rivers . . . fire." The heavens open today, too, and we receive the gift of God's Beloved, Jesus, in word and sacrament. Our preacher today is our guest, Dr. Fred Niedner, research professor at Valparaiso University in Indiana and teacher from Saturday's bible retreat.

Serving Today: *Greeter, Linda Z / Acolyte, O'Reilly Family / Reader, Erica W / Asst Minister, Todd M / Cantor, Todd M / Ushers, Debbie H & Matthew R / Altar Guild, Betty T & Annette W / Tech Support, The FLC Tech Team / Counters, Stan P & Linda Z / Coffee after Worship, provided today by Kathy W*



Flowers today are given by the O'Reilly's in thanks for Fred Niedner's teaching and mentorship, and gracious work.

-GATHERING-

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

moment of centering

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. **Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty,

**You are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring,
you are the fire of rebirth.**

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for the Carson, Walker, and Truckee Rivers.
Honor to you for cloud and rain, for dew and snow in mountains and meadows.

**Praise to you for waters below us, around us, above us:
our life is born in you. You are the fountain of resurrection.**

Praise to you for your saving waters: Noah and the animals survive the flood, Hagar discovers your well. The Israelites escape through the sea, and the Samaritan woman will never be thirsty again.

**Praise to you for the water of baptism and for your Word in this
sacrament. Breathe your Spirit into all who are gathered here and into
all creation. Illumine our days. Enliven our bones. Dry our tears.
Wash away the sin within us, and drown the evil around us.**

Satisfy all our thirst with your living water, through Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters

ELW #445

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

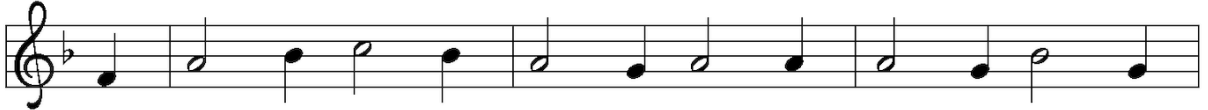
And also with you.

KYRIE

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Chris - te e - le - i - son.

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, e - le - i - son, e - le - i - son.

GLORIA



1 All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace to earth be
 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the on - ly Son of God, cre - a - tion's
 3 To you a - lone, O God, we cry, the Ho - ly One we



giv - en! Let an - gels sing, let all re - ply; good -
 au - thor, O Lamb of God, your death a - lone takes
 name you; for you a - lone are God most high, one



will breaks forth from heav - en! Lord God Al - might - y,
 sin a - way for - ev - er. Stretch out your arms to
 liv - ing God we claim you: we wor - ship you, Lord



heav - en's king, we wor - ship you, our thanks we sing, we
 ev - 'ry land, and, as you reign at God's right hand, re -
 Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it ev - er blest, in



praise you for your glo - ry.
 ceive our prayer; have mer - cy.
 God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

-WORD-**FIRST READING: Isaiah 43:1-7**

But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel:
 Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When
 you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not

overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth—everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

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

PSALM 29

Ascribe to the | LORD, you gods,
ascribe to the LORD glo- | ry and strength.

**Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due God's name;
worship the LORD in the beau- | ty of holiness.**

The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of | glory thunders;
the LORD is upon the | mighty waters.

**The voice of the LORD is a pow- | erful voice;
the voice of the LORD is a | voice of splendor.**

The voice of the LORD breaks the | cedar trees;
the LORD breaks the ce- | dars of Lebanon;

**the LORD makes Lebanon skip | like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a | young wild ox.**

The voice | of the LORD
bursts forth in | lightning flashes.

**The voice of the LORD | shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilder- | ness of Kadesh.**

The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the | forests bare.
And in the temple of the LORD all are | crying, "Glory!"

**The LORD sits enthroned a- | bove the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king for- | evermore.**

O LORD, give strength | to your people;
give them, O LORD, the bless- | ings of peace.

**The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of | glory thunders;
the LORD is upon the | mighty waters.**

SECOND READING: Acts 8:14-17

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! Lord to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia!

HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the third chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

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

SERMON

When Heaven Spills Its Secret

Rev. Fred Niedner

HYMN OF THE DAY

Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized

ELW #304

RESPONSE OF FAITH

A: Let us confess our faith in the words of the 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

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

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

- MEAL -

OFFERING

In all things, O God, you are our way, our truth, and our life.

Reveal through us your life-giving work.

PRESENTATION HYMN***Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful*****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, PREFACE, and SANCTUS**

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...

... and join their unending hymn:

Refrain/Estribillo

San-to, san - to, san - to, san - to, san-to, san - to_es nues - tro Dios,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is our God,



Se - ñor de to - da la tie - rra. San - to, san - to_es nues - tro Dios.
 God, the Lord of earth and heav - en. Ho - ly, ho - ly is our God.



San-to, san - to, san - to, san - to, san-to, san - to_es nues - tro Dios,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is our God,



Se - ñor de to - da la his - to - ria. San - to, san - to_es nues - tro Dios.
 God, the Lord of all of his - t'ry. Ho - ly, ho - ly is our God.

End/Fin

Que a - com - pa - ña a nues - tro pue - blo, que vi - ve en nues - tras lu - chas,
 Who ac - com - pa - nies our peo - ple, who lives with - in our strug - gles,



del u - ni - ver - so en - te - ro el ú - ni - co Se - ñor.
 of all the earth and heav - en the one and on - ly Lord.



Ben - di - tos los que en su nom - bre el e - van - ge - lio a - nun - cian,
 Blest are they who in the Lord's name an - nounce the ho - ly gos - pel,

Refrain/Estribillo

la bue - na y gran no - ti - cia de la li - be - ra - ción.
 pro - claim - ing the good news that our lib - er - a - tion comes.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

COMMUNION AND HYMNS

AGNUS DEI

ELW pg. 174

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.

Praise and Thanksgiving Be to God

ELW #458

Praise and thanksgiving be to God our maker,
source of all blessing, prodigal creator.

Baptized and made your own, now we come before you, and we adore you.

Not our own holiness, nor that we have striven brings us the peace which you,
O Christ, have given.

Baptized and set apart, strengthen us, O Savior, with grace and favor.

Come, Holy Spirit, come in visitation;
you are the truth, our hope, and our salvation.

Baptize with joy and pow'r; give, O Dove descending, life never ending.

Praise to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit:
one Lord, one faith, one source of ev'ry merit.

Here now renew your church through this symbol given;
grant peace from heaven.

Peace, Be Still

by Steven Iverson

Peace, be still. Peace, be still.

The storm rages. Peace, be still.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

-SENDING-

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

*We Know That Christ Is Raised**

ELW #449

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you. **Thanks be to God.**

** denotes a favorite hymn of the congregation*

- Activities at Faith -

- **Flower Sponsors & Coffee after Worship for 2025** - The sign-up sheets for the new year are posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex! Please take a moment and sign up!
 - **Jan 12th and 19th** - Join the finance team, after worship, to look at the proposed budget for 2025 to ask any questions and get clarification.
 - **Kids' Place - 10:50am** Classes resume today!
 - **Annual Congregational Meeting - Sun Jan 26th, following worship**, followed by Potluck Luncheon. Please bring an entree, salad, or dessert to share!
 - **Italia il Partito - Sun, Feb 2nd**, following worship. The Fellowship Team is providing a full course Italian Spaghetti Lunch. Join us!
 - **Lunch Bunch - Wed, Feb 5th, Noon**, Potluck luncheon, bring a dish to share. We will be kicking off the new year with a presentation for Note-Able Music Therapy Services. We will be accepting donations for their non-profit organization.
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-Shared Harvest in January-

For January we still need **36 cans of Vegetables**,
14 boxes of Cold Cereal and **Deodorant** in unlimited quantities.

Thank you for your generous donations!

Packing is Sunday, Jan 26th, 1pm @ St Luke's, Reno.

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

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WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE

	Jan 2025			
Task	5	12	19	26
Greeter	Judy C	Linda Z	Kathy W	Betty T
Acolyte	Pesis'	O'Reillys	Welmerinks	O'Reillys
Reader	Pam S	Erica W	Linda Z	Judi H
Asst. Minister	Judi H	Todd M	Cindy T	Louis L
Cantor	Matthew R	Todd M	Sam W	Louis L
Usher	Tom L & Annette W	Debbie H & Matthew R	Lukas B & Tom L	Matthew R & Zack W
Altar Guild	Kathy W & Eileen W	Betty T & Annette W	Sharon S & Trish D	Annette W & Betty T
Tech Support	The FLC Tech Team!			
Piano/Organ	Heinz Denoyo			
Accompanying Musician	Olivia Knock, Cellist			
Counters	Theresa W & Davyann S	Stan P & Linda Z	Sigrun C & Davyann S	Linda Z & Mary W
Coffee after Worship	JAN B'DAYS Jean C/Betty B	Kathy W	Eileen W	Amy & Linda Z

Thank you for your hearts of service!