

Faith Lutheran Church - Worship and Communion

April 20, 2025 at 9:30 AM

Resurrection of Our Lord
Easter Day

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(www.faithlutheranreno.org) or find us on youtube:
<https://www.youtube.com/@faithlutheran-reno>



Christ is Risen! Welcome! We are a family of faith and so glad you are here! Our worship this month turns to **Setting Three** of the ELW Hymnal, beginning on pg 138, but all you need is printed in this bulletin with Congregation responses in bold.

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 as a part of your prayer for someone or something, or in the thanksgiving or sorrows of your heart. You're welcome during communion as we sing and pray.

In Our Worship on Easter Sunday: "The last enemy to be destroyed is death," Paul writes. Today Christ is risen, and we gather together with astonishment and joy. Christ is risen, and we have been set free from the bonds of death. Christ is risen, and we are forgiven. Christ is risen, and with the women at the tomb and Peter, we are amazed. Let us rejoice: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Serving Today: Greeter, Betty T / Acolyte, Welmerink Family / Reader, Wes G / Asst Minister, Erica W / Cantor, Sam W / Ushers, Zach W & Dorothy B / Altar Guild, Sharon S & Friends / Tech Support, FLC Tech Team / Counters, Theresa W & Linda Z /
 ≧*Easter Breakfast, 8am, hosted by your Fellowship Team*≦

-GATHERING-

PRELUDE

Easter Medley

WORDS OF WELCOME & EASTER PROCLAMATION

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

Christ is Risen, Indeed! Alleluia!

We no longer look for Jesus among the dead,
for Jesus is alive and has become the Lord of life.

For us the stone has been rolled away. **Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

Together let us profess our faith:

**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.**

O come let us sing to the Lord. **Let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation!**

GATHERING HYMN

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Christ the Lord is ris'n today, Alleluia! All creation, join to say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia! Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia! Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia! Where O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia! Where thy victory O grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia! Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like him like him we rise, Alleluia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

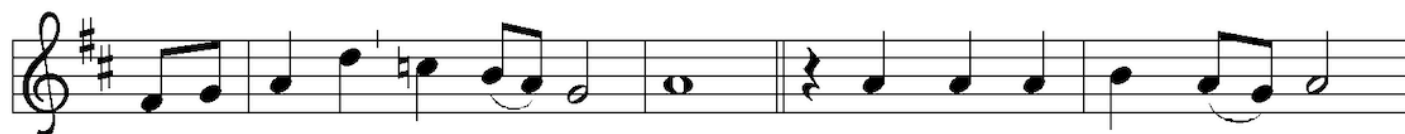
GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen, Indeed. Alleluia!**

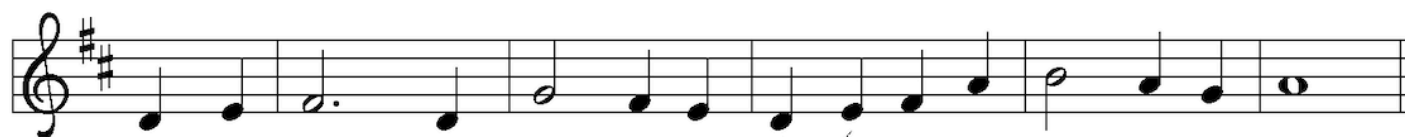
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



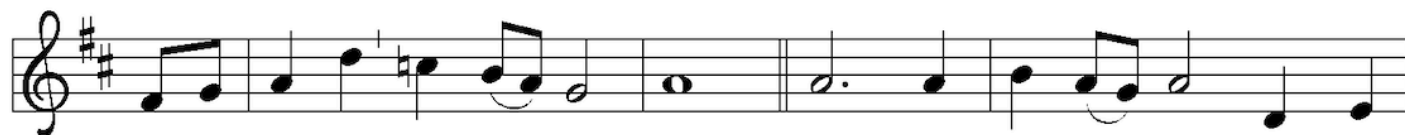
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who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.



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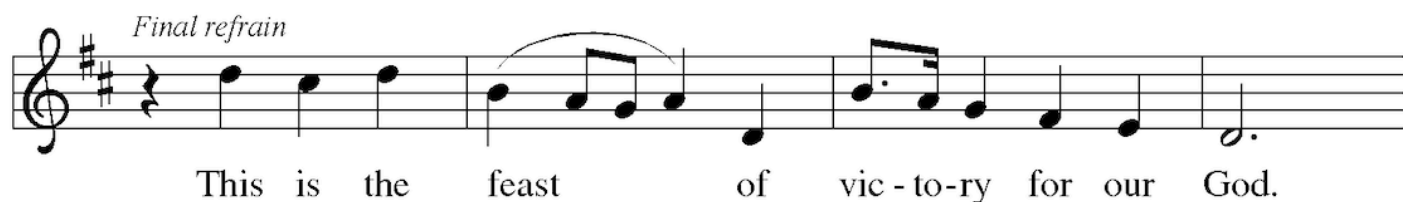
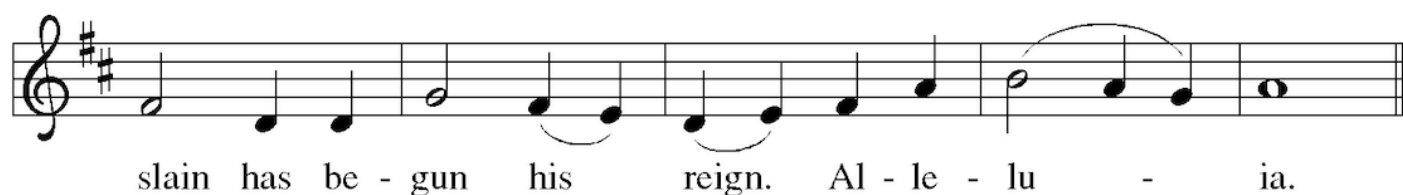
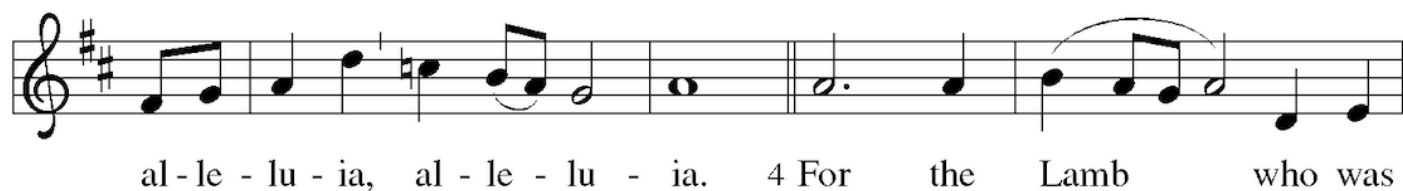
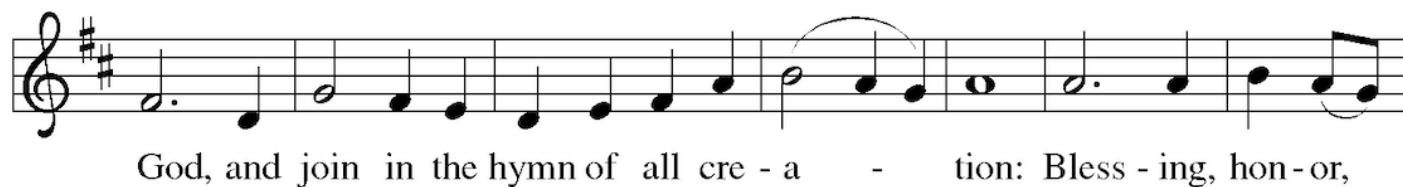
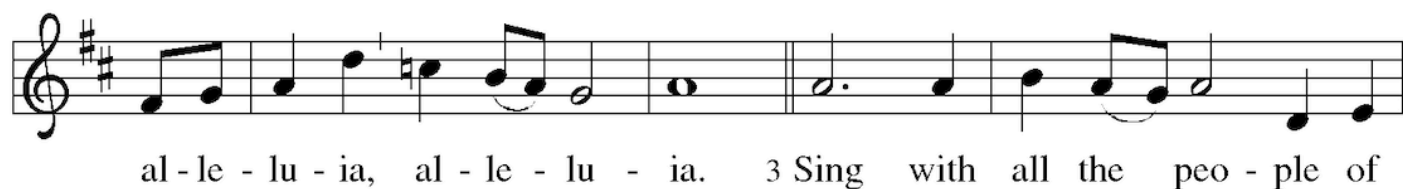
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strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.



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PRAYER OF THE DAY

-WORD-

FIRST READING: Acts 10:34-43

Peter crosses the immense religious and social boundary that separates Jews from Gentiles in order to proclaim the good news of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, so that God's forgiveness in Jesus' name would reach out to all people.

Word of God; word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**

PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24

Refrain



This is the day that the LORD has made;



let us re-joice and be glad in it.

Give thanks to the LORD, for the | LORD is good; God's mercy en- | dures forever.

Let Israel | now declare, "God's mercy en- | dures forever."

The LORD is my strength | and my song, and has become | my salvation.

Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents | of the righteous:

"The right hand of the | LORD acts valiantly!

The right hand of the LORD | is exalted! The right hand of the | LORD acts valiantly!"

I shall not | die, but live, and declare the works | of the LORD. *Refrain*

The LORD indeed pun- | ished me sorely, but did not hand me o- | ver to death.

Open for me the | gates of righteousness,

I will enter them and give thanks | to the LORD.

"This is the gate | of the LORD; here the righ- | teous may enter."

I give thanks to you, for you have | answered me

and you have become | my salvation. *Refrain*

The stone that the build- | ers rejected has become the chief | cornerstone.

By the LORD has | this been done; it is marvelous | in our eyes.

This is the day that the | LORD has made; let us rejoice and be | glad in it. *Refrain*

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

Paul describes the consequences of the resurrection, including the promise of new life in Christ to a world that has been in bondage to death. He celebrates the destruction of evil and the establishment of God's victorious rule over all.

Word of God; word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

please stand as you are able



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the twenty-fourth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 24:1-12

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women came to the tomb, taking spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

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

SERMON

Bear in Mind, Life!

Rev. Shaun O'Reilly

HYMN OF THE DAY

Christ has Arisen, Alleluia!

ELW #364, vs 1,2

1 Christ has arisen, alleluia.
 Rejoice and praise him, alleluia.
 For our redeemer burst from the tomb,
 even from death, dispelling its gloom.

Refrain

**Let us sing praise to him with endless joy.
 Death's fearful sting he has come to destroy.
 Our sin forgiving, alleluia! Jesus is living, alleluia!**

2 For three long days the grave did its worst
 until its strength by God was dispersed.
 He who gives life did death undergo,
 and in its conquest his might did show. *Refrain*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Risen 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.

INSTRUMENTAL ANTHEM

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

- arr. Casie Ravert

PRESENTATION HYMN

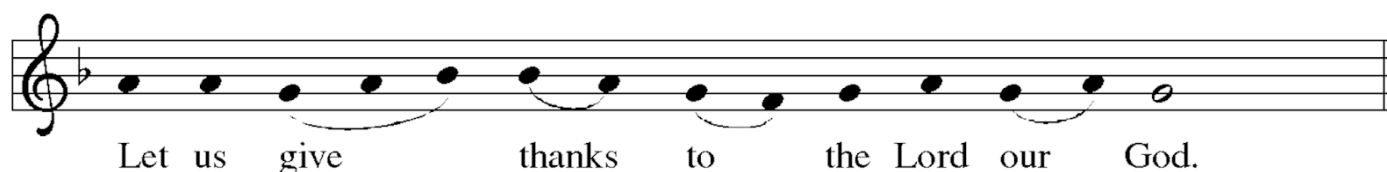
ELW #379 vs.1 *please stand as you are able*

*Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,
 wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
 love lives again, that with the dead has been;
 love is come again like wheat arising green.*

OFFERING PRAYER

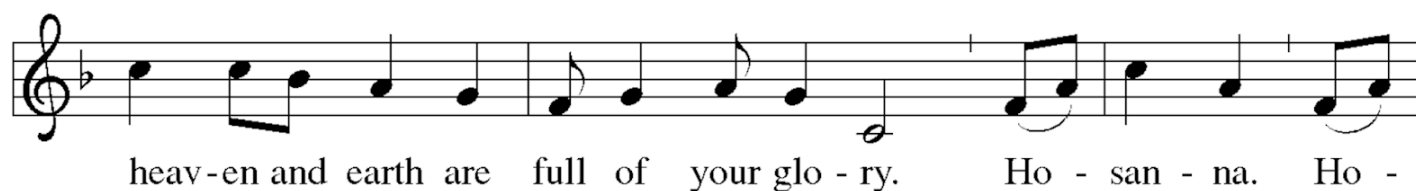
GREAT THANKSGIVING

also found on ELW pg. 144



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 ... as we proclaim the mystery of faith:



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

O God of resurrection and new life ... now and forever.



A - men, a - men, a - men.

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

*We invite all who desire it to come to this table of grace. Please follow the instructions of the ushers. Bread is given. Gluten free wafers are available as you let us know your needs. The dark-colored liquid is wine, light-colored liquid is juice. To receive a blessing instead of the elements, please cross your arms over your chest. *If it is difficult to come forward, we will come serve you where you are - please let an usher know. Welcome to the feast!*

SANCTUS

ELW pg. 146

***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.***

Now We Join in Celebration**ELW #462**

1 Now we join in celebration
 at our Savior's invitation,
 dressed no more in spirit somber,
 clothed instead in joy and wonder;
 for the Lord of all existence,
 putting off divine transcendence,
 stoops again in love to meet us,
 with his very life to feed us.

2 Lord, as round this feast we gather,
 fill our hearts with holy rapture!
 For this bread and cup of blessing
 are for us the sure possessing
 of your loving deed on Calv'ry,
 of your living self, our vict'ry,
 pledge of your unfailing presence,
 foretaste here of heav'nly gladness.

3 Lord, we share in this communion
 as one fam'ly of God's children,
 reconciled through you, our brother,
 one in you with God our Father.
 Give us grace to live for others,
 serving all, both friends and strangers,
 seeking justice, love, and mercy
 till you come in final glory.

We Who Once Were Dead**ELW #495**

1 We who once were dead
 now live, fully knowing
 Jesus as our head.
 Life is overflowing
 when he breaks the bread.

4 Let us share the pain
 you endured in dying;
 we shall then remain
 living; death defying,
 we shall rise again.

2 We were lost in night,
 but you sought and found us.
 Give us strength to fight;
 death is all around us.
 Jesus, be our light.

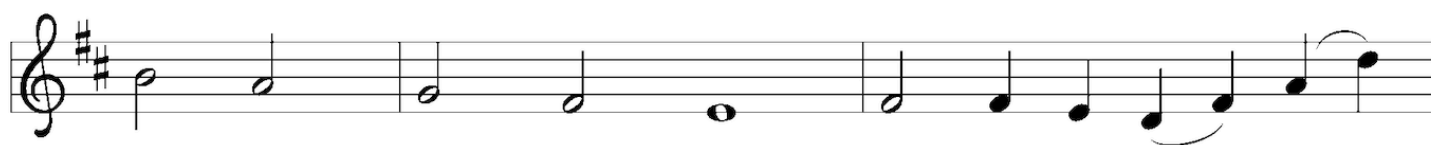
5 Jesus, you were dead,
 but you rose and, living,
 made yourself our bread,
 in your goodness giving
 life though we were dead.

3 He became our bread;
 Jesus died to save us.
 On him we are fed,
 eating what he gave us,
 rising from the dead.

6 This is your design;
 in this meal we meet you.
 Be our bread and wine,
 Jesus, we entreat you.
 This shall be our sign.

I Know That My Redeemer Lives!**ELW #619**

1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort
 2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -
 3 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; he lives to
 4 He lives to si - lence all my fears; he lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who
 ter - nal - ly to save; he lives ex - alt - ed,
 guide me with his eye; he lives to com - fort
 wipe a - way my tears; he lives to calm my



once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!
 throned a - bove; he lives to rule his church in love.
 me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.
 trou - bled heart; he lives all bless - ings to im - part.

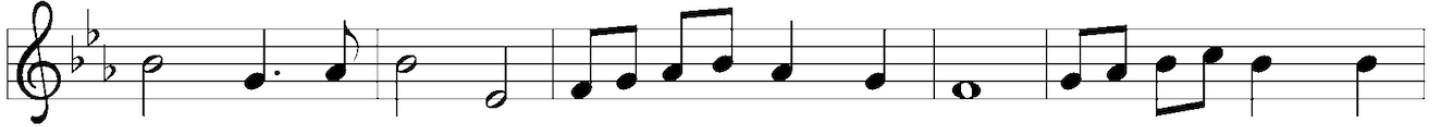
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**- SENDING -****BLESSING**

The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come,
 Sovereign, † Savior, and Spirit,
 light your way with resurrection dawn,
 now and always. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Thine is the Glory

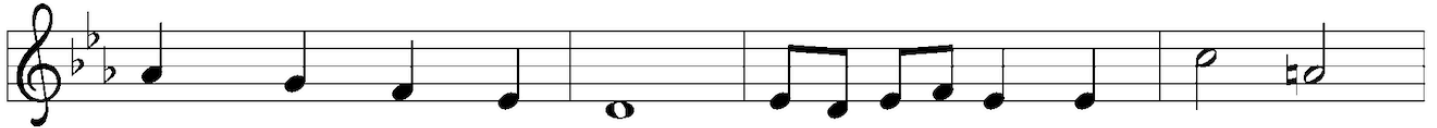
ELW #376



1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the
 2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he
 3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-



vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment
 greets thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness
 out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con-qu'rors,



rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
 hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;
 through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

Refrain

where thy bod - y lay.
 death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring
 to thy home a - bove.



Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.

Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE

	Apr 2025			
Task	6	13	EASTER 20	27
Greeter	Judy C	Richard S	Betty T	Jean C
Acolyte	Pesis'	O'Reillys	Welmerinks	O'Reillys
Reader	Pam S	-----	Wes G	Jean C
Asst. Minister	Louis L	Todd M	Erica W	Judy H
Cantor	Louis L	Choir	Sam W	Todd M
Usher	Dorothy B	Tom L & Annette W	Zach W & Dorothy B	Tom L & Lukas B
Altar Guild	Eileen W & Betty T	Betty T & Annette W	Sharon S & Friends	Betty T & Annette W
Tech Support	The FLC Tech Team!			
Piano/Organ	Heinz Denoyo			
Accompanying Musician	Olivia Knock, Cellist			
Counters	Theresa W & Sigrun C	Linda Z & Davyann S	Theresa W & Linda Z	Sigrun C & Davyann S
Coffee after Worship	Eileen W	Jim & Cindy T	8am - Easter Breakfast	Jean C

Thank you for your hearts of service!

From the Cloud of Witnesses

There is a death we die when we give ourselves wholly to God, and in the waters of baptism we are united to Jesus in death to be finally and irretrievably pulled from the tomb of mortal life into God's dominion. In our community we know both the reality of death and the unshakable promise of the empty tomb. It is not wise to stray too far from these profound truths, and so on each Sunday we evoke the empowering experience of our hope in water, bread, and wine. The resurrection of Jesus has changed death. No longer can we look on death and see only death. Whether we whisper it in prayer before the darkness, or dive in to grasp hold of it and pull it forth like a man drowning, we proclaim, Christ is risen! Moreover, we are called to go forth with the women from the empty tomb to all the places of struggle, all the greened-up tombs our culture makes, there to witness to the power of God.

—Jeffrey A. Merkel

[Homilies for the Christian People, pp. 454-55.]



EASTER FLOWERS ADORNING OUR
SANCTUARY ARE DEDICATED BY:

Connie Anderson, In Memory of Andy Anderson
Betty Brown, In Honor of her Family
Judy Carlin, In Memory of her daughter Cindy
Debbie Hansen, In Memory of David Hansen,
Tami McMahan and Jake Miller

Judi Hein , In Memory of her Mother

Mark Herman, In Honor and Memory of Freda Herman, and Frank and Tim Herman

Sigrid Liersch, In Memory of Klaus Liersch and Elisabeth Netzband

Louis Ling and Carolyn Cramer, In Honor of Louis and Karen Ling, and also

In Memory of Mike and Sue Lasance, and June and Leo Cramer

Gordon Lok, In Honor and Memory of Peggy Lok

Sharon Scagliotti, In Memory of her mother Alvina Moeszinger

Bob and Sharon Scott, In Memory of their Parents and Sister and Brother

Rudy Sommer, In Memory of Louis and Matt

Betty Thompson, In Honor of the Thompson Family

Rev. Bob Tonkins, In Honor of Marilyn

Eileen Way, In Memory of Noah

The Welmerink Family, In Memory of Chris Welmerink and also

In Memory of Lorretta Bolton

Theresa Wolken, In Memory of her mother, Joan Stephens

Cheryl Young, In Honor and Memory of James Young

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

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- Activities at Faith -

- **Adult Forum & Kids' Place** - Off today for Easter, both return next Sunday, 04/27. Join us then!
- Our April Newsletter is Out now. Find one in the welcome space (narthex) or on our website. Keep connected.
- Our **Outreach Team**, for the month of April, is inviting your engagement and prayers for **the Lutheran Church of El Salvador**. You can give to general giving (1/5% always goes to outreach funding) or you can give designated gifts to "El Salvador" as we are raising money to support children in school and support pastors in and around San Salvador. (*See the newsletter*).

Connection and Giving

- We appreciate being in community with you! To make a one-time donation, please scan the QR code.



To find out more about our congregation, how to join or be involved, or to get on our weekly e-newsletter list, reach out to our Office@faithlutheranreno.org

You can find helpful information on our website: faithlutheranreno.org

Fellowship



Save the date! May 3rd **TACO BINGO NIGHT!**



Reminder! Lunch Bunch will be held the first Wednesday of May, 05/07, Noon. It's a potluck!