

FOLLOWING FAITH NEWSLETTER

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH, RENO NV

APRIL 2026

A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Friends of Faith,

The beginning of this month is our church's Holy Week. Think on that with me. This is the week that is set apart, claimed, distinguished, and observed. This is the "great week" of our faith. This is what we lift up high ("lift high the cross"). And what is it? What are we lifting up?

The complete, unreserved self-giving of God in Jesus Christ. Feet washed. Bread broken. A life poured out. That is what holiness looks like when God shows it to us in the flesh.

And what we'll participate in during "Holy Week" is this very good news that we are always proclaiming. I like the mysterious and powerful way that our eucharistic liturgy puts it, quoting Paul from his first letter to the Corinthians: "when we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes." That's Holy Week's proclamation and announcement: our Lord's way is service, even of all of life!

Paul's point — and John's foot-washing makes it unavoidable — is that "proclaiming" is not merely liturgical. It is bodily. It is social. You proclaim the Lord's death when you take the servant's position with someone whose feet are dirty. When you show up for the person no one else wants to deal with. When you absorb cost instead of passing it on. When you give what you have rather than protecting what you've earned.

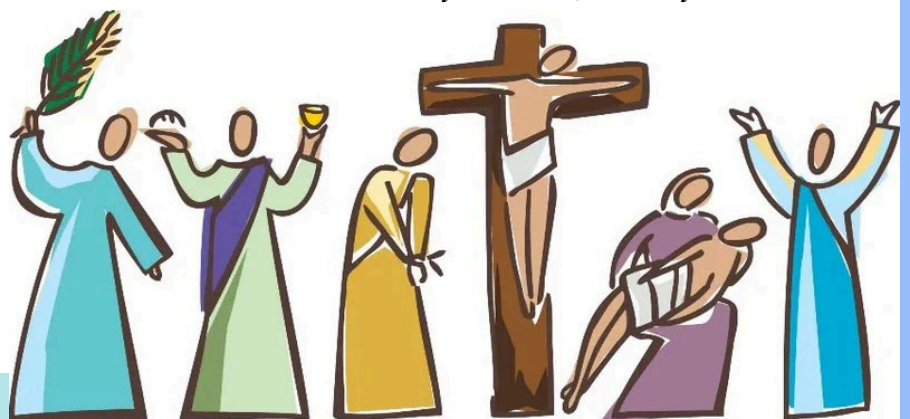
This is the theology of the cross lived outward. And our communion with God, our participation in Holy Week, forms us into people whose lives take on this shape—broken, poured out, given for the life of the world.

I know it is a daunting calling. It's been daunting for the church all along, and along all these sixteen centuries in which the church has labeled this week "Holy Week." But the church will keep proclaiming it, this week and beyond, because we keep on receiving from this life-giving God.

We are washed. We are fed. And so we are caught up in the contagion of all the grace we receive.

We proclaim the Lord's death, which is his way of life. That's what all this is about. And so it must be what we are about. It is what makes any of this, or any of us with God, "holy."

Blessed Holy Week church,
+Pr. Shaun



IN WORSHIP THIS MONTH



Sunday, March 29th - Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday

Today, in vivid stories and songs, we follow Christ from triumphal entry to the cross, in the gospel of Matthew. Jesus Christ is glorified king and humiliated servant; and we too are full of paradox: like Peter, we fervently desire to follow Christ, but find ourselves afraid, denying God. We wave palms in celebration today as Christ comes into our midst, and we follow with trepidation as his path leads to death on the cross. This story begins our walk through this very Holy Week.

April 2 - Maundy Thursday

At the 7pm service our Lenten observance comes to an end. This night we remember Christ's last meal with his disciples, but the central focus is his commandment that we live out the promise embodied in this meal. As Jesus washed his disciples' feet, so we are called to give and receive love in humble service to one another. Formed into a new body in Christ through this holy meal, we are transformed by the mercy we have received and carry it into the world. Departing worship in solemn silence, we anticipate the coming days.



April 3 - Good Friday in Midnight Blues

At 7pm we gather for a service of Tenebrae, the growing darkness, on Good Friday. In John's passion account, Jesus reveals the power and glory of God, even as he is put on trial and sentenced. Standing with the disciples at the foot of the cross, we pray for the whole world in the ancient bidding prayer, as Christ's death offers life to all.

Todd Mauldin preaches and plays the blues.



April 5 - Resurrection of Our Lord/Easter Day

8:00 a.m. - Easter Brunch!

9:30 a.m. - Easter Worship through the new life of Christ! Christ is risen, and through him all creation is made new! Indeed, "God shows no partiality" (Acts 10:34): Christ's resurrection truly brings life to everyone. We sing hymns of praise, we gather around sacred words, and proclaim God's faithfulness, power, and love in the feast of holy communion. With the women at the tomb, we are astonished, elated, and grateful. We depart with joy to proclaim the good news of God's endless love.

Brass and Woodwinds play this Day, and Faith's Choir sings!

On April 12th, 19th, and 26th - We enter the Sundays of Easter following stories of witnesses that tell the amazing story of Love risen from Death. We'll ask together: who's telling the truth? who has a motive? what's really going on underneath the surface? These resurrection narratives are full of the kind of dramatic tension of witnesses who can't quite agree on what they saw, authorities scrambling to control the story, disciples hiding behind locked doors, and a stranger on the road who turns out to be someone you thought was dead.

We find we are turned into the witnesses of Love's work, alive today!



FELLOWSHIP

Faith's Supper Club | Thursday

April 23rd Location:

Famous Dave's B.B.Q.

4925 Kietzke Reno, Nv. 89509

Time: 4:30 PM

We are a group of believers who gather for fellowship and a shared meal, enjoying each other's company. We've had a great turnout, come join us, all are welcome! Jean C



Easter Breakfast



**FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
SUNDAY, APRIL 5TH AT 8 AM**

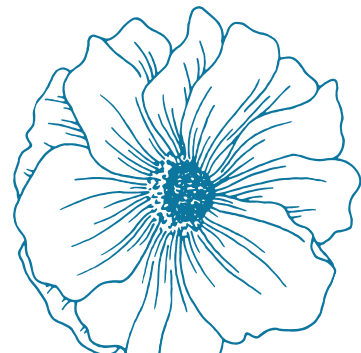
Join us for Easter Morning Breakfast! Ham will be provided – simply bring a dish to share, whether that's a Breakfast Egg Casserole, Sweetbreads, or your favorite Easter treat! There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

APRIL 1ST WILL BE LUNCH BUNCH! NO FOOLING!

BRING A DISH TO SHARE. I HAVE CORN BEEF AND A CHOCOLATE DESSERT.

THE PROGRAM IS GOING TO BE ABOUT THE SENIOR TRUTH SERIES PUT ON BY BRETT & ANNETTE JUNELL. WE CAN WATCH ONE OF THEIR SEMINARS AND I HAVE THEIR 2026 SCHEDULE.

**SEE YOU ON THE FIRST OF APRIL AT
12PM!**

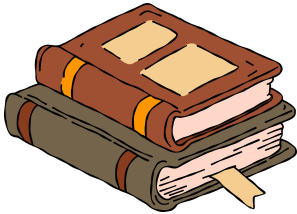


FAITH FORMATION

Tuesday Bible Readers by Eileen W.

This group meets on **Tuesdays at 1:30** in the back of the sanctuary. We read and discuss the lectionary for the following Sunday. You can also join this group on zoom. This is a good way to read the Bible daily and prepare yourself for Sunday.

To find the Lectionary passages Augsburg Fortress puts them in a book *Bread for the Day 2026*. It is a daily Bible Reading and Prayer Book. You can purchase it from Augsburg Fortress or from Amazon.



**ATTENTION YOUNG ADULTS!
YOU'RE INVITED TO TWO BIBLE
STUDIES THIS MONTH:**

* YOUNG ADULTS PUB THEOLOGY
EVERY 1ST THURSDAY AT 7PM AT 10
TORR ON MILL ST. NEXT EVENT **APRIL
9TH (DUE TO MAUNDY THURSDAY)**

* YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY EVERY
3RD THURSDAY AT 7PM AT FAITH
LUTHERAN CHURCH. NEXT MEETING
WILL BE **APRIL 16TH.**

SEE SOPHIA OR SHAUN FOR
QUESTIONS OR DETAILS.



SERVING

**Shared Harvest April 26th
at Good Shepherd Reno 1pm**

The needs are:

28 Cold Cereal

42 Cans of Fruit

42 Chicken Noodle Soup

Unlimited shampoo

Thank you for your generosity to
those in need in our community!

Contact Tom L. for more
details.



**Faith
Hope
Love**

2026 AT A GLANCE

FLC FELLOWSHIP TENTATIVE DATES

APRIL 5TH EASTER SUNDAY BREAKFAST 8AM

MAY 2ND TACO/BINGO NIGHT AT 4PM

JUNE 21ST FATHER'S DAY ICE CREAM SOCIAL 11AM

AUGUST 23RD ANNUAL CHURCH BBQ

OCTOBER 3RD OKTOBERFEST AT 3PM

OCTOBER 25TH REFORMATION SUNDAY COFFEE FELLOWSHIP AT 11AM

DECEMBER 6TH COOKIE PALOOZA



ATTENTION CHURCH!
YOUR COUNCIL IS CALLING A SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TO FOLLOW WORSHIP ON SUNDAY, APRIL 19TH, 11AM. WE HAVE BEEN IN TALKS WITH SIERRA SHOOTING STARS, A HOMESCHOOL ENRICHMENT PROGRAM, AND THEY WOULD LIKE TO RENT A FEW CLASSROOMS FROM US. WE THINK IT'S A GREAT PARTNERSHIP AND A GOOD STEWARDING USE OF THE RESOURCES OF OUR FACILITY DURING THE WEEKDAYS, AND WE'D LIKE TO PRESENT THE IDEA AND GATHER YOUR VOTES! SAVE THE DATE!



| April Worship Schedule 2026 | | | | | | |
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| Task | 2 | 3 | 5 | 12 | 19 | 26 |
| | Maundy Thursday | Good Friday | | | | |
| Greeter | Jean C | | Judy C | Richard S | Linda Z | Alissa S |
| Reader | Amanda O | | Sigrun C | Judi H | Pam S | Linda Z |
| *Asst. Minister | | Sharon S | Todd M | Louis L | Sam S | Matthew R |
| *Cantor | | | Juliana C | Wes G | Sharon S | Matthew R |
| Usher | | | Debbie H | Eileen W | Tom L | Amanda O |
| *Altar Guild | Sharon S | | Eileen Kathy | O'Reillys | Sharon Diane Y | Sophia G |
| Tech Support | | | Alex K | Eric W | Alex K | Eric W |
| Musicians | Juliana C Heinz D Olivia K | Heinz D | Juliana C Heinz D Olivia K Faith Choir | Juliana C Heinz D Olivia K | Juliana C Heinz D Olivia K | Juliana C Heinz D Olivia K |
| *Counters | | | Sigrun Linda | Davyann Alissa | Linda Davyann | Theresa Sigrun |
| Coffee after Worship | | | Easter Breakfast 8am | Sigrun C | Open | Open |

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give thanks
to
GOD
always for all of you,
CONSTANTLY
mentioning you
in our
PRAYERS
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Faith Lutheran Church

April 2026

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | 1 | 2 Grief Support Group 10:30am Maundy Thursday Service 7pm | 3 GoodFriday Good Friday Worship and Communion 7pm | 4 |
| 5 Easter Day 9:30am Worship 10:50am Kid's Place 11am Adult Forum  | 6 ACA 5:30-7:45pm | 7 Bible Study 1:30pm | 8 Memory Care Support 1:30 pm 4-H WhipStirs 6:30pm | 9 Finance Meeting 12pm Scouts 7pm Young Adults Pub Theology 7pm | 10 Bible Study 10:30-12pm | 11 Worship Team Meeting 10am |
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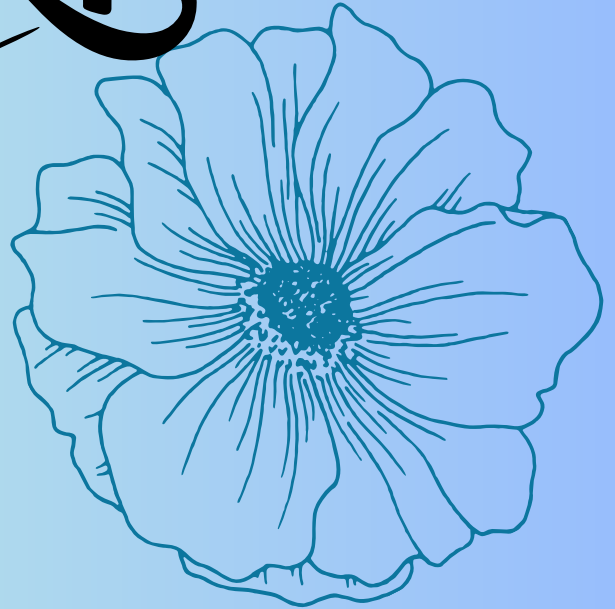


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Word
 OF
Christ
 DWELL IN YOU
Richly.
 COLOSSIANS 3:16





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EACH WITH
DAY ((A))
grateful
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