



Faith Evangelical

Lutheran Church *Walworth, WI*

ORDER OF SERVICE

Sunday, November 15, 2020

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
in whose image we are made,
who claims us and calls us beloved.

Amen.

Holy One,

we confess that we are not awake for you.

We are not faithful in using your gifts.

We forget the least of our siblings.

We do not see your beautiful image in one another.

We are infected by sin

that divides your beloved community.

Open our hearts to your coming,

open our eyes to see you in our neighbor,

open our hands to serve your creation. Amen.

Beloved, we are God's children,
and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us.

Through ☩ Jesus you are forgiven,

by Jesus you are welcome,

in Jesus you are called to rejoice!

Let us live in the promises prepared for us
from the foundation of the world.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG

"My Dwelling Place"

Verse 1:

This song of love to You, oh Lord, You've shown Your cross so dear.
Yet through the pain and silent cries You whispered love to me.

Chorus:

Oh Lamb of God, oh anointed One,
In You I trust, in You alone my dwelling place shall be.

Verse 2:

From shore to shore and deep within the secrets of my heart,
Such guilt weighed down was washed away; what mercy you impart.

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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

FIRST READING

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

The day of the Lord

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalm 90:1-8, 12

*So teach us to number our days that
we may apply our hearts to wisdom*

Lord, you have been our refuge
from one generation to another.

**Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth
were born, from age to age you are God.**

You turn us back to the dust and say,
“Turn back, O children of earth.”

**For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past
and like a watch in the night;**

you sweep them away like a dream,
they fade away suddenly like the grass:

**in the morning it is green and flourishes;
in the evening it is dried up and withered.**

For we are consumed by your anger;
we are afraid because of your wrath.

**Our iniquities you have set before you,
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.**

So teach us to number our days
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Be alert for the day of the Lord

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 25: 14-30

The story of slaves entrusted with talents

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 25th chapter: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

MESSAGE

SONG OF THE DAY

"I Need You"

Chorus:

Lord, look upon my need. I need You, I need You.

Lord, have mercy now on me. Forgive me, O Lord, forgive me

And I will be clean.

Verse:

O Lord, You are familiar with my ways; there is nothing hid from You.

O Lord, You know the number of my days. I want to live my life for You.

Chorus

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of all goodness,

generations have turned to you,

gathered around your table,

and shared your abundant blessings.

Number us among them

that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance,

and give thanks for your rich blessings,

we may feast upon your very self

and care for all that you have made,

through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Hear us, O God: **Your mercy is great.**

SHARING THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

(All gathered are invited to share a sign of peace, maybe a wave or a peace sign, a hello from afar.)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who are 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.**

BLESSING

May the God of all creation,
in whose image we are made,
who claims us and calls us beloved,
who strengthens us for service,
give you reason to rejoice and be glad!
The blessing of God,
Sovereign, ✠ Savior, and Spirit,
be with you today and always.
Amen.

DISMISSAL

Beloved of God,
go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SENDING SONG "Find Us Faithful"

Verse 1:

We're pilgrims on the journey of the narrow road,
And those who've gone before us line the way,
Cheering on the faithful, encouraging the weary,
Their lives a stirring testament to God's sustaining grace.

Verse 2:

Surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,
Let us run the race not only for the prize,
But as those who've gone before us
Let us leave to those behind us,
The heritage of faithfulness passed on through godly lives.

Chorus:

Oh, may all who come behind us find us faithful,
May the fire of their devotion light their way,
May the footprints that we leave lead them to believe,
And the lives we live inspire them to obey.
Oh, may all who come behind us find us faithful.

Verse 3:

After all our hopes and dreams have come and gone,
And our children sift through all we've left behind,
May the clues that they discover and the mem'ries they uncover
Become the light that leads them to the road that each of us must find.

Chorus: