



Faith Evangelical
Lutheran Church
Walworth, WI

ORDER OF SERVICE
Sunday, December 13, 2020

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
whose forgiveness is sure and whose steadfast love endures forever.

Amen.

Together let us honestly and humbly confess that we have not lived as God desires.

Loving and forgiving God,
we confess that we are held captive by sin.

In spite of our best efforts, we have gone astray. We have not welcomed the stranger; we have not loved our neighbor; we have not been Christ to one another.

Restore us, O God.

Wake us up and turn us from our sin.

Renew us each day in the light of Christ. Amen.

People of God, hear this glad news:

by God's endless grace your sins are forgiven, and you are free—
free from all that holds you back
and free to live in the peaceable realm of God.

May you be strengthened in God's love,

† comforted by Christ's peace,

and accompanied with the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

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

Stir up the wills of your faithful people, Lord God, and open our ears to the words of your prophets, that, anointed by your Spirit, we may testify to your light; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

THE PSALM

Psalm 126

The Lord has done great things for us

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,
then were we like those who dream.

**Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy.
Then they said among the nations, “The Lord has done great things
for them.”**

The Lord has done great things for us,
and we are glad indeed.

**Restore our fortunes, O Lord,
like the watercourses of the Negeb.**

Those who sowed with tears
will reap with songs of joy.

**Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 1:6-8, 19-28

A witness to the light

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 1st chapter: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

MESSAGE

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Generous God,
you have created all that is,
and you provide for us in every season.
Bless all that we offer,
that through these gifts the world will receive your blessing.
In the name of Jesus, Emmanuel, we pray.
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.**

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

The Creator of the stars bless your Advent waiting,
the long-expected Savior fill you with love,

the unexpected Spirit guide your journey,
✠ now and forever.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SENDING SONG *Let the Flame Burn Brighter*

Verse 1:

We'll walk the land with hearts on fire,
And every step will be a prayer;
Hope is rising, new day dawning,
Sound of singing fills the air.

Verse 2:

Two thousand years, and still the flame
Is burning bright across the land;
Hearts are waiting, longing, aching
For awak'ning once again.

Chorus:

Let the flame burn brighter in the heart of the darkness
Turning night to glorious day;
Let the song grow louder, as our love grows stronger,
Let it shine, let it shine.

Verse 3:

And, side by side, one heart, one song,
Though many streams, we'll flow as one;
'Til Christ's compassion floods the
nations,
And all creation sees Him come.

Verse 4:

Our Captain calls, the King of Kings
And Lord of Lords, faithful and true;
So let our answer resound like thunder,
"Jesus, Master, we're with You.

Chorus: